

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION - MARCH 9, 1992
RED ROOM - COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session, on Monday, March 9, 1992, at 9:00 a.m., in the Red Room of the Community Building.

PRESENT: J. Newton Cohen, Chairman
Henry H. Palmer, Vice-Chairman
Jamima P. DeMarcus, Member
Thomas M. Webb, Member
Charles H. Welch, Member
(Mr. Welch was absent from the morning session)

Chairman Cohen called the meeting to order, and gave the invocation.

MINUTES:

The following Minutes were submitted for approval:

- * February 3, 1992 (Regular)
- * February 17, 1992 (Adjourned)
- * February 18, 1992 (Adjourned - 9:30 a.m.)
- * February 18, 1992 (Adjourned - 9:00 p.m.)

County Manager, Tim Russell, noted that on the Minutes of February 18, (9:00 p.m.), \$11,000 should be \$11,000,000. There being no other corrections, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the Minutes as submitted. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

* County Attorney, John Holshouser, updated the Board on the Highview Farms suit, and asked that he be excused to attend court at 9:30 a.m.

* Vice-Chairman Palmer discussed the Resolution received from Rockingham County, as attached to these Minutes. The Board

received as information.

* Discussion was held, and it was decided that the 2nd monthly meeting will still be held on Monday, 4/20/92, in view of the Easter Monday Holiday.

* County Manager Russell stated that J. N. Pease will be present at 3:00 p.m., with an amended proposal for the jail/courthouse project.

* Mr. Russell suggested that the Board defer the 11:45 a.m. issue (Approval of Purchase of Landfill Equipment) to the next regular meeting. The Board agreed by consensus.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was submitted, as attached to these Minutes:

* Letter dated January 29, 1992, from Richard D. Franklin, Chairman of the Rowan County Local Emergency Planning Committee, attached to their annual report.

* Letter dated February 12, 1992, from Mayor Harold Earnhardt of Rockwell, NC, extending an invitation to hold a meeting in their town hall in the near future. By consensus, the Board will hold their May meeting in Rockwell, NC.

* Memorandum, dated March 4, 1992, from Denise Barrow, Clerk to the Board, reminding the Board of their 3/10/92 joint session with the Fire Chiefs' Association, at 7:00 p.m.

ROAD PETITIONS:

Commissioner Webb explained the attached letter from Mr. Don Honeycutt, District Engineer of the N.C.D.O.T., regarding their request for permission to name the southeast exit ramp of I-85, where it intersects with E. Innes St. as Bendix Drive, and erect a sign. He then made a motion to approve their request. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

Tax Collector, Wayne Simpson, gave the preliminary February,

1992 report, as attached to these Minutes.

ROWAN COUNTY ABC BOARD:

This item has been deferred until the ABC Board contacts Commissioner Welch with further information.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR RENAMING OF 12 ROADS: EMS/WAYNE ASHWORTH:

Information was previously reviewed on the proposed renaming of 12 county roads, as attached to these Minutes.

EMS Director, Wayne Ashworth, explained the purpose of renaming the roads, and stated that the advertised roads were petitioned by a majority of landowners, but not 100%.

Chairman Cohen opened the hearing, and asked for comments. Citizens had disputed opinions on the renaming of Burgray and Squirrel Run. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to delay a decision on Burgray to the 4/6/92 meeting. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval. Commissioner Webb made a motion to delay decision on Squirrel Run to the 4/6/92 meeting. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval. With no opposition to other roads, Chairman Cohen closed the hearing. Commissioner Webb made a motion to return to Regular Session. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

Vice-Chairman Palmer then made a motion to approve the renaming of all but Burgray and Squirrel Run roads.

APPROVAL OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR MT. ULLA/BEAR POPLAR FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Information was previously received, regarding nominations for Fire Commissioners for the Mt. Ulla/Bear Poplar Fire Department, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the nominations, as submitted. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

At this time, the Board adjourned to the Courthouse, to review the Highview Farms case.

REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT FOR CLEVELAND
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: COMMISSIONER WEBB

Commissioner Webb explained the purpose of the proposed fire tax district. Information was reviewed by the Board, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner Webb made a motion to set the public hearing for 4/20/92, at Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department, at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval. The Clerk to the Board will handle the details for the hearing.

ANNUAL REPORT FROM NURSING HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND DOMICILIARY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE: MS. LOTTIE MASSEY (CENTRALINA)

Ms. Massey had previously submitted the Annual Report and other information for the Board to review, as attached to these Minutes. She also distributed information regarding job requirements for Committee Members, and requests a liaison from the Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Vickie McKinney (Nursing Home Committee) voiced her concerns regarding the recent turnover and resignation of Chairman Jim Duncan. She requested the reappointment of Ms. Virginia Graves and Ms. Bobbie Queen. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to reappoint both Ms. Graves and Ms. Queen. The motion died for lack of a second. The Board will wait until the proposed deadline of April 13, to allow nominations from area facilities.

REQUEST FOR SIGN CONTROL ORDINANCE - MR. THOMAS MOONEY:

Mr. Thomas Mooney previously submitted a request for a political sign control ordinance, as attached to these Minutes. The Board received the request as information.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF LANDFILL EQUIPMENT - DON CONNER:

This issue was deferred to the 4/6/92 meeting, at the request of County Manager Russell.

At this time, the Board adjourned to the Agricultural Center for a luncheon/meeting, and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. (Commissioner Welch was present for the afternoon session).

