

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD  
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION - FEBRUARY 1, 1993  
RED ROOM - COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session, on Monday, February 1, 1993, in the Red Room of the Community Building.

PRESENT: J. Newton Cohen, Chairman  
Thomas M. Webb, Vice-Chairman  
Jamima P. DeMarcus, Member  
Charles H. Welch, Member (9:10 a.m.)  
Steven Todd Arey, Member

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The following Minutes were submitted for approval:

- \* January 4, 1993 (Regular)
- \* January 12, 1993 (Adjourned)
- \* January 18, 1993 (Adjourned)
- \* January 22, 1993 (Adjourned)

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

- \* Vice-Chairman Webb noted the addition of Rockwell Mayor, Harold Earnhardt, to discuss the proposed eastern Rowan EMS site. Mayor Earnhardt addressed the Board to offer the possibility of two (2) potential sites in the Rockwell area, to locate the proposed EMS station, and provided maps of each location. The Board accepted as information.
- \* County Manager, Tim Russell, stated that, due to a conflict in schedule, Todd Williams of E & A Environmental, would be unable to appear at the meeting today.
- \* Commissioner DeMarcus noted that the Mother of County Attorney, John Holshouser, had passed away. Clerk to the Board, Denise Daugherty, will send the Board's condolences.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board reviewed recent correspondence, as attached to these Minutes:

- \* Annual Report, dated January 4, 1993, from Mr. Robert Parnell, Chairman, of the Rowan County L.E.P.C.

ROAD PETITIONS:

There were none to be offered.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

Tax Collector, Wayne Simpson, gave the Preliminary January 1993 Report, as attached to these Minutes. Mr. Simpson also stated that his department was preparing to implement House Bill 20.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Chairman, Dyke Messinger, addressed the Board to discuss proposals for the Information & Referral Services, to be implemented on July 1, 1993. The Board reviewed previous information, as attached to these Minutes. Mr. Messinger explained the three (3) major goals of the committee:

- (1) Family Life Education & Planning
- (2) Information and Referral System
- (3) Adult Day Care

The current proposal was suggested to house the project at the Rowan Public Library. Commissioner DeMarcus stated information given her, that the Library was an unsuitable location. Mr. Messinger then requested that the location proposal be, again, reviewed for consideration.

PRESENTATION OF COMMISSIONERS' LIFESAVING AWARDS: Wayne Ashworth:

EMS Director, Wayne Ashworth, explained the eligibility requirements for the Commissioners' Lifesaving Awards. He then recognized the three (3) employees to received the awards, and their families, in attendance:

- \* Mr. Buddy Wilhite
- \* Mr. Reid Overcash
- \* Mr. John Cooper

Chairman Cohen presented the award to each recipient, and Board members offered their congratulations.

ROAD PETITIONS: Wayne Ashworth:

Mr. Ashworth previously distributed information regarding proposed road name changes, as attached to these Minutes:

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| * Longleaf Drive    | * Knoll View Drive                        |
| * Sternbridge Drive | * Livengood Drive                         |
| * Farrington Drive  | * Clearbrook Drive                        |
| * Deer Track Road   | * McLaughlin Farm Rd. (from<br>Bost Road) |

Mr. Ashworth explained that these eight (8) were unanimously approved by the property owners, only needing approval of the Board. Vice-Chairman Webb made a motion to approve the aforementioned name changes as submitted. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

Mr. Ashworth then mentioned two (2) proposed road name changes, not unanimous, needing a public hearing date:

- \* Veronica Lane from Dumas Rd. (SR 2448)
- \* Mile Long Rd. (from private road)

Commissioner Welch then made a motion to set the public hearing for 3/8/93, at 9:30 a.m., in the Red Room of the Community Building. Vice-Chairman Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

FIRE INSPECTIONS: Vice-Chairman Webb:

Vice-Chairman Webb stated his opinion that fire inspections should be performed by Fire Marshall, Randall Faggart. Environmental Service Director, Don Conner, and EMS Director, Wayne Ashworth contributed to the discussion. Vice-Chairman Webb made a motion to designate fire inspections to Environmental Services Department until a Certificate of Occupancy is received, and then designate future inspections to the Fire Marshall. Mr. Conner stated that the Environmental Services Department does have the manpower to handle the inspections. Mr. Ashworth described the current job description of the Fire Marshall.

At this time, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to go into Executive Session for further discussion. Vice-Chairman Webb seconded, with unanimous approval. Upon conclusion, the motion was made and seconded, with unanimous approval, to return to Regular Session. Vice-Chairman Webb then restated his motion, as leaving the fire inspections within the Environmental Services Department, with the exception to back the County Manager and Mr. Conner on the personnel issues. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

FUNDING REQUEST FOR BAKER'S CREEK PARK, FROM CABARRUS-ROWAN PARKS COMMISSION:

Parks Director, Jim Foltz, introduced Mr. Larry Brown, spokesman, and Board Chairman, Carl Alexander. According to Mr. Brown, \$1,139.89 was deleted from the 1992-93 budget, and the Board now requests its reallocation. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to reallocate the funds. Vice-Chairman Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS TO PARKS: Jim Foltz:

Mr. Foltz presented a listing of recent donations, as attached to these Minutes. The Clerk will send thank-you acknowledgements.

