

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION - MAY 4, 1992
RED ROOM - COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session, on Monday, May 4, 1992, in the Red Room of the Community Building.

PRESENT: J. Newton Cohen, Chairman
Henry H. Palmer, Vice-Chairman
Jamima P. DeMarcus, Member
Charles H. Welch, Member
Thomas M. Webb, Member

The County Manager, County Attorney Representative (Jennifer Flynn), Finance Director, and Clerk to the Board were also in attendance.

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

MINUTES:

The following Minutes were submitted for approval:

- * April 4, 1992 (Regular Session)
- * April 6, 1992 (Adjourned Session)
- * April 8, 1992 (Adjourned Session)
- * April 20, 1992 (Joint meeting w/Planning Board)

Vice-Chairman Palmer gave a response to the question of Commissioner Welch, as noted in the Minutes of 4/8/92: Commissioner Welch questioned why, if Mr. Palmer were not seeking re-election for Commission, would he still be attending the NACo Minneapolis Convention in July? Mr. Palmer's response of today was, that he felt it was not a junket, but an important meeting that he should attend, in order to uphold his duties as current Commission member.

There being no corrections, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the Minutes as submitted. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

* County Manager, Tim Russell, discussed a proposed Resolution regarding the Yadkin/Pee Dee Lakes Study Project, as attached to these Minutes. Mr. Russell explained that there would be a cost of approximately \$2,000. Commissioner Webb made a motion to adopt the resolution in support of the Yadkin/Pee Dee Lakes Study. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded. After further discussion, the Board agreed, by consensus, to defer the issue to the 5/18/92 meeting.

* Commissioner Webb updated the Board regarding recent meetings with the Firemens' Association. He suggested that the Assistant Fire Marshalls be included in carrying-out the Fire Marshall's duties, in order to help with the ISO ratings. Mr. Webb then made a motion to authorize freeing-up the Fire Marshall's hours until the next budget time. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

* Commissioner DeMarcus announced that she would be leaving at 11:00 a.m. today, in order to attend a church conference in Kentucky, and faced an 11-hour drive.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Various correspondence was submitted to the Board for review, as attached to these Minutes:

* Letter, dated April 14, 1992, from the Salisbury Elks Lodge, requesting proclamation of National Youth Week, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to proclaim National Youth Week, beginning Friday May 1, 1992. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

* Letter, dated April 8, 1992, from the Lee County Board of Commissioners, regarding opposition to Senate Bill 917, as attached to these Minutes. The Board had previously taken action to join opposition to the Bill.

* Letter, dated April 8, 1992, from the Lee County Board of Commissioners, regarding a request for action on four (4) issues, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus suggested that the County Manager and County Attorney review the proposed resolution for clarity. She then made a motion to have them bring information back on adopting a similar resolution, at the 5/18/92 meeting. Commissioner webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

* Letter (copy), dated April 22, 1992, from Mr. Robert High of

the N. C. Dept. of State Treasurer, to Mr. Robert Freeman, regarding recent advertising for the proposed bond referendum, as attached to these Minutes.

* Memo, dated April 24, 1992, from the N.C.A.C.C., regarding the 1992 Annual Conference, to be held on August 13 - 16, 1992, as attached to these Minutes.

ROAD PETITIONS:

Commissioner Webb announced that there were none to be offered.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

Tax Collector, Wayne Simpson, presented the Preliminary April 1992 Report, as attached to these Minutes.

DONATION TO PARKS:

Mr. Jim Foltz, Parks & Recreation Director, Renita Ritchie and Terry Fries addressed the Board to present three (3) recent donations:

- (1) \$500 from Proctor Foundation
- (2) From Spencer Moose for three (3) picnic shelters at Ellis Park
- (3) Toward the purchase of a Santa Fe Train at Dan Nicholas Park (total cost = \$24,000)

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM CLERK TO THE BOARD:

Clerk to the Board, Denise Barrow, presented a written request to be excused from the 5/18/92 meeting, to be held at 7:00 p.m., Rockwell Town Hall, in order to attend her daughter's dance recital, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED ROAD RENAMINGS:

At this time, Commissioner Webb made a motion to open the Public Hearing for proposed road renamings:

- (1) Derek Drive
- (2) Pleasant Village Lane
- (3) Parkwood Road
- (4) Elaine Road
- (5) Rowland Lane
- (6) Sandra Avenue
- (7) Sweet Gum Lane
- (8) Hodge Place Lane

Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval. Frank Thomason, EOC Supervisor addressed the Board, in the absence of Wayne Ashworth, EMS Director. Mr. Thomason requested to defer the issue of Elaine Road for an additional 30-days, to clarify discrepancies among the landowners. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

With no one wishing to speak for/against the renamings, Commissioner Webb made a motion to close the hearing. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Webb then made a motion to approve the proposed renaming of the remaining seven (7) roads. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval. Mr. Webb also commended Mr. Thomason on the recent renovation/reorganization efforts in the EOC radio room.

PUBLIC HEARING: CDBG GRANT APPLICATION FOR WHITE HILL COMMUNITY WATER PROJECT:

At this time, Commissioner Webb made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval. A copy of the advertised notice was previously distributed to the Board, as attached to these Minutes. Ms. Martha Harrell questioned how the grant would operate and affect low/moderate income households? Danny Johnson, County Planner, showed the affected area via an aerial map, and explained the process. He also requested that an extension of the hearing be granted until next week, in order to compile more information pertaining to the grant application. Letters of support concerning the grant should be sent to Ms. Estelle Lee and Robert Chandler (Mr. Johnson can supply addresses).