REQUEST FROM R.C.C.C. FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:

Chairman Cohen stated that he had received a request for a bond referendum of \$4.5 million for capital improvements. (No representative was present from R.C.C.C.) He suggested that the liaisons work with R.C.C.C. to bring additional information back to the Board.

INTRODUCTION OF BOND ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING:
JUSTICE CENTER BONDS:

County Manager Russell read the Bond Order. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to adopt the resolution as submitted. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval. The Bond hearing will be held on 3/19/92, at 7:00 p.m., in the Red Room of the Community Building.

APPROVAL OF DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE COUNTY FOR
ANY EXPENDITURES INCURRED PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF BONDS: MANAGER

The Board previously reviewed a proposed Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse, as attached to these Minutes. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to approve the Declaration of Intent as submitted. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS FOR STATE AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:
MANAGER

The Board reviewed four (4) resolutions for State Airport Improvement Projects, as attached to these Minutes. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to approve the four (4) resolutions as submitted. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

PROPOSAL TO REVIEW FBO CONTRACT FOR REVISED SPACE AND LEASE
CONDITIONS: COMMISSIONER WELCH

County Manager Russell explained the present Contract. Commissioner Welch suggested revising the contract and to have the Airport Board make recommendations. FBO Lindsay Hess updated the Board regarding current and future plans. Projects include an increase in corporate traffic within the next six (6) months. Pilot Jerry Burnham addressed the Board to suggest more long-term commitments at the airport.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Interest: Mr. Russell presented the Report of Interest Earned Through January 1992, as attached to these Minutes.

Refunds: The Board reviewed various refunds, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the refunds as submitted. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

Budget Amendments: Mr. Russell explained Budget Amendments for approval, as attached to these Minutes:

- (1) Elections: To budget additional funds for May primary due to redistricting. Mr. Russell suggested this amount come from contingency. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.
- (2) Health: Requests to add additional \$13,448 (awarded to WIC program), plus donation of \$250 (hospital) to salaries, operating expenses & equipment. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

Review of Changeorders - Airport: Four (4) changeorders for airport projects were reviewed, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the changeorders. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee: Two vacancies exist on the Board. In her earlier presentation, COG Ombudsman, Lottie Massey, explained job requirements, and nomination procedures, as attached to these Minutes.

Home & Community Care Committee: The Board received a request to change the appointment of Tammie Pendleton to Cindy Tucker. Per request of the Board, Clerk Denise Barrow will ask for an explanation in the proposed change. Ms. Barrow will report back at the 4/6/92 meeting.

Town of Spencer: A letter was received from the Town of Spencer, as attached to these Minutes, requesting the Commissioners to approve the reappointment of Mrs. Jimmie Brown as alternate extraterritorial member to the Spencer Board of Adjustment. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

Town of China Grove: A letter was received from the Town of

China Grove, as attached to these Minutes, requesting the Commissioners to approve the appointment of Mr. Richard Deal to the Town's Planning Board. Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the request. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

OTHER BUSINESS:

J. N. Pease: Mr. Doug Tennent, Mr. John Hill and Mr. John Duncan addressed the Board, and presented revised Preliminary Cost Estimate/Alternatives, as attached to these Minutes. Tentative schedule for project is as follows:

5/01/92: Finished drawings should be ready
8/05/92: Advertise for bids
9/15/92: Receive bids
10/01/92: Award contract
01/01/94: Project completed

At this point, renovations may begin in the existing jail structure, according to Mr. Duncan. Mr. Hill then explained the attached amendment to the contract.

The contract will also be revised to:

- (1) add scheduling "teeth" to enforce the timeframes
- (2) eliminate \$45,000 - landscaping fees, and
- (3) delete the upfitting third floor of the Rufty Building

The Board will be updated approximately every 4 weeks (will be on each month's agenda).

At this time, Commissioner Welch made a motion to go into Executive Session, to discuss personnel and litigation. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

At the conclusion of the session, the motion was made and seconded, with unanimous approval, to return to Regular Session.

Action taken was as follows:

* PROPOSED POLICY FOR PAYMENT OF PART-TIME EMT POSITIONS:
Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to approve the submitted schedule for payment of part-time EMT positions. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

* PROPOSED APPROVAL OF DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYEES: Commissioner Welch made a motion to accept the proposal from Revco Drug, offering a 10% discount on prescription drugs, and also assistance in filing Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance forms. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

* PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH REGULAR PART-TIME POSITION AT THE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT: Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the requested position. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

* PROPOSED SALARIES FOR PARAMEDIC CLASSIFICATION: Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve a reclassification effective on 7/1/92, for the Paramedic classification from Grade 28 to Grade 30, offering a starting salary of \$20,267. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

* NEW NUTRITIONIST II POSITION: Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to establish the Nutritionist II position at the Health Department. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

* SELF INSURANCE FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION: Commissioner Welch made a motion to pursue the possibility of self-insurance for workers compensation. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

* COUNTY MANAGER'S CAR ALLOWANCE: Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Personnel Board, approving Mr. Russell's request to use the \$300 allowance as a reimbursement for car expenses. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

* AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE: Commissioner Webb made a motion to accept the Personnel Board's recommendations regarding the proposed grievance procedure. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

There being no further business, the motion was made and seconded, with unanimous approval to adjourn to 3/16/92, at 7:00 p.m., at Locke Volunteer Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise J. Barrow, CMC

Clerk to the Board