DESIGNATION OF HUNTER SAFETY WEEK: Mr. Claude Parrish:

Mr. Claude Parrish addressed the Board to discuss upcoming

Hunter Safety Week events, and to request that April 18-24, 1993, be designated as Hunter Safety Week. Commissioner Welch made a motion to draft a Resolution declaring same. Vice-Chairman Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR WORKER'S COMPENSATION INTERNAL SERVICE FUND FINANCIAL PLAN: Brady Frick:

Finance Director, Brady Frick, submitted a proposed resolution for the Workers' Compensation Internal Service Fund Financial Plan, as attached to these Minutes. Mr. Frick explained the purpose of the plan, afterwhich Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to adopt the proposal as submitted. Commissioner Arey seconded, with unanimous approval.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Region F Nursing Home Advisory Committee: Mr. Wiley Lash is eligible for reappointment. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to reappoint Mr. Lash. Commissioner Arey seconded, with unanimous approval.

Rowan County Nursing Home Advisory Committee: Mr. Wiley Lash and Ms. Naomi Greene are both eligible for reappointment. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to reappoint both. Commissioner Arey seconded, with unanimous approval.

Special Populations Board: Dr. Pat Whitley is eligible for reappointment. The Board reviewed a letter of resignation from Ms. Jean Wurster. Commissioner DeMarcus submitted an application for Ms. Ruby Parrish. She also requested that the question of "age" on the application be deleted. The Clerk will amend the application. Also received, was a letter from Parks Director, Jim Foltz, recommending the appointment of Ms. Parrish to replace Ms. Wurster. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to appoint Ms. Parrish to replace Ms. Wurster. Commissioner Arey seconded, with unanimous approval. Vice-Chairman Webb made a motion to reappoint Dr. Pat Whitley. Commissioner Arey seconded, with unanimous approval.

Downtown Salisbury, Inc.: The Board reviewed a request from the Downtown Salisbury, Inc., seeking representation from the Board of Commissioners, as attached to these Minutes. The requested representative was Commissioner Arey. The Board approved the request by consensus.

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM: Edwin Koontz:

DSS Director, Edwin Koontz, addressed the Board, regarding the status of the Child Support Enforcement Program. The Board reviewed material regarding same, as attached to these Minutes. Ms. Sandy Reitz, Program Administrator of the Income Maintenance Unit, explained the need for six (6) additional employees in this department. Commissioner Arey explained how "excess" funds within the DSS budget could handle the request, and the benefits which would be realized by the County, in implementing the proposal. He then made a motion to approve the request for six (6) additional employees with equipment, as submitted.

At this time, Commissioner Welch made a motion to go into Executive Session, to discuss Personnel. Vice-Chairman Webb seconded, with unanimous approval. Upon conclusion, the motion was made and seconded, with unanimous approval, to return to Regular Session.

Commissioner Arey then repeated his motion to support the DSS Child Support Enforcement Unit presentation, approving the proposed six (6) additional employees and equipment. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded.

Chairman Cohen then offered a substitute motion to adopt the recommendation of the Personnel Board (to hire two additional employees in this department), and review further personnel needs at budget review time. Commissioner Welch seconded, and the vote was 3/2, in favor of the motion.

REPORT ON COUNTY POLICY ON SALE OF ALCOHOL ON COUNTY PROPERTY:

Board members reviewed an excerpt from the County Ordinance with regards to alcohol on County property, as attached to these Minutes. The Ordinance states that, "The consumption of malt beverages and unfortified wines on property owned or occupied by the County is prohibited". The discussion resulted from a recent request from the Rowan County Fair Association, to allow the sale of beer on the fairgrounds, during the Coon Hunters' Events. Commissioner DeMarcus also offered a letter from the Convention & Visitors' Bureau regarding their opposition to the request. The County Manager was directed to contact the lessee and attach a copy of the County Ordinance.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF PERSONNEL ADVISORY BOARD:

Personnel Director, Ken Deal, addressed the Board to present the remaining recommendations of the Personnel Board, as attached

to these Minutes:

- (3) Remaining monies in the Cafeteria Plan to be donated to the Donnelly Home. Vice-Chairman Webb made a motion to accept the Personnel Board's recommendation. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.
- (4) Request from Elections to increase a part-time to full-time, with an increase in the part-time account of \$3,000. The Personnel Board suggested these items be discussed at budget time. By consensus, the Board agreed with the recommendation.
- (5) Soil Conservation Board of Supervisors requested a review of salary range for Soil Conservation Technician; also requested that position be upgraded from Grade 19 to Grade 20; Personnel Board suggested that the position be restudied in sequence with other positions. By consensus, the Board agreed with the recommendation.

The Board agreed to adjourn this meeting to Friday, 2/5/93, at 1:00 p.m., in the Red Room, to continue discussion on the Employee Compensation Plan.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Interest: The Board reviewed the Report of Interest Earned Through 12/31/92, as attached to these Minutes.

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

Approval of T.I.P. Submittal: County Manager: Mr. Russell presented information regarding the Rowan County Airport Transportation Improvement Program, as attached to these Minutes. Mr. Russell explained the changes in the program, including the reorganization of the ILS costs (\$360,000). Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the proposed T.I.P. Program, with the changes noted. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- \* Due to conflicting schedules, the Board agreed, by consensus, to cancel the second monthly meeting for March

(3/22/93).

DISCUSSION WITH ROWAN AREA TRI-COUNTY MEMBERS:

Information from Mr. Bruce Steinbicker, CPA, to Ms. Dorothea Harrison of the Tri-County Board, was reviewed, as attached to these Minutes. Dr. Norman Bryant, and Mona L. Wallace addressed the Board, and gave their views regarding recent proposals to separate Rowan from the Tri-County Board. By consensus, the Board accepted as information, until a later date.

There being no further business, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to adjourn the meeting to Friday, 2/5/93, at 1:00 p.m., in the Red Room of the Community Building. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

Respectively submitted,

Denise B. Daugherty, CMC  
Clerk to the Board