

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED SESSION - SEPTEMBER 21, 1992
GOLD HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT, GOLD HILL, NC

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in adjourned session, on Monday, September 21, 1992, at 7:00 p.m., at the Gold Hill Fire Department, Gold Hill, NC. Prior to the meeting, the Board was entertained at a picnic supper/tour of historic sites and tour of the Gold Hill Park, currently under construction.

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

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

REPORT FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY ON PROPOSED FIRE TAX DISTRICT FOR RICHFIELD-MISENHEIMER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

County Attorney, John Holshouser, updated the Board regarding the issue of placing the question on the November 1992 ballot. According to the Elections Board, if the information is faxed to them tomorrow (11/22/92), it is possible to place it on the November 1992 election ballot. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to follow this procedure as stated. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

PROPOSAL TO ALLOCATE RESERVE FOR PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES - COUNTY MANAGER:

County Manager, Tim Russell, distributed a memorandum regarding the request from the Schools, and the benefits regarding same, as attached to these Minutes. The unappropriated balance, as of June 30th, is \$450,000, and the requested amount is \$300,000. Commissioner Welch made a motion to appropriate the \$300,000, as requested. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING USE OF COURT SETTLEMENT FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS - CHAIRMAN COHEN:

Chairman Cohen updated the Board on the recent "asbestos" suit, involving the schools. He proposed that funds received in the settlement be used for school capital outlay projects, and feels that no Resolution is required at this time. The Board agreed by consensus.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION FROM PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The Board reviewed recent information considered by the Personnel Board, as attached to these Minutes. The information included the reassignments of T. Agner, L. Hines, R. Giessler, and S. Towne from deputies to detectives, as they have been performing the detective duties for some time, according to Mr. Russell. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to approve the recommendation as submitted. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. Commissioner Webb then made a substitute motion to table the information to the October 5th meeting, until further information could be received and considered. His motion died for lack of a second. The Board then voted on the original motion, and the vote was 4/1, with Commissioner Webb voting against.

OTHER BUSINESS:

* Commissioner Webb introduced two (2) road petitions for addition, as attached to these Minutes:

(1) Pebble Point Road, in the Providence Township: Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the addition. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

(2) Lillian Circle, in the Steele Township: Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the addition. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

* Commissioner DeMarcus noted the recent retirement of Institute of Government Director, John Sanders. She suggested that a letter be sent to him, in thanks of his assistance and past services. The Board agreed by consensus.

* Commissioner DeMarcus also announced that September 26 has been declared National Hunting and Fishing Day, and made a motion requesting acknowledgement from the Board. Chairman Cohen

seconded, with unanimous approval.

* Commissioner DeMarcus stated she had received telephone calls from concerned citizens regarding violations of privacy. She continued that outside companies (such as insurance companies, etc.) have been allowed to access lists of Rowan County taxpayers, and questioned the legality of such action. The County Attorney will research the action, and report back at the October 5th meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

* Mrs. Mary Carter addressed the Board and audience, and presented a petition requesting increased funding for Tri-County Mental Health. She also stated her concern that the Board only has six (6) representatives. The Board took as information.

* Mrs. Karen Baucom, former Personnel Analyst for Rowan County, stated her concerns regarding a recently-filled position in the Personnel Department. Mrs. Baucom stated that this was not handled according to the Personnel Policy. Chairman Cohen replied that the matter would be checked into.

* Mr. Luther Harkey, Gold Hill resident, thanked the Board for holding the meeting in the community, and invited the Board to return. He also explained the upcoming Founders' Day events to be held in Gold Hill.

There being no further business, Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Daugherty, CMC
Clerk to the Board