

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,  
MAY 2, 1994 - 9:00 A.M.,  
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

The County Manager, County Attorney, Finance Director, and Clerk to the Board were also present.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The following minutes were submitted for approval.

- \* April 4, 1994 - Regular
- \* April 18, 1994 - Public Hearing
- \* April 20, 1994 - Adjourned

There being no corrections Commissioner DeMarcus moved for approval. Commissioner Arey seconded and the vote was unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Russell discussed a letter sent to Commissioner Welch. It was a proposal from Rowan Garbage Systems to operate the convenience centers, however, they would not handle recycling. Commissioners agreed this was not a viable proposal at this time.

ROAD PETITIONS:

Commissioner Webb introduced a request to add Heglar Street to the secondary road maintenance system. He then moved to approve this request. Commissioner Arey seconded and the vote was unanimous.

ROAD NAME CHANGES:

Ed Muire presented the Board with a unanimous petition for a road name change of Lowrance Road. Commissioner Webb moved to approve the change. Commissioner Arey seconded and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Muire then presented the Board with three majority requests for road name changes. The proposed names were: George Henry Lane, Haven Trail, Jan-Mar Drive. Commissioner Arey moved to hold a public hearing on May 16, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. for these changes. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ROAD NAME CHANGES:

Commissioner Webb moved to open the public hearing for proposed road name changes. Commissioner Arey seconded with unanimous approval. There being no public comment Commissioner Welch moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Arey seconded with a unanimous vote. Commissioner DeMarcus then moved to accept the proposed names of Bluebird Lane, Reece Ridge Road, and Callaway Drive. Commissioner Webb seconded and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CODIFIED CODE SUPPLEMENTS:

The clerk presented the Board with copies of supplements to the codified Code of Ordinances for Rowan County. Commissioner Arey moved to hold a public hearing on May 16, 1994 at 7:40 for comments on the supplements. Commissioner Welch seconded with unanimous approval.

RESOLUTION REGARDING MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT:

Mr. Russell discussed with the Board a resolution urging the North Carolina General Assembly to provide for local government control of the flow of municipal solid waste. Commissioner Arey moved for approval of the resolution stating North Carolina should deal with solid waste and Rowan County should take leadership. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

DISCUSSION OF DONNELLY HOME:

Mr. Edwin Koontz presented the Board with a proposal for five additional staff for the Donnelly Home. A contract with the Nazareth Children's Home to take some of the children from the Donnelly Home was no longer a viable option. Commissioner Arey moved to approve the request. Commissioner Welch asked if the contract with the Nazareth Children's Home was only delayed until August 1, why would the five additional staff be needed. Mr. Koontz stated that Nazareth can not provide the services, but he could not discuss the contract in open session. Commissioner DeMarcus then moved to enter executive session to discuss the contract with the Nazareth Children's Home. Commissioner Welch seconded with a unanimous vote. Upon conclusion of executive session Commissioner Welch made a substitute motion to hire three people instead of five. Chairman Cohen then called for the vote on the substitute motion. The motion was defeated by a vote of 2/3, with Chairman Cohen and Commissioner Welch voting for and Commissioners Arey, DeMarcus and Webb voting against. Chairman Cohen then called for the vote on Commissioner Arey's motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3/2, with Commissioners Arey, DeMarcus, and Webb voting in favor and Chairman Cohen and Commissioner Welch voting against.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

Wayne Simpson distributed the preliminary report for the month of April, as attached to these minutes. He deferred any comments in the essence of time.

LANGUAGE FOR ALL PEOPLES INITIATIVE:

Resolutions were submitted to the Board to urge the General Assembly to declare English as the official state language, and to urge the federal government to do the same. Commissioner Webb moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE YADKIN/PEE DEE LAKE PROJECT:

A resolution was submitted to the Board in support of the Yakin/Pee Dee Lake project and to urge the General Assembly to

provide state appropriations. Chairman Cohen moved for approval of the resolution with the addition that county funding would be contingent upon state contributions. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS:

Jim Foltz presented various donations made to Parks and Recreation programs from the community. Alice Adams described the Earth Day celebration which had been held at Dan Nicholas Park on April 16. Commissioner Webb commended the staff for their work on the Earth Day celebration. Mr. Foltz asked the Board if they would like a container to collect aluminum cans for the Community Building. The Board agreed by consensus.

GRANT AGREEMENT FOR AIRPORT:

Mr. Russell presented the Board with a modified grant agreement for the airport. The original agreement was a 50/50 match with the state only being able to provide \$71,900. \$93,000 was actually needed and the state can now provide an additional \$21,000. Commissioner DeMarcus moved to accept the agreement. Commissioner Webb seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT:

A public hearing for the South Rowan Fire Service district was held April 18, 1994. Commissioner Welch moved to approve the fire service district. Commissioner Webb seconded and the vote was unanimous. Commissioner DeMarcus added that Mr. Russell, Wayne Ashworth and Randall Faggart should be the designated people to work out the plans and to help determine a list of candidates for fire commissioners to be approved by the Board.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Industrial Facilities & Pollution Control Finance Authority - Commissioner Welch moved to reappoint Dwight Fraley, Sturges Bryan, and John Fisher to the board. Commissioner Arey seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Rowan County Special Populations Board - Commissioner DeMarcus moved to reappoint James Wagoner, Ruby Parrish, Jim

Murtaugh and Wayne Hayworth. Commissioner Arey seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Senior Services Advisory Council - Commissioner DeMarcus moved to reappoint Marshall Moore and Edna Shelton to the board. Commissioner Arey seconded and the vote was unanimous.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Refunds - Various refunds were submitted for approval. Commissioner DeMarcus moved for approval of the refunds. Commissioner Webb seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Interest - Mr. Russell read the interest report as of the end of April 1994. Mr. Frick added that he had several maturities due at the end of May and June and the interest would exceed it's budget.

Report on Third Creek Watershed Project - Mr. Russell discussed with the Board a letter concerning the third creek watershed project. It stated the project would have several major repairs in the future which would require additional funding. The Board took this as information.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Russell presented a resolution accepting the sale of the bonds and accepting the best proposal from Wachovia Bank. Commissioner Arey moved for approval. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

There being no further action Commissioner DeMarcus moved to enter executive session to discuss engineering proposals and the acquisition of property. Commissioner Arey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Upon conclusion of executive session Commissioner Webb moved to accept the proposal from Jim Morton as the engineer for the animal shelter project. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

There being no further business Commissioner Webb moved to adjourn the meeting until May 16, 1994. Commissioner Arey

seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Dickinson, Clerk to the Board