

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
JULY 15, 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 Attorney, Finance Director and Clerk to the Board were also present. Chairman Cohen called the meeting to order and provided the invocation.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

\* Commissioner Blount stated that Don Conner had an amendment to the water/sewer agreement with the City of Salisbury for the industrial park.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Chairman Cohen asked if any member wished to discuss any item from the consent agenda. Commissioner Arey moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of the following items:

- (a) Request to add *Windmill Road, Browns Farm Road, Wheaton Court, Brook Valley Drive* and *Ridge Creek Court* to the NCDOT Secondary Road System for Maintenance
- (b) Approval of Unanimous Road Petition for *Moosewood Drive*
- (c) Establish Public Hearing for CDBG Funding Application for August 5, 1996 at 9:15 A.M.
- (d) Approval of Refunds totaling \$2,520.15

## PUBLIC HEARING: ROAD NAME CHANGES

Commissioner Blount moved to open the public hearing for comment on the proposed road name change of Old Tulip Farm Road. Commissioner Webb seconded and the motion carried. No comments were offered and Commissioner Blount moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Webb then moved to approve the road name change. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion carried.

## ADDITION TO THE AGENDA:

\* The Board recognized Don Conner who reviewed an amendment to a water/sewer agreement with the City of Salisbury dated February 20, 1996. The amendment only changed the project management, which the City would handle for the water/sewer to Draftex and the internal roads of the park. The financial obligations would not be effected. Commissioner Arey moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion carried.

## APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT:

Finance Director, Brady Frick presented the Board with a budget amendment to cover expenses incurred in fund 40 for the Post Office Renovation during FY96. He stated that a portion of the expense had not been budgeted and \$525,000 needed to be moved to offset the expense. Commissioner Arey moved for approval of the budget amendment. Commissioner Blount seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## PUBLIC HEARING: SNIA PERMIT APPLICATION & OVERLY DESIGNATION:

Commissioner Webb moved to open the public hearing for comments on an SNIA permit application and an SNIA overlay designation. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion carried. The permit application was from Meredith Ruark and Jeremy Mayfield. The overlay designation request was from David Jackson for the 8800 block of West NC 152. There being no public comments offered, Commissioner Blount moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Arey seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Arey then moved to approve the application and overlay designation. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## APPROVAL OF EDTAP GRANT APPLICATION:

Mr. Clyde Fahnstock stated the County was eligible to apply for \$41,711 in grant funds which required no local match. He stated the funds would be used to buy additional transportation trips for the elderly and disabled. Commissioner

Arey moved to approve the grant application and to authorize the Chairman and County Manager to sign all necessary documents. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY:

A request was presented to the Board from Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Carter to purchase property located off of Ebenezer Road (map 140 lot 026). The Carter's offered \$2,239.45 for the property which staff determined to be valued at approximately \$25,000. Commissioner Neely moved to reject the offer and to combine all of the counties surplus properties to be auctioned. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion carried.

SECOND READING OF CABLE TRANSFER RESOLUTION:

The Board reviewed the request to transfer the franchise agreement from Friendship Cable to Genesis Cable, who was buying the Friendship Cable operations in this area. The Board previously approved the request at its July 1, 1996 meeting. Commissioner Blount moved to approve the transfer. Chairman Cohen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: LANDMARK COMMISSION:

Commissioner Neely moved to open the public hearing for comments on the ordinance to change the Historic Properties Commission to a Landmark Commission. Commissioner Blount seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Citizens who addressed the Board were:

Carl Morgan - questioned how one group of people can get a tax break while others could not.

Ed Norvell - stated that the ordinance would only effect areas outside of municipalities and it would provide and incentive to restore historic places.

Mark Perry - urged the Board to approve the landmark commission

George Kluttz - urged the Board to pass the ordinance stating historic preservation improves economic growth.

Mike Sherman - stated he felt the number of sites to be designated was too small to have an ordinance and asked what Rowan County would get if the tax base was cut.

There being no further comments, Commissioner Arey moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Neely seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Blount moved to defer the matter to the first meeting in August when planning could present a draft ordinance. Commissioner Neely seconded and the motion carried.

Chairman Cohen opened the floor for public comment, and none began offered. Commissioner Arey moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Dickinson,  
Clerk to the Board