

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,  
MAY 16, 1994 - 7:00 P.M.,  
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, Clerk to the Board, County Attorney, and Finance Director were also in attendance.

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

\* Commissioner Webb requested time to discuss the vocational training in the schools with reference to the administration of hepatitis b shots.

\* Commissioner Arey asked for time to update the Board on the Child Support Enforcement efforts.

\* Mr. Russell asked to update the Board on the Recycling center, the health/mental health needs study, the recommendation on the MASS unit, and results of the tour of the Chatham County animal shelter.

\* Chairman Cohen asked to recognize citizens from Meet the Challenge, who presented Commissioner DeMarcus a certificate of appreciation for her efforts in animal welfare.

SENIOR GAMES COORDINATOR:

Ms. Jo Shaw, volunteer coordinator for the Senior Games, addressed the Board with a request for a paid coordinator for the

games. She stated there were 92 participants in last years games. Commissioner DeMarcus suggested several volunteers meet with Renita Ritchie, Clyde Fahnestock, Rick Eldridge and Commissioners DeMarcus and Webb to study and bring a proposal back to the full Board at its second meeting in June.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SNIA PERMIT APPLICATION:

Commissioner Webb moved to open the public hearing for SNIA permit applications. Commissioner Arey seconded, and the vote was unanimous. The three men applying for permits; Rene Descoteaux, Robert M. Bates, and Leon Fox, all spoke to the Board describing the size of the building they intended to build and the approximate tax value. Mr. Russell asked Danny Johnson what percentage of allocation would be taken if all 34 lots in the motor park were filled. Mr. Johnson replied that 15% of the allocation would be used. Commissioner DeMarcus stated that it may be wise to set a deadline for the beginning of construction after a permit has been received. There being no further public comment Commissioner Arey moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with a unanimous vote. Commissioner Arey then moved to approve the request for the SNIA permits with construction to begin within 12 months of the date the permit is issued. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. Commissioner Welch then stated he felt there should also be a date for completion so a building won't be started and then abandoned. Commissioner Arey amended his motion to approve the request of the SNIA permits with construction to begin within 12 months and completed within 24 months of the permit issuance. Commissioner DeMarcus, and the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Arey then made a motion to have the Board, John Holshouser, Danny Johnson, Don Conner, and Tim Russell to draft guidelines to implement the Watershed Ordinance. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING: ROAD NAME CHANGES:

Commissioner Welch moved to open the public hearing for comment on the proposed road name changes of George Henry Lane, Haven Trail and Jan-Mar Drive. Commissioner Webb seconded and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Austin Mitchell addressed the Board with his concerns on changing Pethel Street to Jan-Mar drive. He felt

the County would be losing history if it did this. Commissioners asked Ed Muire to speak with the property owners on this street to discuss Mr. Mitchells concerns. Commissioner Welch made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Arey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Welch then moved to accept George Henry Lane and Haven Trail and to table Jan-Mar Drive until the next meeting. Commissioner Webb seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST FOR WATERSHED SUBDIVISION APPROVAL:

Danny Johnson presented three requests for subdivision approval under the watershed ordinance. The first request was from Jo Annie Hohenstein. Commissioner DeMarcus moved to approve the request. Commissioner Webb seconded with unanimous approval. The second request was from Gary and Nadine Starnes. Commissioner Arey moved to approve the request. Commissioner Webb seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously. The third request was from W. Floyd Graham. Commissioner Arey moved to approve the request. Commissioner Webb seconded, with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF COG TO ASSIST WITH HIGH ROCK LAKE WORKSHOPS:

Danny Johnson presented the Board with a contract from Centralina Council of Governments for the use of their staff to conduct workshops on the High Rock Lake Commission. The work would be completed by June 30, 1994. Mr. Johnson stated the staff from COG were more experienced in holding these workshops. Commissioner Webb stated he felt an outside source would provide neutrality. He then moved to adopt the contract with instructions to be frugal with the money and not to exceed the hours stated. Commissioner Arey seconded, and the motion passed by a vote of 4/1, with Commissioner Welch voting against.

PUBLIC HEARING ON CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES:

Commissioner Welch moved to open the public hearing for comment on the codification of County ordinances. Commissioner Arey seconded and the vote was unanimous. There being no public comment Commissioner Arey moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Welch seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner Webb then moved to adopt the codified supplement to the ordinance book. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded and the vote was unanimous.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUDGET REQUEST:

Harry Whalen, EDC Director, presented the Board with his proposed budget for the next fiscal year. Commissioner questioned the purchase of a new brochure and video. Chairman Cohen stated he felt the brochure and video were necessary to do the job and were more critical than additional staff.

