

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 20, 1996-7:00 P.M.
COMMISSIONER'S 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, County Attorney, Finance Director and Clerk to the Board were also present. Chairman Cohen called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

* Mr. Russell asked the Board to add the approval of an agreement reached between Hess Aviation and Rowan County.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Chairman Cohen asked if any member wished to pull an item from the consent agenda. Commissioner Blount moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The consent agenda consisted of the following items.

- (a) Plan Approval to donate \$545.57 in excess Cafeteria funds to the Donnelly Home
- (b) Approval of Refunds Totaling \$94.00

APPROVAL OF "MEDPOINT" EMPLOYEE INSURANCE PLAN:

Mr. Russell explained a recommendation from Personnel to transfer the county's current from a preferred provider organization to a "MedPoint" program. He stated that Blue Cross/Blue Shield would still administer the program which had proved to be beneficial to employees while saving the County money. He stated the transfer would be effective 7/1/96. Commissioner Blount moved to approve the transfer to a MedPoint insurance program. Commissioner Webb seconded and the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: ROAD NAME CHANGES:

Commissioner Webb moved to open a public hearing for comments on the proposed road name changes of Ethel Lane and Rock Creek Road. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion carried. No public comment was offered, so Commissioner Blount moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Webb seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Blount moved to approve the road name changes. Chairman Cohen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

RCCC BUDGET PRESENTATION:

Mr. Ray Paradowski, Mr. Colin Shaw and Mr. Jerry Chandler addressed the Board with RCCC's 1996-97 budget request. They noted the request for an increase in funding of \$110,000 to address critical needs at the campus. They stated their new building would be occupied by March 1997 and would also require addition funds for maintenance. The Board thanked them for their presentation and referred the request to budget worksessions.

REQUEST FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE FROM EDC BOARD:

Mr. Russell discussed with the Board an official request from the Economic Development Commission Board to be covered under the county's professional liability policy. He stated the issue had been discussed several months ago and would be of nominal cost to the county. Commissioner Arey moved to approval the addition of the EDC Board and staff to the county's policy. Commissioner Neely seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO ADOPT RESOLUTION FOR ROWAN TO JOIN HOUSING CONSORTIUM WITH CABARRUS & IREDELL COUNTIES:

Salisbury Mayor Margaret Kluttz and John Brooks, Neighborhood Coordinator, stated the City had an opportunity to work with Concord and Statesville to receive funds to be used for home ownership. Mayor Kluttz stated that there was potentially \$1 million dollars available and \$400,000 for Rowan County. Mr. Brooks stated that the grant required a 25% match but the City had committed to meet that requirement. Commissioner Arey asked Mayor Kluttz if

Rowan County residents could apply for the funds. She stated that they would be eligible. Commissioner Blount moved to adopt the resolution of support. Commissioner Neely seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING MAY 19-25, 1996 AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK:

Chairman Cohen noted a resolution requesting the county to establish May 19-25, 1996, as Emergency Medical Services Week in Rowan County. Commissioner Webb moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion carried.

DATES FOR 1996-97 BUDGET WORK SESSION:

Mr. Russell reviewed two proposed dates for the Board to hold its 1996-97 budget work session. The Board agreed by consensus to hold their workday on May 30, 1996, at 9:00 a.m.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Atwell Volunteer Fire Department - Commissioner Webb moved to replace Robin McLaughlin with Bob McLaughlin as a fire commissioner. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion carried.

Woodleaf Fire Department - Commissioner Webb moved to appoint Mr. Bill Wetmore as a fire commissioner for the Woodleaf Fire Department. Commissioner Blount seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

There was discussion among the Board concerning an open position on the Health Board. The Board decided to delay any action on an appointment.

CAROLINA'S PARTNERSHIP:

Mr. Mark Heath presented the Board with Carolina Partnership's annual report. He highlighted some of the accomplishments during the past year and complement the Economic Development Director Harry Whalen on the job he performs. The Board thanked Mr. Heath for his presentation.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA:

* Mr. Russell discussed with the Board an agreement reached with Carolina Aircraft to take FBO operations at the airport effective July 1, 1996. He stated under the Board's authorization a one month extension with Mr. Hess would be sought. He added that this should provide a smooth transition and no services would be effected. Commissioner Neely moved to accept the contract with Carolina

Aircraft and Mr. Hess. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Holshouser made note to the Board that the South Carolina property approved for sale at an earlier meeting had received an upset bid and he would be readvertising the property.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ed Hayden - discussed his concerns over the school construction projects and stated he felt the North Rowan area was being "short changed". He urged the County to take better control of the construction payments.

Bill Hustead - Stated he had concerns over the alternative school and its effectiveness. He add he would like to have a vocational or technical school. He stated he like to restore deteriorated buildings for homes and he wanted to keep jobs in Rowan County and a transportation system was needed to the industrial park.

Mike Sherman - Asked the Board to say no to federally funded grants.

Mike Johnson - Asked about the status of the Noise Ordinance and explained his problem with model airplanes to the Board.

There being no further business, Commissioner Webb moved to adjourn until May 30, 1996 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Neely seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Dickinson,
Clerk to the Board