

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
REGULAR SESSION - MARCH 14, 1994,
CONFERENCE ROOM, COMMUNITY BUILDING

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The following minutes were submitted for approval:

- * February 7, 1994 - Regular
- * February 21, 1994 - Adjourned
- * February 22, 1994 - Budget
- * February 23, 1994 - Budget

There being no corrections Commissioner Arey moved for approval. Commissioner Welch seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from the North Carolina Department of Transportation stating a public hearing would be held March 8, 15, and 22 for changes to allow 16 ft. wide mobile homes to be transported on specified highways. Mr. Russell stated the highways to be affected in Rowan County would be 152 and 85.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

* Commissioner DeMarcus stated she would like to discuss the Salisbury Rowan Merchants Directory for the Senior Tarheel program. She stated she would also like to discuss the litter problem on Woodleaf Road.

HCCBG PLANNING PROCESS:

Senior Services Director Clyde Fahnestock presented the board with a planning process necessary for the Home Community Care Block Grant. Commissioner Webb moved to reappoint Senior Services as the lead agency for HCCBG. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Webb then moved to approve the advisory committee member list as submitted. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval. The Board will hold a public meeting in June at which time the HCCBG Committee will present a funding plan.

RESOLUTION FOR USER ACCESS FEE AGREEMENT:

Communications Manager Frank Thomason presented the Board with a resolution to allow a DCI terminal to be placed in the Communications Center. Commissioner Webb moved for approval of the Resolution from the North Carolina Department of Justice. Commissioner Arey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ROAD NAME CHANGES:

Commissioner Arey moved to open the public hearing for proposed road name changes. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval. There being no public comment, Commissioner Arey moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Welch seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Welch then moved to approve the road name changes of Moon Circle and Watkins Farm Road. Commissioner Webb seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Planner Ed Muire discussed with the Board a road name duplication for Goodman Road. Commissioners did not need to take action since residents had since decided to rename one of the roads. The remaining Goodman Road will be added to the public

hearing for road name changes on April 4, 1994 at 9:30 A.M. Mr. Muire also presented the Board with unanimous petitions for the following road name changes:

- * Blacksmith Lane
- * McDaniel Lane
- * Milburn Drive
- * Scarlet Road
- * Shane Candy Lane

Commissioner Webb moved to approve the road name changes. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval. Commissioner Webb then moved to add Forsaken Drive and Eden Park Drive to the public hearing on April 4, 1994. Commissioner Arey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORT ON PARTIAL ZONING IN GLEN RAY HEIGHTS:

Planning Board member Dave Roberts discussed with the Board the process in implementing a partial zoning area in the County. He asked the Board to give direction on the project so the Planning Board could continue or stop work. Planner Danny Johnson showed Commissioners options available to implement the partial zoning. Chairman Cohen stated he was not sure the staff should spend their time on a project that may have strong opposition. Commissioner Arey stated he would like the Planning Board to continue gathering information on this project. He stated he felt the information would be useful to Rowan County in later years. Commissioner DeMarcus added she would also like to see the project continue.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

Tax Collector Wayne Simpson gave the preliminary February tax report as attached to these minutes.

DISCUSSION OF 800 TRUNKING SYSTEM:

Sheriff Bob Martin addressed the Board with a request to decide where the full access DCI terminal is to be located in the new jail complex. He stated there were both pros and cons to placing the terminal in either the Sheriff's Office or the Communication Center. He added that a new clerk position would be

needed if the terminal were placed in his office. Commissioner Arey moved to place the full access terminal downstairs in the Sheriff's Office and to place a limited access terminal in the Communication Center. The Board will review staffing needs at a later date, after Personnel Board review. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST FROM AIDS TASK FORCE:

Mr. Greg Alcorn and Ms. Jill Barger, representing the Rowan County Aids Task Force, presented the Board with a request for funding for the 1994-95 year. They explained to the Board the mission of the task force and it's goals. They requested the Board to consider \$30,000 in funding. Commissioner Arey asked that this be referred to the budget planning retreat for consideration.

OTHER BUSINESS:

* Commissioner DeMarcus requested the Board to provide \$500 in funding for the Salisbury Rowan Merchants guide for the Senior Tarheel program. She then moved for the Board to provide the funding to be used in the publication of the directory. Commissioner Welch seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

* Commissioner DeMarcus asked if haulers using the landfill could be required to close their vehicles in an effort to reduce the amount of waste blown onto Woodleaf road. Chairman Cohen said he would like to see cooperation with the Sheriff's Department to patrol the roads and issue litter violations. Commissioner Welch suggested a meeting with the haulers to discuss the trash and speed problem. Commissioner DeMarcus also stated the Board might ask the State police to ticket the offenders on Woodleaf Road. Commissioner DeMarcus then moved to set a meeting with the haulers and the Sheriff to discuss the litter problem on Woodleaf Road. She also added the Board should use signs for warnings. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

* Chairman Cohen relayed a request from the Public Library to hold a book sale in April. Commissioner Webb moved to allow the Library to hold the sale. Commissioner Arey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

* Mr. Russell asked the Board about tentative dates for a meeting of the Board of Equalization and Review. The meetings will be April 7 and April 14, 1994.

* Commissioner DeMarcus stated she would be unable to attend the public meeting on April 18, 1994 due to prior commitments. Commissioner Arey will also be out of town. The Board decided to hold the meeting as advertised since a quorum could still be present.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Refunds - Various refunds were submitted to the Board for approval. Commissioner Arey moved to approve the refunds. Commissioner Welch seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Russell noted the interest reported as prepared by the Finance Director.

There being no further business, Commissioner Webb moved to enter Executive Session in order to discuss architects for the animal shelter project and economic development.

Upon conclusion of Executive Session no action was taken. Commissioner Arey moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Dickinson, Clerk to the Board