

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED SESSION - MARCH 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, County Attorney, Finance Director, and Clerk to the Board were also present.

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- * Tim Russell asked the Board for time to discuss the Animal Shelter and the plans the Board requested he obtain from Chatham County.

BUDGET REVIEW:

Rowan-Salisbury Schools

Dr. Don Martin and School Board Chairman Jonathon Shores addressed the Board with a proposed budget for FY 95, as attached to these minutes. Dr. Martin discussed New Incentives they would like to see funded in the new year and the impact the programs could have.

Rowan County Economic Development Commission

Chairman Bill Wagoner shared with the Board the goals and objectives for the Economic Development Commission, as attached to these minutes. The Commission narrowed their goals in order to be more effective in promoting economic growth in Rowan County. Chairman Wagoner again invited the Board to attend the Economic Summit to be held Thursday, March 24.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

* Mr. Russell presented the Board with a copy of the animal shelter plans recently used by Chatham County. Members from the Meet the Challenge group also reviewed the plans. Mr. Russell explained that in order to realize a savings in using Chatham County's plans would be if the plans were not changed. The plans now do not include a spay/neuter clinic, which is what many citizens had requested from the Board. Gina Dawson, president of Meet the Challenge, stated the group realized the idea of a spay/neuter clinic many not be feasible, but instead to work in cooperation with local veterinarians to provide the procedures at a reduced rate at the veterinarians offices. She added the group felt education would be the most important aspect of the animal shelter at this time. Chairman Cohen stated he liked the plans and would like to proceed using them. Commissioner DeMarcus added she would like to plan a trip to Chatham County to tour the facility. Chairman Cohen asked Mr. Russell to proceed with these plans as they are to determine the cost. He also asked that Mr. Russell check with local engineers to see if they might be able to monitor the construction eliminating the need for an architect.

RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID FOR MASS UNIT:

Mr. Russell asked the Board to delay this item to allow further study of the bids. There are questions if the lowest bid actually meets the specifications. Chairman Cohen asked Mr. Russell to take action on the bid as quickly as possible.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- * Mr. Russell relayed an invitation to the Board to attend a luncheon with Congressmen Hefner and Watts at the Salisbury Country Club on March 31.
- * Mr. Russell provided the Board with a revised schedule for the justice center. He noted the construction is now approximately two months behind schedule.
- * Mr. Russell reminded the Board of the budget planning retreat on March 25 and 26 in the Hurley Room at the Public Library. He asked the Board to bring their budget books that were distributed at earlier budget

meetings.

- * Mr. Russell reminded the Board that the Cleveland Town Board had invited the Commissioners to attend an executive session at the Cleveland Town Hall on March 22. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss water lines.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Dan Williford addressed the Board with concerns about funding for the Schools and the Economic Development Commission. He asked the Board to be cautious before funding their ideas.

There being no further public comment Commissioner Arey moved to enter Executive Session. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

Upon conclusion of Executive Session Commissioner Webb moved to go back into regular session. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Webb moved to approved the Personnel reclassifications for Telecommunicators. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Webb moved to approve a resolution to allow employees to convert unused vacation leave to sick leave credits. Commissioner Arey seconded, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Webb moved to authorized the Manager to proceed to negotiate for property near the Airport for ILS. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

There being no further action Commissioner Welch moved to adjourn the meeting until Friday, March 25 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Dickinson, Clerk to the Board