

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED MEETING - JUNE 16, 1992
CHINA GROVE TOWN HALL, CHINA GROVE, NC

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in adjourned session, on Tuesday, June 16, 1992, at 7:00 p.m., at the China Grove Town Hall, China Grove, NC.

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

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

Chairman Cohen called the meeting to order, and thanked the Town for allowing the meeting to be held in their Town Hall. Commissioner DeMarcus gave the invocation.

China Grove Mayor, Jim Morton, gave opening remarks.

DISCUSSION OF PRETRIAL RELEASE SUPERVISION PROGRAM - MR. BOB KNOTTS:

Mr. Knotts and Mr. Nelson White addressed the Board, and showed an In-house Suspension Unit, which he proposed instead of increasing the size of the current jail. Mr. Knotts had previously submitted information regarding same, as attached to these Minutes. The proposed unit would be at a cost of \$1,095/set, not including the computer and programming costs. According to Mr. Knotts, the system is currently used in Randolph County at a start-up fee of \$23,000, and they received reimbursement of \$11,000 in their first year. By consensus, the Board accepted as information.

CAROLINAS' TRANSPORTATION COMPACT - MR. SONNY TIMMERMAN:

Mr. Sonny Timmerman and associates gave a slide presentation of the proposed Carolinas' Parkway, and distributed information, as attached to these Minutes.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR ROAD PETITIONS:

Clerk to the Board, Denise Barrow, explained information previously received from EMS Director, Wayne Ashworth, as attached to these Minutes. A public hearing is requested in naming various roads listed in the information. Four (4) roads already have 100% landowner approval:

- (1) Verlen Drive (private road off Concord Rd. in Verlen Mobile Home Park)
- (2) Litton Drive (formerly Whalen Drive, off Grace Church Rd. in Whitney Industrial Park)
- (3) Baucom Acres Drive (private road in Baucom Acres, off Millbridge Rd., off Hwy. 150)
- (4) Erwin Temple Church Road (private road, north, off Needmore Rd., near NC-801)

Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to set the public hearing for 7/6/92, at 9:45 a.m. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus then made a motion to approve the above-listed four (4) roads. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

ROAD PETITION - MS. DIANE NEEDHAM:

Landowners from Kannapolis Country Estates were in attendance, and represented by Ms. Needham, and Mr. Wright. Mr. Russell explained the dilemma of the landowners, and also explained how they could be assessed for the paving project. Approximate cost per landowner is \$3,500/lot. By consensus, the Board accepted as information.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Social Services: Vice-Chairman Palmer's term as a Governor's Appointee expires on 6/30. The Board accepted as information. Also, the term of Mr. Todd Arey has expired. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to reappoint Mr. Arey. Commissioner DeMarcus moved the nominations be closed, and seconded the nomination, with unanimous approval.

Centralina Private Industry Council: The term of Mr. Jesse

Corry has expired. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to reappoint Mr. Corry. Commissioner Welch moved the nominations be closed, and seconded the nomination, with unanimous approval.

Domiciliary Home Community Adv. Committee: The term of Mr. Richard Harrington has expired, and Rev. Jimmy Thompson has resigned. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to reappoint Mr. Harrington. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval. A replacement for Rev. Thompson was deferred to the 7/6/92 meeting.

Region F Aging Advisory Committee: The terms of Ms. Hazel Everhart and Mr. Walter Boger (alternate) have expired. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to reappoint both. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

Region F Emergency Medical Services Adv. Council: The terms of Dr. John Barr and Mr. Coyt Karriker have expired. Commissioner Webb made a motion to reappoint Dr. Barr. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval. Commissioner Webb then made a motion to reappoint Mr. Karriker. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

Nursing Home Advisory Committee: The term of Ms. Leah McFee has expired. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to reappoint Ms. McFee. Chairman Cohen seconded, with unanimous approval.

Tourism & Development Authority: The terms of Mrs. Chris Whitton and Mr. Jeff Whittington have expired. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to reappoint Mrs. Whitton. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval. Commissioner DeMarcus also made a motion to reappoint Mr. Whittington. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

City of Kannapolis: The Board received two (2) requests for appointments, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner Webb requested that both be deferred to the 7/6/92 meeting. The Board agreed by consensus.

Centralina Development Corporation: The Board received a letter from Mr. Paul Herringshaw, requesting a replacement for Mr. James Henderson, who no longer qualifies. By consensus, the Board deferred to the 7/6/92 meeting.

Housing Authority: The Board reviewed a letter from Authority Board Chairman, Joseph Sloop, announcing the resignation of Mr. Marvin Wood, as attached to these Minutes. Mr. Sloop's letter also requests appointing Mr. Aaron Neely, as a replacement. Before making a decision, the Board will invite Mr. Sloop to appear at the

7/6/92 meeting, to discuss the appointment.

