

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD  
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,  
REGULAR SESSION - FEBRUARY 7, 1994,  
CONFERENCE ROOM, COMMUNITY BUILDING

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

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

Chairman Cohen called the meeting to order with Commissioner Welch giving the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There being no corrections to the minutes Commissioner DeMarcus moved for approval as submitted. Commissioner Welch seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

\* Chairman Cohen requested time to discuss the Senior Games, endorsement for the Schools present administration, and concerns on the open meeting law.

ROAD PETITIONS:

Commissioner Webb stated that Miracle Drive had been submitted for consideration of addition to the secondary road maintenance system. He then moved for approval. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

MARCH MEETING SCHEDULE:

A letter from the Clerk was submitted to the Board requesting the first meeting in March be changed from the 7th until a later date, due to the Commissioner trip to Washington, D.C. Commissioner DeMarcus moved to reschedule the meeting until March 14, 1994. The Board agreed by consensus.

Commissioner DeMarcus stated should could not attend the budget retreat scheduled for March 24-25, due to a prior commitment. Commissioners agreed to wait until after the break to determine the availability of rooms at Mid Pines for different dates.

CENTRALINA REPORT TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Lottie Massey, Centralina Ombudsman, presented the Board with the annual reports for the Nursing and Domiciliary Community Advisory Committees. Commissioner DeMarcus thanked Ms. Massey and all the citizens that volunteer their time to these committees. Commissioner Arey also expressed his thanks.

PUBLIC HEARING - ROAD NAME CHANGES:

Ed Muire presented the Board with 5 unanimous road name change petitions. Commissioner Webb moved to approve the changes. Commissioner Arey seconded. Commissioner Welch then questioned the use of Binder Road for three streets, asking if it would not be confusing for 911. Chairman Cohen added he would like to use different names to identify the roads. These roads were delayed until Mr. Muire could contact the residents to determine a change in names. Commissioner Webb moved to approve the other two road name changes. Commissioner Arey seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Muire then requested a public hearing for the proposed name changes of Moon Circle and Watkins Farm Road. Commissioners agreed to hold the public hearing on March 14, 1994, at 9:30 A.M.

Commissioner Welch then moved to open the public hearing for

- \*Briarwood Lake Drive
- \*Deer Haven Drive
- \*Docks Drive
- \*Lazy Lane

\*Shinn Farm Road

Commissioner Arey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. There being no public comment Commissioner Arey moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Webb seconded, with a unanimous vote. Commissioner Arey then moved to approve the name changes. Commissioner Welch seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

Wayne Simpson presented the Board with the preliminary January Tax Collector's report, as attached to these minutes. He discussed with the Board a problem with DMV in Raleigh, who did not enter the vehicle blocks correctly, allowing many people who should not receive their tags, to receive them. Raleigh is now trying to correct the problem.

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT ON THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE:

David Smith and Wayne Ashworth presented the annual Local Emergency Planning Committee report to the Board, and requested approval of the LEPC Committee roster as submitted. Commissioner Arey moved to approve the Committee list. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

PROPOSAL FOR COMPOSTING STUDY PROJECT WITH N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY:

Manager Tim Russell discussed with the Board a proposal from NC State University for a composting study. He stated he felt this proposal met all the needs for Rowan County. Commissioner DeMarcus asked how soon the study could begin. Mr. Russell stated that the University is ready now to begin. Money generated in the Enterprise Fund will pay for the study. Commissioner DeMarcus moved to approve the proposal. Commissioner Webb seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

REQUEST FROM GLEN-RAY HEIGHTS:

Citizens from the Glen-Ray Heights and Greenleigh Communities asked the Board for relief in the form of partial zoning for their area. They would like to restrict mobile home development. Commissioner Arey asked Mr. Holshouser if the County can partially

zone. Mr. Holshouser stated the County does have jurisdiction. Don Conner then added that the area is outside the City of Salisbury's two mile jurisdiction, and in order to be zoned it would have to meet the requirements of 640 acres with at least ten different land owners. The Board requested members of the communities work with Danny Johnson, members from the Planning Board, and John Holshouser, to identify the area and bring a proposal back to the Board.

CITIZEN CONCERNS REGARDING THE LANDFILL: PATRICIA KNOX

Mrs. Patricia Knox addressed the Board with her concerns about recycling and the landfill. She stressed the importance of public information on recycling.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Rowan County Nursing Home Advisory Committee- Commissioner Webb moved to reappoint Ms. Barbara G. White, Mrs. Dixie Scott, and Ms. Lisa Cauthen. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Rowan Watershed Commission- Chairman Cohen stated he would like to delay action on this board until the Commissioners could determine length of board terms. Commissioner Webb asked that the duties of the board be reviewed to see if the board is still necessary.

Salisbury-Rowan Human Relations Board- Mrs. Norma Goldman resigned her position leaving this vacancy. Commissioner DeMarcus stated another person of the Jewish faith should be nominated and Samuel Post's name had been submitted to her. She stated she would contact Mr. Post to determine his interest.

Tri-County Mental Health Board- Mr. Sam Carter resigned in October leaving a vacancy. Commissioner Arey stated he would like to nominate Mr. Bill Burgin, but did not have a completed application for him. He then requested the Clerk send Mr. Burgin a copy of the application for him to fill out and return.

Commissioner Webb then moved to reappoint the upcoming board appointments for the Domiciliary Home and Nursing Advisory Committees. Chairman Cohen seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

\* Chairman Cohen recognized Mr. Vic Bost and Mr. Steve Blount who presented the Board with letters of support for the present school administration. Each Commissioner signed the letter in support of Dr. Don Martin.

\* Chairman Cohen stated he had been approached about sponsoring the Senior Games, because other agencies had declined. Commissioner Webb stated he had understood they were looking for a coordinator and would use their own funds. Commissioners decided to have the people contact Clyde Fahnestock and let Mr. Fahnestock report back to the Board.

\* Chairman Cohen stated his concerns about the recent alligations from the Salisbury Post that Commissioner had broken the open meetings law. Mr. Holshouser stated that under the circumstances it was his opinion that the law had not been broken. Chairman Cohen asked the Manager and the Clerk to notify those who invite Commissioners to attend meetings that it will be their responsibility to contact the press.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Refunds - Refunds were submitted from the Health Department and various ambulance refunds from the Tax Collector. Commissioner Welch moved to approve the refunds. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

Interest - Mr. Russell read the interest report as prepared by the Finance Director.

Mr. Russell asked the Board to set the date for the public hearing on Financing the Old Post Office Project. Commissioner DeMarcus moved to hold the hearing on February 21, 1994 at 8:00 P.M. Commissioner Arey seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

\* Commissioners again discussed their budget retreat. Commissioner Welch moved to hold the retreat at the Library instead of going out of town. The dates would be March 25-26, 1994. Chairman Cohen seconded, and the vote was 3/2 with Commissioners DeMarcus and Arey voting against the motion.

There being no further business Commissioner Arey moved to enter Executive Session. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

Upon conclusion of Executive Session no action was taken and Commissioner Arey moved to adjourn the meeting until after lunch.

Commissioner Webb seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Cohen called the meeting to order. Mr. Russell introduced Gar Keaton from IBM who presented the Board with a E911/GIS Requirements Study and Design Alternatives. He went over each departments needs and what could be accomplished with the GIS system. Commissioners will take the information for action at a later time.

There being no further action Commissioner Webb moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Arey seconded, with unanimous approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Dickinson, Clerk to the Board  
of County Commissioners