REQUEST FOR SCHOOL GRANT:

Dr. Vicki Ratchford and Allen Brantley addressed the Board to request appointment of a task force for an intervention/prevention grant program. Chairman Cohen asked if the County would be forced to fund the grant if the state discontinues funding. Mr. Brantley answered the County would not. Commissioner Arey then moved for approval of the grant application. Commissioner Webb seconded, and the motion passed by a 4/1 vote with Chairman Cohen voting against.

RECOMMENDATION ON PURCHASE OF MASS UNIT:

Mr. Russell discussed with the Board the recommendation for the MASS unit and stated there had been questions on the type of equipment specified. He recommended the Board accept the Safe Air Systems bid. Commissioner DeMarcus moved to accept the bid from Safe Air Systems. Commissioner Webb seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

LIFESAVING MEDAL PRESENTATION:

Wayne Ashworth and Beth Connell recognized Tracy Winecoff and presented him with a lifesaving medal for having saved over five lives.

Commissioner Webb stated Rowan's EMS employees won four out of fourteen awards at the annual banquet and suggested they be recognized with certificates of appreciation at the June 6, 1994 meeting.

SCHOOL RESOURCE LIAISON GRANT:

Sheriff Martin addressed the Board with a request for an grant to provide additional vehicles for the school resource

liaison officers. The County and Schools will split the match and the County's share would be \$5,891. Commissioner Arey moved for approval of the grant. Commissioner Webb seconded and the vote was unanimous.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

\* Commissioner Arey updated the Board on the Child Support Collection efforts. The collection rate has been increasing.

\* Commissioner Webb asked if the Board would waive the cost of administering the hepatitis b shot to health vocational students. Commissioner DeMarcus stated the Board should confer with John Shaw before deciding what his staff can or cannot do. Chairman Cohen asked to have Mr. Shaw attend the next meeting to determine who is currently paying for these shots and if his staff can administer them.

\* Mr. Russell discussed with the Board the fact that Tri-County is using Richard Atkinson as it's architect. He is also the architect from the Health expansion project. Mr. Russell stated he would like endorsement from the Board to study the concept of a combined facility. Commissioner DeMarcus moved to approve the study. Commissioner Arey seconded and the vote was unanimous.

\* Mr. Russell then discussed with the Board a problem that has been encountered in the recycling of mixed paper. Mr. Kevin Spittle who has the contract for purchasing the mixed paper requested reimbursement for several loads of contaminated paper. Commissioner DeMarcus moved to reimbursement Mr. Spittle and to increase the public education of what can be put into the mixed paper bins. Commissioner Welch seconded and the vote was unanimous.

\* Mr. Russell suggested the Board hold a worksession with engineer Jim Morton to identify a site for the animal shelter and to evaluate the plans to determine any changes needed. Commissioner DeMarcus moved to meet with Mr. Morton on Thursday, May 19, 1994 at 5:00 p.m. The Board agreed by consensus.

\* The Town of Faith requested to purchase a surplus 1982 Datsun from the County. They had \$250.00 to offer towards the

purchase. Commissioner Welch moved to negotiate the sale of the truck with the town of Faith. Commissioner Webb seconded with unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Ed Hayden asked the Board to purchase a sound system for the Seth Murdoch Auditorium so everyone can hear. He then question whether the Board should have a policy on whether a liaison to county Boards from the Board of Commissioner should also be an officer on that board.

\*Commissioner Welch asked the Board to reappoint Harold Kenerly to the Rowan Cabarrus Community College Board. Commissioner Arey seconded, with unanimous approval. His new term will begin July 1, 1994.

\* Mr. Russell also relayed to the Board a request from the Housing Authority for the County to appoint a grievance officer to hear cases. Mr. Russell suggest the Personnel Director Ken Deal be appointed. Commissioner Webb moved to appoint Ken Deal as the grievance officer. Commissioner Welch seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Arey asked to publicly than Mr. Russell and staff for their hard work on the Airshow. He commended them for a job well done.

There being no further business Commissioner Welch moved to adjourn the meeting until May 19, 1994 at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Arey seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Dickinson, Clerk to the Board