

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD  
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADJOURNED SESSION - AUGUST 16, 1993  
SETH MURDOCH AUDITORIUM, AGRICULTURE BUILDING

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in adjourned session, on Monday, August 16, 1993, at 7:00 p.m., in Seth Murdoch Auditorium of the Agriculture Building.

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

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

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

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK TO BOARD:

County Manager Tim Russell submitted a request to appoint Kelly King as Clerk to the Board. Commissioner DeMarcus moved to accept the appointment. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL MEETING LOCATIONS:

The County Manager reminded the Board of the General Statues pertaining to the official meeting place for the Board of Commissioners. Due to ADA regulations regular monthly meetings will no longer be held in the Red Room of the Community Building.

Commissioner Webb moved to establish a resolution naming the Seth Murdoch Auditorium as the Boards official meeting place for the remainder of the year. Commissioner Arey seconded, with unanimous approval.

INTRODUCTION OF BOND ORDER:

Tim Russell read a bond order, as attached to these minutes, authorizing the issuance of \$44,000,000 School Bonds for Rowan County. Commissioner Arey moved to introduce the Bond Order and to hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on September 7, 1993. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

Mr. Russell introduced two plans for financing the Bonds. Plan A represents selling the Bonds in three equal stages. The sale would be \$15.0 million, 15.0 million, and 14.0 million respectively with each being staggered approximately 18 months apart. Plan B also represents selling the Bond in three stages, with approximately \$18.4 million being sold in March 1994, \$14.5 million in March 1995, and \$11.1 million in 1996. Commissioner Webb questioned Dr. Martin about the benefits of Plan B, which was submitted from the School System. Dr. Martin responded that the plan would allow for the maximum use of mobile units to house students, as well as well increase the lead time of the projects so interference with school openings would be decreased.

Commissioner Arey moved to approve financing Plan B for the School Bonds. Chairman Cohen seconded, with unanimous approval.

PRESENTATION OF FILM CONCERNING HIGH ROCK LAKE MARINE COMMISSION:

Mr. Larry Correll, chairman for the subcommittee to study High Rock Lake, presented a broadcast from local newstation WXII that stated the dangers present on High Rock Lake. He then presented the Board with a flow chart for the formation of a joint High Rock Lake Marine Commission with Davidson County. Commissioners agreed to determine a date for a meeting with the Davidson County Commissioners, and to proceed from that point.

UPDATE OF CONCERN OF GO-KART RACING AT FAIRGROUNDS:

Tim Russell informed the Board that there would no longer be any go-kart racing at the Fairgrounds, with the exception of racing during the week of the fair. The Fair Association and the Jaycees proposed to Mr. Bradford, racing operator, to limit the races to five, or every other weekend. Mr. Bradford then decided to terminate his lease due to declining attendance.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Bill Burgin, architect for the Old Post Office Project, was not present for his presentation, for this reason Chairman Cohen asked to continue with other business and return to the Old Post Office Renovations when Mr. Burgin arrived.

\*Commissioner DeMarcus introduced a resolution to proclaim September 12-18, 1993 as "Iron Overload Awareness Week" in North Carolina, and moved that the Board modify the resolution to proclaim these dates as "Iron Overload Awareness Week" in Rowan County as well. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

\*Environmental Services Director Don Conner addressed the Board concerning the StonGlen subdivision erosion control problem. He stated that the owner is now in compliance and recommended that no further action be taken.

\*Courthouse/Jail expansion architect Doug Tennent returned to the Board with more information about the available space that had been proposed to be used for storage. There had been concern that the area would have to have a sprinkler system therefore raising the price. Mr. Tennent contacted the Department of Insurance in Raleigh and determined that the space would not have to be sprinkled. He then estimated a price of \$65,000 for the project. Chairman Cohen and Commissioner DeMarcus both expressed concerns that the cost for the project may be too high.

Commissioner Arey moved to authorize Tim Russell and Doug Tennent to secure a firm bid not to exceed \$65,000 for the project to utilize the available space. Commissioner Webb seconded, and the vote passed 3/2, with Commissioners Arey, Webb, and DeMarcus voting in favor of the motion, and Chairman Cohen and Commissioner Welch voting against.

#### REVIEW OF ARCHITECTURAL PLANS FOR OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING RENOVATIONS:

Architect Bill Burgin and Jeff Sowers submitted revised drawings to the Board which showed plans to remove the back staircase to provide additional office space. The new plans also suggested the installation of a handicap ramp on the right side of the front entrance. Commissioner DeMarcus questioned accessibility from the main street and the dangers it might pose. Chairman Cohen then noted that if the ramp was positioned at the front right then a handicap parking space could be created in the drive that runs beside the building.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion for the Architects to progress with work on the basement, second and third floors, with revisions to the first floor and the handicap ramp to be resubmitted. Commissioner Arey seconded, with unanimous approval.

There being no further business Chairman Cohen opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Albert Quayat addressed the Board with concerns for the method of pricing the Architects have used for the Post Office Renovation and the School projects.

Mr. Nelson White spoke of his concerns with the creation of the High Rock Lake Commission. He stated he had spoken with a producer with WXII and said that the implication of High Rock Lake as one of the most dangerous had been overstated. Commissioner DeMarcus requested the County Manger to contact WXII and see if the facts had been exaggerated.

Citizens also speaking against the creation of the High Rock Lake Commission included Mr. Ed Hayden, Ms. Terry Burnham, Mr. Joe Lira, Mr. C.A. Curlee and Ms. Jimmie Winecuff.

There being no further public comment Commissioner Arey moved to enter executive session for the discussion of acquisition of property and personnel matters. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

Upon conclusion Commissioner DeMarcus moved to adjourn. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

Respectfully Submitted

Kelly King  
Clerk to the Board