

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD  
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION - OCTOBER 5, 1992  
RED ROOM - COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session, on Monday, October 5, 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  
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 gave the invocation.

MINUTES:

The following Minutes were submitted for approval:

- \* September 8, 1992 (Regular Session)
- \* September 21, 1992 (Regular Session)

With no corrections, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the Minutes as submitted. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

\* Commissioner DeMarcus requested that a letter from Social Services be discussed in Executive Session.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- \* Memorandum, dated September 21, 1992, from Bill Tillman,

State Demographer, regarding the 1991 Balance of County Population Estimates.

\* County Manager, Tim Russell, also mentioned the bid opening for the Justice Center/Jail Complex, to be held on 10/14/92 at 4:00 p.m., in the Red Room of the Community Building.

ROAD PETITIONS:

One (1) road petition was submitted for approval, as attached to these Minutes:

\* Garmon Road Extension, in the China Grove Township

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the petition as submitted. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

In the absence of Tax Collector, Wayne Simpson, the Board reviewed the submitted report, as attached to these Minutes.

At this time, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED ROAD NAMINGS:

Chairman Cohen announced that the purpose of the hearing was to address comments on naming the following roads:

- (1) Lake Wright Road
- (2) Goldpark Road
- (3) Big Buck Drive
- (4) McIntyre Lane

There being no one to speak for/against the proposed namings, Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to close the hearing. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Welch then made a motion to return to Regular Session. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

Vice-Chairman made a motion to approve the proposed namings as submitted. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

Also, Mr. Lee Privette (off Lentz Road, China Grove), addressed the Board, stating that he had previously submitted a petition to have his (private) road named, for assistance in the 911-Program, with no results. Landowners had submitted the suggested name of "Lake View Lane". The County Manager will check into the cause of delay, and respond to Mr. Privette.

HEALTH CARE - COMMISSIONER WELCH:

A memorandum was submitted to the Board, regarding services offered by RoMedical Care, Inc., as attached to these Minutes. Dr. Boyd Watts addressed the Board, requesting that Rowan County also compare RoMedical's costs for services with those currently offered on contract, by ProMed.

PROGRESS REPORT FROM PLANNING BOARD, RE: HIGH ROCK LAKE STUDY COMMITTEE (LARRY CORRELL & SUPPORT STAFF):

Mr. Larry Correll addressed the Board, as distributed information including the recent progress report, as attached to these Minutes. Also, Mr. Correll requested approval of additional advisory members on the committee. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve and give the privilege to name their advisors (to be submitted to and approved by the Commission). Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

PLANNING BOARD DISCUSSION ON SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE (DAVE ROBERTS):

Mr. Dave Roberts addressed the Board, and presented proposed procedures in devising Subdivision Regulations for Rowan County, as attached to these Minutes. Vice-Chairman Palmer suggested that any drafted document be first presented to the Board. With this stipulation, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the procedures. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST:

At this time, Commissioner DeMarcus introduced special guest, Mr. Steve Blount, School Board candidate.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING, RE: CODIFIED ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENT  
(CLERK TO THE BOARD):

Clerk to the Board, Denise Daugherty, stated that, according to the Ordinance of Procedure adopted by the Board, a public hearing is required prior to approving the codified supplement. Mrs. Daugherty presented documentation regarding same, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to hold the public hearing on 11/02/92 at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

UPDATE ON CONCERNS RE: PRIVACY THROUGH ACCESSING TAXPAYER  
INFORMATION (COUNTY ATTORNEY):

County Attorney, John Holshouser, updated the Board on their recent concerns, regarding the release of taxpayer information to insurance companies, etc. According to Mr. Holshouser, the lists of Rowan County taxpayers is public information, and cannot be legally withheld. He did, however, provide an address citizens can contact to reduce their amount of junk mail received. Vice-Chairman Palmer suggested having the Information Systems Director, David Boling, periodically provide a list of companies requesting this information.

SALE OF EQUITABLE STOCK (FINANCE DIRECTOR):

Finance Director, Brady Frick, addressed the Board, and submitted information regarding the proposed sale of Equitable Stock, as attached to these Minutes. Mr. Frick explained how the stock was acquired, and that the proceeds would be approximately \$5,000 - \$6,000, to be deposited into the General Fund. Commissioner DeMarcus then made a motion to approve the sale of the stock. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

REQUEST FOR DONATION OF OLD STONE WELL HOUSE (AT G. Q. SCHOOL):

The Board reviewed a letter from the Rowan-Salisbury Board of Education, requesting the donation of the Old Stone Well House to the Town of Granite Quarry, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the request. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Interest: The Board reviewed the Report of Interest Earned Through 8/31/92, submitted by the Finance Director, and attached to these Minutes.

Refunds: Various refunds were submitted for approval, as attached to these Minutes. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to approve the refunds as submitted. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

Request for Space in Shuford School: The Board reviewed a recent request from Ms. Annie L. Smith, requesting space for a ministry in the Shuford School Building, as attached to these Minutes. By consensus, the Board suggested that the County Manager speak to Ms. Juanita Olsen of Vocational Workshop, and also the Schools, regarding space availability, and report back as soon as possible.

Disposition of Timber on Fairground Property: County Manager Russell submitted a letter from the Dept. of Environment, Health & Natural Resources, stating their position on assisting with the disposition of timber on Fairground Property, as attached to these Minutes. Mr. Russell explained the proposed procedures, and that it would be handled through competitive bids.

Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to proceed with the sale of the timber, and use the recommended option (#2), utilizing the assistance of the Forestry Service. His motion also included contacting the Fair Association regarding the possible use of the property to allow additional parking. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Salisbury-Rowan Human Relations Council: Mr. Grady Moss is eligible for reappointment. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to reappoint Mr. Moss. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

Granite Quarry: The Board reviewed a request from the Town of Granite Quarry, to appoint Ms. Mary Hendley to fill the unexpired term of Mr. David Fisher on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to approve the request. Chairman Cohen seconded, with unanimous approval.

BUSINESS PENDING FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:

Road Petition from Kannapolis Country Estates: Mr. Russell

updated the Board on the status of the request. By consensus, the Board directed Mr. Russell to contact the landowners, and guide them to establish a Homeowners' Association, then advise them to seek individual bids and financing for the project.

Cable Franchise Renewal: Commissioner DeMarcus stated that she had no problem with the proposed renewal, but would like to see them offer extras such as are received by other counties:

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| * 10-year contract (instead of 15-years)    | * reduction of homes/mile restriction                       |
| * 5% of gross                               | * immediate service-line repair (similar to City's service) |
| * <u>free</u> 660-foot connection allowance | * addition of channels to basic service each year           |

Chairman Cohen stated his request that, after equipment is paid for, the gradual reduction of houses/sq. mile would be realized. By consensus, the Board directed staff to begin negotiations on the renewal contract.

OTHER BUSINESS:

\* Commissioner DeMarcus reminded the Board of the upcoming Yadkin-Pee Dee Workshop on 10/15/92, from 6 - 9 p.m., in Albemarle, NC.

\* County Attorney Holshouser informed the Board that the Richfield-Misenheimer Fire District issue would not be on the November ballot, due to publication requirements; however, it could be brought before the 26 area voters during January 1993. Commissioner Webb then made a motion to proceed with the election in January, 1993. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval. Mr. Holshouser will contact the Board of Elections, and proceed.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

There being no further business, the motion was made and seconded, with unanimous approval, to adjourn the meeting to Monday, November 19, 1992, at 7:00 p.m., at the Kannapolis V.F.W. Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Daugherty, CMC  
Clerk to the Board