Commissioner DeMarcus then made a motion to continue the public hearing on Tuesday, May 12, 1992 at 8:00 a.m., in the Red Room of the Community Building. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval. It was also suggested to invite the Kannapolis City Officials to attend the hearing on 5/12, and for the County Manager and Chairman Cohen to also send letters to the local legislators regarding same. Vice-Chairman Palmer then made a motion to close the hearing, and return to Regular Session. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

HEALTH BOARD - COMMISSIONER DEMARCUS:

Commissioner DeMarcus addressed the Board, and explained the recent efforts regarding the "dangerous dog" issue. She also supplied language regarding same, which was recently incorporated into the County Dog Ordinance, by the Rowan County Health Board, and quoted statistics of recent attacks on people and livestock, as attached to these Minutes. A required committee comprised of Mr. Herbert Hawley, Health Department Director, Jim Seagle, and Jack Blalock has also been formed regarding issue. An Appeal Board for animal owners has also been established: Mr. Joe Hager, Dr. Bruce Ketner, and Lonnie Goodman.

Mrs. DeMarcus also read a letter from Mr. Hawley, stating his resignation as Rowan County Director of Public Health, as attached to these Minutes. The resignation will be effective 10/01/92. With regrets, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to accept Mr. Hawley's resignation. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

PETITION FOR EAST ROWAN AMBULANCE SITE: MR. BILL MISENHEIMER:

Mr. Bill Misenheimer previously sent information to the Board, requesting an ambulance site in the eastern Rowan area, as attached to these Minutes. Mr. Misenheimer also distributed additional letters of support and petitions of approximately 1,700 names, from area residents, in regards to the proposal. Mr. Harry Sifford, Rev. David Ridenhour, and Mr. Troy Elliott also addressed the Board to support the effort.

(At this time, Commissioner DeMarcus was excused from the meeting)

DOUG TENNENT/J. N. PEASE PROJECT UPDATE:

Mr. John Hill addressed the Board with updated plans

reflecting requested changes in the Jail/Courthouse Renovation plans. Representatives will return for future updates at the 6/1/92 meeting.

REQUESTED ACTION ON LEGISLATION FROM DAVIE COUNTY:

The Board reviewed information from the Davie County Board of Commissioners, regarding the same issues as from Lee County, as attached to these Minutes. No further action was necessary.

RESOLUTION HONORING MR. HENRY DUNCAN:

A resolution was presented in honor of Mr. Henry Duncan, who served for twenty-three (23) consecutive years on the Kannapolis City Board of Education, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner Welch made a motion to adopt the resolution as submitted. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

PROPOSED PROCLAMATION FROM ROWAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH MONTH:

A proposed resolution was presented to the Board, to proclaim May as Women's Health Month, as attached to these Minutes. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to adopt the resolution as submitted. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

DISCUSSION ON SERVICE DISTRICT FOR CLEVELAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The Board previously received a letter from County Attorney, John Holshouser, regarding available options for establishing a service district for Cleveland VFD, as attached to these Minutes. After careful review, Commissioner Welch made a motion to choose option #2 (G. S. Chapter 69 - Establishment of A Rural Fire Protection District), with a petition of 35% of resident free-holders, and a tax not to exceed 15¢/\$100 of property value. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded the motion, but then made a substitute motion to defer the issue to the 5/18/92 meeting. Chairman Cohen seconded the substitute motion, with unanimous approval. Commissioner Webb noted several nominations for Fire Commissioner, and will have the listed distributed to other Board members prior to the 5/18 meeting.

1992-93 AUDIT CONTRACT - FINANCE DIRECTOR, BRADY FRICK:

Finance Director, Brady Frick, distributed copies of the proposed Audit Contract, as attached to these Minutes. After reviewing the contract, Commissioner Welch made a motion to approve

the contract. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Interest: The County Manager presented the Report of Interest Earned Through March, 1992, as attached to these Minutes.

Refunds: A listing of various refunds was previously distributed to members of the Board, as attached to these Minutes. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to approve the refunds as submitted. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

Budget Review for 1992-93: County Manager Russell asked the Board's recommendations for dates for the 1992-93 Budget Review. By consensus, the Board agreed on 5/27-28, 1992, in the Red Room of the Community Building. Commissioner Welch requested a listing of agencies/committees who "fell through the cracks" last year, and required funding allocations later in the year, in order to avoid the same from happening again this year. Mr. Russell will provide the information. Budget information will be distributed to the Board by 5/14/92, according to Mr. Russell.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Industrial Facilities/Pollution Control: The term of Mr. Sam May has expired. Commissioner Webb made a motion to appoint Mr. Steve Noble. The motion was seconded, with unanimous approval.

Domiciliary Home Community Advisory Committee: Two (2) vacancies exist at present, due to the ineligibility of Ms. Mary Morrow, and the resignation of Ms. Jean Summers. Commissioner Webb nominated Mr. Earl D. Scott (recommended by Senior Services Advisory Committee), and Chairman Cohen nominated Mr. B. B. Honeycutt (recommended by Bethany Retirement Center). Commissioner Welch then made a motion to close the nominations. Mr. Scott and Mr. Honeycutt will fill the vacancies.

Nursing Home Advisory Committee: Mrs. Evelyn Brown submitted her resignation, as attached to these Minutes. The appointment was deferred to the 6/1/92 meeting, for further consideration.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Board briefly discussed a complaint from a DSS recipient. There being no further business, Commissioner Welch made a motion to adjourn the meeting to 7:00 p.m., for the N.C.D.O.T.

Secondary Road Public Hearing. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise J. Barrow, CMC
Clerk to the Board