

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 12, 1996
SETH MURDOCH AUDITORIUM, AGRICULTURE BUILDING

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

The County Manager, Finance Director and the County Attorney were also in attendance.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting which had been adjourned from January 9, 1996 and provided the invocation.

Chairman Arey read a prepared statement announcing he would not seek reelection to the County Board. He reviewed the accomplishments of the Board during the past four years and nominated Commissioner Cohen to serve as chairman for 1996. He added that the new chairman and board would have his full support.

Commissioner Neely stated his concerns that so much time had been spent trying to elect a chairman. He stated there were bigger problems in the county the Board should be working on instead of arguing about the chairmanship.

The Chair then turned the meeting over to the County Manager who opened the floor for nominations for chairman. Commissioner Webb asked to clarify that the nominations from the previous meeting had been cleared from the floor. The Board agreed by consensus that the floor would be clear. Commissioner Arey nominated Commissioner Cohen. Commissioner Blount nominated Commissioner Arey. Commissioner Arey refused the nomination. Commissioner Webb nominated Commissioner Blount. Commissioner Arey moved to close the floor for nominations. Commissioner Webb seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The vote was as follows:

Voting for Commissioner Cohen: Commissioner Arey, Commissioner Neely and Commissioner Cohen.

Voting for Commissioner Blount: Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Blount.

Acting Chairman Russell noted that by a vote of 3/2 Commissioner Webb was elected chairman. Commissioner Blount and Commissioner Webb then asked to have their votes reflect support for Commissioner Cohen. Mr. Russell then stated the Board unanimously elected Commissioner Cohen as Chairman for 1996.

Mr. Russell then opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner nominated Commissioner Neely. There being no further nominations Commissioner Arey moved to close the floor for nominations and to elect Commissioner Neely as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Russell then turned the meeting over to Chairman Cohen.

Chairman Cohen moved to take a five minutes break. The Board agreed by consensus.

Chairman Cohen called the meeting back to order. Commissioner Arey moved to enter closed session for the purpose of acquisition of property. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Don Conner, Jack Amar and Dane Horner were asked to attend the closed session to share information concerning the property.

Upon conclusion of closed session Commissioner Blount moved to enter open session. Commissioner Arey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Blount moved not to exercise the option to purchase the Stanley furniture site located on North Main and East Liberty Streets based on the reports submitted to the Board by S & ME and discussions with them dealing with the potential environmental contamination. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Blount moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Arey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Dickinson,
Clerk to the Board