Union Volunteer Fire Department: The Board received a letter requesting the reappointment of their Fire Commissioners, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the request. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

Town of Cleveland: The Board received a letter from Town Clerk, Mildred Bradford, requesting appointments of Mr. Richard Current and Mr. Jennings Nelson to the Extraterritorial Jurisdictional Area of the Town Planning Board. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

Economic Development Commission: The terms of Mr. Bill Kluttz and Mr. Bill Murdoch have expired. Commissioner Webb made a motion to reappoint Mr. Kluttz. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to reappoint Mr. Murdoch. Chairman Cohen seconded, with unanimous approval.

Senior Services Advisory Council: due to discrepancies, these appointments were deferred to the 7/6/92 meeting.

NCACC VOTING DELEGATE DESIGNATION:

The Board received a letter from NCACC, requesting appointment of a voting delegate to the Annual Conference, as attached to these Minutes. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to elect Chairman Cohen. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES NEEDS ASSESSMENT STUDY - MR. BOB LIPPARD/MR. DYKE MESSINGER:

Mr. Lippard and Mr. Messinger addressed the Board and presented an update on their recent study. The three (3) goals the committee hopes to accomplish are:

- (1) Attach the issue of family life/planning
- (2) develop an information/referral system
- (3) provide adult daycare

At present, the Board accepted the report as information.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Interest: County Manager Russell presented the report of interest earned through April, 1992, as attached to these Minutes.

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

Budget Amendments: County Manager Russell presented various budget amendments for approval, as attached to these Minutes:

Jail: To budget for architectural fees and jail expenses; Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to approve. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, and the vote was 4/1, with Commissioner Welch abstaining, saying the amount was excessive.

Parks: To cover line item for end of fiscal year 1992; Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to approve. Chairman Cohen seconded, with unanimous approval.

DSS: Value of surplus commodities distributed at the Food Distribution is being budgeted; Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

Elections: Amounts needed for expenses of second primary (run-off); Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

DSS: Jobs Program, Child Daycare, Travel Participants, Work-related expenses, etc; Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

DSS: Transfers from accounts with an excess to cover public assistance; Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to approve. Chairman Cohen seconded, and the vote was 3/2, with Commissioners Welch and Webb opposing.

DSS: Transfers between line items to cover accounts that exceed budget; Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to approve. Chairman Cohen seconded, and the vote was 4/1, with Commissioner Welch opposing.

DSS: Transfers from accounts with an excess to cover public assistance (food stamp program); Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to approve. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, and the vote

was 3/2, with Commissioners Welch and Webb opposing.

DSS: Transferring excess funds in public assistance accounts to public assistance accounts that exceed budget; Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to approve. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, and the vote was 3/2, with Commissioners Webb and Welch opposing.

OTHER BUSINESS:

County Manager Russell explained the need to open a bank account for Workers' Compensation funds. Commissioner Webb made a motion to authorize the transaction. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

Mr. Russell submitted a letter to Senator Paul Smith, requesting opposition to increasing Rest Home Rates, as attached to these Minutes. At present, the House of Representatives has approved the increase, the Senate has not yet. By consensus, the Board will ask Senator Smith to attach Rowan County to the list in opposition.

Mr. Russell also submitted a letter to send to Senator Paul Smith, regarding HB1557, which deals with counties acquiring property for use by School Boards. This bill would allow for expansion of statewide legislation (SL 1989, Chapter 885) allowing counties and School Boards to work together in financing capital projects.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to request that Senator Smith attach Rowan County's name to this bill. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Barbara Earnhardt: Stated that the public assistance spending should be curtailed.

Cynthia Curlee: Thinks DSS programs should be decreased; that fraud is involved in eligibility.

Wayne Simpson, Tax Collector: Expects 90,000 extra tax bills to be generated from HB 20. He showed charts of recent efforts of his department, and their results

CONTINUED BUDGET DISCUSSIONS:

PERSONNEL ISSUES: Personnel Director, Ken Deal, presented information requested by the Board, regarding unfilled positions, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner Welch made a motion to take the \$256,513 in salaries for unfilled positions, abolish the positions at the present time, and budget the funds into the General Fund. His motion died for lack of a second.

IN-HOUSE ARREST PROGRAM: Chairman Cohen stated he would like to see the "house-arrest" program investigated further. County Attorney, John Holshouser, explained that the Court Judges are basically in control of the situation, and why they are not generally responsive to the "house-arrest" program.

REST HOME RATE INCREASES: By consensus, the Board decided not to allocate funds; instead, to put funds into fund balance for future needs.

There being no further discussion, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the proposed 1992-93 budget with the noted amendments. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, and the vote was 4/1, with Chairman Cohen voting against.

With no further business, Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise J. Barrow, CMC
Clerk to the Board