

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 17, 1995 - 7:00 P.M.
GRANITE QUARRY MUNICIPAL BUILDING, GRANITE QUARRY, NC

PRESENT: S. Todd Arey, Chairman
Thomas M. Webb, Vice-Chairman
J. Newton Cohen, Member
Steve Blount, Member
Jim Neely, Member

The County Manager, Clerk to the Board, and County Attorney were also in attendance. Chairman Arey called the meeting to order and Commissioner Webb gave the invocation.

Chairman Arey recognized Granite Quarry Mayor John Linker who welcomed the Board to their facilities. Chairman Arey thanked Mayor Linker for inviting the Board to hold their meeting in the Granite Quarry Council Chambers.

* Chairman Arey recognized Mrs. Judy Newman from the Convention and Visitors Bureau. Mrs. Newman presented the Board with t-shirts and meal tickets for the upcoming SAC Spring Sports Festival.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

* Commissioner Blount asked the Board to hear from attorney Rick Locklear concerning the McKnight trailer park issue. Chairman Arey asked Mr. Holshouser if he had spoken with Mr. Locklear and if the Board should allow him to make a presentation. Mr. Holshouser stated

he had not spoken with Mr. Locklear and suggested the Board could certainly listen to the presentation.

* Mr. Russell asked the Board to add a request by the Town of Faith for appointments to the zoning board of adjustment and extraterritorial members to their planning board.

* Mr. Russell stated he also had a letter from the City of Salisbury concerning the sale of property co-owned with the County.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Chairman Arey asked if any member of the Board would like to pull an item from the consent agenda for discussion or if there was a motion to approve as submitted. Commissioner Neely asked to discuss item "e". Commissioner Blount then moved to approve the consent agenda items a,b,c,d,f, and g. Commissioner Cohen seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The consent agenda consisted of:

- a - Tax Collector's report
- b - approval to award contract to sell autoclave at Health Department to Dr. Pete Gilyard, who was the highest bidder
- c - approval to award contract for the purchase of a new payroll/personnel software package to HTE, Inc.
- d - approval of request from NCDOT to add Shannon Drive to the secondary road system for maintenance.
- f - approval of unanimous petition for the road name Ervin Woods Lane (located east off Enochville Avenue) which is currently unnamed.
- g - approval of resolution encouraging community college funding

ITEM "E"

Mr. Russell explained that item "e" was comprised of two budget ordinances required by the state for financing. He explained that the county must have a budget in order to receive money and since these projects were only recently approved the money would be coming from the financing package and a budget ordinance would have to be passed in order to accept the money. Commissioner Cohen asked that on the budget ordinance for the Sport Authority Baseball Stadium the word "contribution" be changed to "loan". Commissioner Blount moved to approve item "e" with the change as noted by Commissioner Cohen. Commissioner Cohen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

LIFESAVING MEDAL PRESENTATION:

EMS Director Wayne Ashworth discussed with the Board the County's policy to recognize those employees who had been responsible for saving 5 or more lives. Judges from Rowan Memorial Hospital determined that EMS intervention saved the lives of those in route to the Hospital. Mr. Ashworth then recognized the following people who were presented with Lifesaving Medals:

Bob Ashley, Walt Kaplan, Chris Howard, Ann Godfrey, and Anita Bryson.

The Board thanked each employee for their hard work and dedication and for all of their efforts to save the lives of Rowan County citizens.

PUBLIC HEARING: Petition to Close Road off Woodleaf Road in the Franklin Township

Commissioner Webb moved to open the public hearing for comments on the proposed closing of a road located off of Woodleaf Road. Commissioner Neely seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Those persons who addressed the Board were:

Mr. Don Sayers - Mr. Sayers was the attorney representing the petitioners in the road matter. He went through a brief history of the road. He explained that the road had never been developed and that by officially closing the road, no land owner in the vicinity would be denied access to their property. He stated the road right of way had been first dedicated in 1949 but had never been developed.

Mr. Ted Sloan - Mr. Sloan stated he was opposition to closing the road because it provided convenient access to his property.

Mr. Tim Lumsford - Mr. Lumsford stated he would like the road to remain open in order to provide an alternate way out of the property if something should happen to the road that would remain open.

Mr. Jim Bartlett - Stated the back road that everyone uses would remain open and by closing the other road there would be less maintenance for the property owners.

Ms. Ruby Faison - stated the intersection where the road connects to Woodleaf is very dangerous and there have been several fatal accidents there. She stated she would like the road closed.

Unknown Citizen - stated he represented Ms. Macie Koontz who was opposed.

There being no further public comment Commissioner Blount moved to close the public hearing. Chairman Arey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Blount asked if DOT would have to give approval before the road was opened now. Marion Lytle stated the state had certain standards but was not sure how this case would be handled.

Commissioner Webb moved to table the issue for two weeks in order for staff to investigate the actual need for the road and to see if the state would allow the connection to Woodleaf Road. Commissioner Neely seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: Road Name Changes

Commissioner Webb moved to open the public hearing for proposed road name changes of Marion Street and Peace Haven Drive. Commissioner Neely seconded and the motion passed unanimously. There being no public comment Commissioner Blount moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Webb then moved to approve the road name changes. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF DRAFT ROAD PAVING POLICY

Mr. Russell reviewed with the Board a rating system that was developed to determine the eligibility of roads that might apply for funds under the road paving policy. The rating system was broken down into three major categories; road characteristics, condition of road at present, and safety threats. Commissioner Blount stated he was concerned over the traffic count that was required. He stated the quality of the road might deter road traffic and not give an accurate reflection. Chairman Arey asked about the percentage rate used in the policy. The policy states that an 8% interest rate would be charged. Mr. Russell stated that 8% was in the General Statutes. Commissioner Blount suggested the Board put language into the policy that would prohibit future Boards from using the program if the interest rates

rose higher than 8%. Chairman Arey suggested changing the word "will appropriate" to "shall appropriate". Mr. Russell stated the Board may want to address the rating system in a separate document from the road paving ordinance in order to make changes to the rating system that the Board may have in the future. Commissioner Webb moved to have a public hearing on the road paving policy on May 15, 1995 at 7:15 p.m. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

* Commissioner Blount moved to approve the Town of Faith's request to appoint Mr. Jerry Chandler and Mr. Tom Currin as extraterritorial members to the Faith Town planning board, and to appoint Mr. Robin McCombs and Mr. David Lefko to the board of adjustment. Commissioner Webb seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

* Chairman Arey moved to approve the City of Salisbury's request to sell a piece of property located on the 1200 block of North Long Street. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

* Chairman Arey recognized Mr. Rick Locklear for a presentation. Mr. Locklear stated he was appearing on behalf of the residents who oppose the Tim McKnight mobile home park. He gave an overview of events leading up to the permitting of Mr. McKnight's mobile home park. He stated that there were violations in writing the permit and that the residents had a proposal to resolve the problems. He stated they would like to limit the number of mobile homes on each tract and to make certain that there was a road maintenance agreement. He stated they would also like to have the permit rescinded that designated the park as a minor subdivision.

The Board thanked Mr. Locklear for his presentation.

* Commissioner Webb moved to declare April 22-27 as National Library Week in Rowan County. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

* Commissioner Cohen moved to proclaim Thursday, May 4, 1995 as National Day of Prayer in Rowan County. Commissioner Webb seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Commissioner Cohen moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Webb seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Dickinson,
Clerk to the Board