

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED SESSION - MAY 17, 1993
SPENCER TOWN HALL, SPENCER, NC

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in Adjourned Session, on Monday, May 17, 1993, at 7:00 p.m., in the Spencer Town Hall, Spencer, NC.

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

The County Manager, Finance Director, Attorney Representative, Jennifer Flynn, and Clerk Representative, Kelly King, were also in attendance.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

County Manager, Tim Russell, explained the information reviewed, as attached to these Minutes, regarding applications for ambulance franchises. The Board accepted as information.

TIRE DISPOSAL: Mr. Ray Yost:

The Board reviewed a memo from Clerk to the Board, Denise Daugherty, regarding Mr. Yost's request to defer the issue to a later date, as attached to these Minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING: Supplement to Code of Ordinances:

At this time, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Arey seconded, with unanimous approval. The Clerk had previously provided information regarding the most recent supplement to the County Code of Ordinances, (changes in Personnel and Environmental Services) as attached to

these Minutes. Chairman Cohen then asked for comments for/against the proposed changes to the Code. There being no one to speak for/against, Commissioner Arey made a motion to close the hearing. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval. Commissioner DeMarcus then made a motion to approve the supplement as submitted. Commissioner Arey seconded, with unanimous approval.

DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL BOARD MEETING:

The County Manager briefly discussed issues from the recent Personnel Board meeting:

- (1) Reinstatement of the Career Development Program: Vice-Chairman Webb made a motion to reinstate the Career Development Plan, effective 7/1/93, upon reinstatement of the Merit Pay. Commissioner Arey seconded, with unanimous approval.
- (2) DSS Classification of Social Worker Positions: Commissioner Arey made a motion to approve the proposed upgrades. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.
- (3) Vacancy on Personnel Commission: The recent resignation of Ms. Leigh Jones, has created a vacancy on the Board. Vice-Chairman Webb made a motion to appoint Ms. Norma Barnes, to fill the unexpired term. Commissioner Arey seconded, with unanimous approval.
- (4) Current "Sick Leave Policy", and recent "Family Medical Leave Policy". The Board reviewed, and accepted as information.
- (5) Cooperative Extension Employees: (not discussed)
- (6) Proposed exchange of Veterans' Day Holiday for Memorial Day Holiday: In a survey of 408 employees, 354 chose Memorial Day, vs. 54 in favor of Veterans' Day. Commissioner DeMarcus then made a motion to exchange Veterans' Day for Memorial Day. Vice-Chairman Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

DISCUSSION OF ADA REGULATIONS:

The County Manager distributed information, as attached to these Minutes, regarding ADA Regulations. Mr. Russell specifically discussed issues relating to State and Local Governments. According to the information, the ADA Regulations cannot force the installation of an elevator in the Community Building, but can force the relocation of meetings for proper accessibility.

Commissioner Welch then made a motion to move the June 7th meeting to the Agriculture Building, and meet on the 1st floor of other County-owned buildings thereafter, to avoid a lawsuit. Vice-Chairman Webb seconded.

After continued discussion, Vice-Chairman Webb made a substitute motion to hold the June 7th meeting at the Agriculture Building, at which time Legal Counsel will give recommendations, and then hold the June 14-18 Budget Sessions in the 1st floor Conference Room of the Community Building. Chairman Cohen seconded, with unanimous approval.

BOSTIAN HEIGHTS FIRE COMMISSIONERS: Wayne Ashworth:

The Board previously reviewed information regarding the selection of Bostian Heights Fire Commissioners, as attached to these Minutes.

According to EMS Director, Wayne Ashworth, Mr. Vernon Clodfelter and Mr. Greer Daugherty would like to continue to serve; however, Mr. Bill Shive declined. Vice-Chairman Webb nominated Mr. Jim Neely, also, to serve. Commissioner Arey nominated Mr. Clodfelter and Mr. Daugherty to serve. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to close the nominations, and appoint Mr. Daugherty, Mr. Clodfelter, and Mr. Neely. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

Mr. Ashworth will research the possibility of implementing terms of service to Fire Commissioners, and will report back to the Board.

SENATE BILL 588: Wayne Ashworth:

Mr. Ashworth previously distributed information, as attached to these Minutes. Mr. Ashworth explained the Bill, which deals with charging Domiciliary and Nursing Home Facilities for non-emergency medical services calls. Vice-Chairman made a motion to support Senate Bill 588. Commissioner Arey seconded, with unanimous approval.

REQUEST FROM CLEVELAND VFD FIRST RESPONDERS, FOR AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT: Wayne Ashworth:

Information was previously distributed, as attached to these Minutes. Vice-Chairman Webb made a motion to donate the cot to the Cleveland VFD. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

Mr. Ashworth announced that the Paramedic Program is now in place.

OTHER BUSINESS:

* Chairman Cohen discussed Senate Bill 1076, which deals with increased the entry level for AFDC and Medicare/Medicaid. Suggested contacting Legislators to express disapproval.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- * Mr. Sandy Johnson: expressed his concerns regarding school funding
- * Spencer Mayor, Buddy Gettys: thanked the Board for holding their meeting at the Spencer Town Hall, and expressed concern for school funding.
- * Brad Ligon: expressed concerns for non-compliance of ADA regulations in the Community Building.
- * Anonymous citizen: questioned when the issue of the Animal Shelter would be completed?
- * Anonymous citizen: concerned with lack of handicapped parking spaces behind Community Building and Courthouse.
- * Anonymous citizen: spoke to various items to be considered in budget

There being no further business, the motion was made and seconded, with unanimous approval, to adjourn the meeting to June 7th, at 9:00 a.m., in the Seth Murdoch Auditorium of the Agriculture Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Daugherty, CMC
Clerk to the Board