

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD  
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC HEARING - 1992-93 BUDGET  
RED ROOM - COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in adjourned session, on Monday, June 8, 1992, 7:00 p.m., for a public hearing on the proposed 1992-93 Budget.

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

ABSENT: Charles H. Welch, Member

The County Manager, Finance Director, County Attorney, and Clerk to the Board were also in attendance.

Chairman Cohen called the meeting to order, and gave the invocation. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous (4/0) approval. Chairman Cohen then asked for comments from the audience:

1. Ms. Gloria Correll: thanked the Board for reinstating the \$49,302 into the Cooperative Extension budget.
2. Mitchell Cress: opposes any tax increase; wants increase in sales tax, not property tax.
3. Dan Bradshaw (Tri-County): requests additional funds, to allow Tri-County employees a 2% salary increase.
4. C. A. Curlee: thanked the Board for considering an ambulance site for the Eastern Rowan area; felt the DSS budget was out of control;
5. Cynthia Curlee: appreciated efforts to trim-down budget; wants a study of mandated programs; opposed increased program demands; requested Planning Board to be eliminated; felt more research should have been made in jail/courthouse project; requested a second-shift for court trials; thanked Board for Eastern Rowan ambulance site.
6. Charles Webster: spoke for Library; asked to reinstate

\$16,000 to Library budget.

7. Tom Bost: requested \$16,000 reinstated to Library.
8. Willie Pollard (Friends for Library): wanted \$16,000 restored to Library.
9. Jodi McManus: wanted funds restored to Library.
10. Bill Stallings: wanted funds restored to Library.
11. Charles Nettles: wanted funds restored to Library.
12. Catherine Safrit (Literacy Council): wanted funds restored to Library.
13. Barbara Earnhardt: concerned with DSS mandates; wanted prepared-foods tax, not increase in property tax.
14. W. F. Owens: wanted justification for tax increase relevant to jail/courthouse project. Mr. Russell explained how the increase was computed (additional 3-cents on tax rate).
15. Jon Bole: thanked Board for reinstating funds to Cooperative Extension.
16. David Correll: supports Cooperative Extension and 4-H Services.

With no one else wishing to speak, Commissioner Webb made a motion to close the Public Hearing, and return to Regular Session. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to receive the Public Hearing as information at this time. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

\* Commissioner DeMarcus stated that funds had been received by the Health Department, with which to purchase a fax machine. She requested that the budget be amended to reflect same. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

\* Clerk to the Board, Denise Barrow, stated that two (2) public hearings had been scheduled for the same date/time, and requested that one be rescheduled. Commissioner Webb made a motion to reschedule the Jail/Courthouse Financing Public Hearing to

7/6/92 at 10:00 a.m. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

There being no further business, Vice-Chairman made a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting to 6/15/92 at the Airport Terminal Building, at 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded, with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Webb then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise J. Barrow, CMC  
Clerk to the Board