

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
ADJOURNED SESSION - FEBRUARY 21, 1994,
SETH MURDOCH AUDITORIUM, AGRICULTURE BUILDING.

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

* Chairman Cohen stated he would like the Board to allow the Tri County interim director to address the Board.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Watershed Commission - Mr. Russell shared with the Board a letter from Carl Sloop who worked with the Watershed Commission. It stated the issues affecting the Commission had declined. Commissioner DeMarcus moved to make the Watershed Commission inactive. Commissioner Arey seconded, with unanimous approval.

Salisbury-Rowan Human Relations - Commissioner DeMarcus nominated Mr. Samuel Post. There being no further nominations, Mr. Post was appointed by a unanimous vote.

Tri-County Mental Health - Commissioner Arey nominated Mr. Bill Burgin to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Sam Carter. There being no further nominations Mr. Burgin was unanimously appointed to the Board.

APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISION PLAT:

Planner Danny Johnson submitted a request to the Board for

the subdivision of a plat in the Dutch Buffalo Creek Watershed area. Commissioner Arey moved for approval. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR WATERSHED OVERLAY:

Commissioner Arey moved to open the public hearing for comments on the proposed SNIA overlay for Motorsports Properties, Inc. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval. There being no public comment, Commissioner DeMarcus moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval. Commissioner DeMarcus then moved for approval of the SNIA Overlay area. Commissioner Arey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: BUDGET GOALS FY95:

Commissioner Welch moved to open the public hearing for comments on the budget goals for fiscal year 1995. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval. Citizens addressing the Board were:

- * Mr. Paul Dietz - Mr. Dietz asked the Board for a coordinator for the Senior Games. He explained the levels of competition and benefits the games provided. The city park and Rufty Holmes Center had declined to coordinate the events any longer.
- * Mr. Walter Adams - Mr. Adams also supported the Senior Games and its activities.

Commissioner DeMarcus then suggested the Board, by consensus, take the matter under advisement and to consider this request during the next two days of budget goals. She also suggested the question be addressed to the Parks and Senior Services as to why they no longer coordinate the games.

- * Ms. Heidi Singer - Ms. Singer representing the Downtown Salisbury, Inc. requested \$5000 in funding for FY95.
- * Mr. Harrison Smith - Mr. Smith, president of the Landis Fire Association, asked the Board to consider funding in the upcoming years for the Fire Association for emergency

equipment.

- * Mr. Ed Hayden - Mr. Hayden requested financing of the Sport Stadium Complex be dropped from budget consideration.
- * Mr. Hap Alexander - Mr. Alexander asked the Board to consider budgeting money to go into partnership with the City of Salisbury in order to meet the parking needs around the Justice Center.
- * Ms. Barbara Earnhardt - Ms. Earnhardt requested the Board to say "no" to state mandates for Social Services. She also asked that they reconsider the budgets for cleaning services, advertising for the Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Library. She also requested a paid animal cruelty investigator.

There being no further comment Commissioner Arey moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

UPDATE ON NEW DESIGNATED WATERSHED AREA:

Planner Danny Johnson presented the Board with information on a proposed reclassification of a Watershed Area. The area is a portion of the S. Yadkin River in Davie, Iredell and Rowan Counties. Commissioners accepted the information and no action was needed at this time.

MEET THE CHALLENGE-ANIMAL SHELTER GROUP:

Citizens representing the Meet the Challenge group voiced their concerns to Commissioners on what they felt was a lack of action toward building a new animal shelter. Mr. Nathan Kirtley presented Chairman Cohen with a check for \$705.00 which was raised through a fund project with eagle scouts. Commissioner DeMarcus responded to the Group stating she felt the Commissioners should be ready to act on the animal shelter after the show of support from citizens who donated approximately \$64,000. Several citizens volunteered time and services to aid in the new shelter.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA:

Tri-County Interim Director Laurence Bivens addressed the Board with a proposal for a consolidated Tri-County building. Rowan County would borrow the money and Tri-County would retire the debt. Under state statutes Tri-County is ineligible to borrow money itself. Mr. Bivens also asked the Board to support their efforts to obtain a substantially equivalent personnel system.

UPDATE REQUEST FOR ZONING FORM GLEN RAY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY:

Planner Danny Johnson discussed with the Board the outcome of a meeting between residents of the Glen Ray Heights and Greenleigh communities with himself and representatives from the Planning Board. He displayed a map with a proposed area to be affected in the zoning. Mr. Johnson explained that community members will be doing the "leg work" to solicit support for the proposal for the area. The Planning Board will now work to prepare a proposal ordinance to bring back to the Board.

PURCHASE OF ELECTIONS EQUIPMENT:

Mrs. Nancy Evans presented the Board with a contract for the purchase of election equipment. The request was increased from the initial \$5000 to \$6231. The contract stipulates that if the software program cannot program the existing equipment then the equipment will be returned and Rowan County will be refunded it's money. Commissioner DeMarcus moved for approval of the contract. Commissioner Arey seconded, with unanimous approval.

REQUEST FROM CAROLINAS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM:

Carolinas Leadership Program submitted a letter to the Board requesting a \$500 dollar contribution from Rowan County. Commissioner DeMarcus moved to make a \$500 contribution to the program. Commissioner Welch seconded and the motion passed by a vote of 4/1, with Chairman Cohen voting against.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

* Mr. Russell reported to the Board an agreement from residents on Binder Road to drop one of the road names that used Binder. Commissioner Welch moved to accept the two names of Binders Trail and Binders Mountain Road. Commissioner Arey seconded, with unanimous approval.

* Mr. Russell presented the Board with a contract for renewal for purchasing fuel from Mattox Distributing Company. The contract called for a price of cost to the seller plus four cent. The length of the contract will be until December, 31, 1996. Commissioner Webb moved to approve the contract. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Welch also asked Mr. Russell about the testing that had been conducted with the different grades of gasoline. He asked that if the vehicles did not have to use the high grade gasoline he would like them to return to regular gas.

* Commissioners were asked to set a public hearing for the special fire service district in South Rowan. The Board set the meeting for April 18, 1994 at 7:15 p.m. in the China Grove Community Building.

There being no further business Commissioner Arey moved to enter executive session. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

Upon conclusion of executive session, Commissioners returned to regular session to take the following actions:

Commissioner Webb moved to accept the Personnel Board's recommendations as outlined, except, the positions requested by the Sheriff's Department for the transition team, which will be approved effective April 15, 1994. Commissioner Arey seconded, with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Webb then moved to accept the offer of \$5,500 by the Granite Quarry Community Development Club to purchase 2.76 acres of vacant property on Dunn's Mountain Road, subject to receipt of a 5% deposit. Commissioner Welch seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous vote. The Board authorized the County Attorney to advertise for upset bid and to notify the Board upon completion.

There being no further action, Commissioner Webb moved for adjournment until Tuesday, February 22, 1994. Commissioner Arey seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Dickinson, Clerk to the Board