

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
APRIL 1, 1996 - 9:00 A.M.  
2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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

The County Manager, Clerk to the Board, County Attorney and Finance Director were also in attendance. The Chair called the meeting to order and provided the invocation.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

\* Commissioner Arey requested a closed session to discuss economic development.

\* Mr. Russell asked the Board to consider a request to purchase surplus property owned by the County.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Chairman Cohen asked Board members if there were any items they wished to discuss on the consent agenda. Commissioner Blount moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Commissioner Neely seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The consent agenda consisted of the following items:

- (a) Approval of Minutes for the 3/7/96 and 3/18/96.
- (b) Approval of Resolutions for the Employee Cafeteria Dependent Care and Medical Reimbursement Plans
- (c) Approval of Refunds totaling \$ 3,712.78
- (d) Approval of Request from NCDOT to add *Barnhart Road*

- (e) *Extension to the Secondary Road System for Maintenance Approval to Set a Public Hearing for the Proposed Road Name Changes of Freeze Meadow Road, Ole Walter Farm Road and Beaten Path and to approve the petition to name Fieldcrest Cannon Lane.*
- (f) Finance Interest Report

APPROVAL OF ENTRANCE ROAD TO STADIUM:

Mr. Russell submitted a summary sheet of bids received for construction of the entrance road for the baseball stadium. Bids were received from Bost Construction and Papco. The original bids received were over budget and after redesigning the road the lowest bid submitted was from Bost Construction at a cost of \$430,350. Mr. Russell stated that there was approximately \$62,000 in contingency built into the bid and the road could possibly be completed for less than the bid price. Commissioner Neely stated he wanted any contingencies to be approved by the County Manager. Commissioner Arey moved to accept the bid from Bost Construction Company. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion carried.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA-SALE OF SURPLUS LAND:

Mr. Russell relayed an offer received from Delores Hazzard to purchase a piece of property currently owned by the County located in Lexington County, South Carolina for \$1,000. Mr. Russell stated the County had come to possess the property through tax foreclosure. He recommended the Board accept the offer. Commissioner Blount moved to accept the offer to purchase the land for \$1,000. Commissioner Arey seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous vote. Mr. Holshouser stated he would advertise for upset bid as required by law.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESULTS OF THE ROWAN/IREDELL BOUNDARY SURVEY:

Don Conner discussed with the Board a process that was begun several years ago to determine the exact county line of Iredell County. He presented the Board with a resolution accepting the survey of the plotted points for the County line. Commissioner Blount moved to approve the resolution accepting the boundaries. Commissioner Webb seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Conner stated the resolution would be sent to the State and an official map would need to be recorded with the Register of Deeds office.

PUBLIC HEARING: ROAD NAME CHANGES

Commissioner Webb moved to open the public hearing for the proposed road name changes of Goodson Acres Road, Pruitt Williams Road and Relative Road. Commissioner Neely seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. Chairman Cohen called for public comment on the issue and none being offered Commissioner Webb moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Webb then moved to adopt the road name changes as submitted. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: SNIA PERMIT APPLICATION:

Commissioner Blount moved to open the public hearing for comments on an SNIA permit application from Dave Jensen. Commissioner Webb seconded and the motion carried. The permit application was from Dave Jensen for Performance Road in the Mooresville Motor Park. No public comment was offered. Commissioner Blount moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Webb seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Blount then moved to approve the SNIA application. Commissioner Neely seconded and the motion carried.

ROWAN PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN:

Ms. Karen Carpenter spoke to the Board concerning the child development center and family resource center to be located on the Catawba College campus. Mr. Mike Wilson from Catawba also spoke to the Board describing the impact the center would have on the college. Dr. Shirley Ritchie brought the Board up to date with the two year project to develop a child development center. She stated they were currently writing another grant but had been approved by First Union to borrow \$500,000 to construct the building. She requested the Board provide a one time appropriation to be used for building needs. She stated the center would be self supporting once operations began. Commissioner Blount moved to authorize the County Manager to include a one time \$50,000 appropriation when he compiled the budget. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. Commissioner Arey stated he felt the issue should be addressed during budget deliberations. He added that the state legislators did not support smart start and felt Rowan would not receive grant money without their support. Chairman Cohen called for question on Commissioner Blount's motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Arey moved to authorize the County Manager to authorize a resolution to be sent to the state legislators and governor stating the Board's support of smart start. Chairman Cohen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH:

Mr. Rick Travis stated that April was designated as Child Abuse Awareness Month and introduced Mr. Stoney Blevins, program manager for child protective

services. Mr. Blevins described the process child protective services followed after receiving complaints and what they were and were not allowed to do. The Board thanked staff for their presentation.

#### REQUEST FOR ANIMAL CONTROL PERSONNEL:

Health Director John Shaw made a request to use approximately \$8,000 in existing funds to hire two part-time animal control officers and to continue overtime for the remainder of the budget year. Commissioner Webb moved to approve the request. Commissioner Blount seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. Commissioners also discussed the current rabies epidemic with Mr. Shaw.

#### REVIEW OF COVENANTS FOR THE INDUSTRIAL PARK:

Marion Lytle reviewed changes the Board had previously asked staff to make to the proposed covenants for the Industrial Park. Bob Goforth and Dennis Fulbright later joined the Board to review the covenants as well. Commissioner Blount stated the Board was trying to make the covenants more stringent than the City's zoning ordinance so the city would not have to review the site plans. Marion stated that one problem they might encounter was the city's sign ordinance which would limit the entrance signs. John Holshouser noted that the number of parking spaces should be changed to meet the city's requirements.

The Board also discussed establishing a governing board to oversee the park. Mr. Goforth explained that a governing board buffers the Board of Commissioners from the industries seeking incentives. Commissioner Webb stated he felt the County Manger should serve as a voting member and not ex-officio. Mr. Holshouser asked how the governing board tied into the property owners association. Mr. Goforth stated that when the park reached a certain occupancy level the association would take over maintenance. Mr. Goforth suggested meeting with staff later in the afternoon to work on the covenants and stated he would have the changes to the Board by their next meeting. Mr. Fulbright stated he would also try to have a logo design by that time.

Commissioner Arey moved to approve naming the industrial park the Summitt Corporate Center. Commissioner Blount seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### PLANNING STAFF REQUEST:

Commissioner Blount stated that during the Board's retreat a consensus had been reached concerning additional staff for the planning department. He then moved to proceed with advertising for two positions now and to consider one additional person at budget. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4/1 with Chairman Cohen voting against.

Commissioner Blount moved to enter closed session for the purpose of economic development discussion. Commissioner Webb seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Upon conclusion of closed session Commissioner Neely moved to return to open session. Commissioner Webb seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

There being no further business, Commissioner Blount moved to adjourn until 2 p.m. on April 3, 1996. Commissioner Neely seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Dickinson,  
Clerk to the Board