

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 21, 1996 - 7:00 P.M.
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

* Mr. Russell asked the Board to added the sale of property at the industrial park to the closed session.

* Commissioner Webb noted that the Board had tentatively been invited to hold its second monthly meeting for February 1997 in Enochville, but the date would be confirmed later with the Clerk.

Correspondence

The Board received a letter from the Mural Preservation, Inc. thanking them for their donation to the mural restoration. Commissioner Blount noted that he had visited the mural and the work was going well.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Arey moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Commissioner Neely seconded and the motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of the following items:

- (A) Approval to Set a Public Hearing for SNIA Permit Application for Blaise Alexander for November 4, 1996 at 9:15 a.m.

CHURCH ARSON PREVENTION GRANT:

Sheriff Bob Martin told the Board that he had recently received a \$4,600 grant from the federal government for the implementation of a church watch. He told the Board a motion activated video camera would be bought to be used at area churches to prevent breaking and enter as well as vandalism and arson. He also told the Board that the jail administration staff had received a check for approximately \$40,900 for housing inmates. He added that additional money would be received in the coming months. The Board thanked Sheriff Martin for sharing his information.

PUBLIC HEARING: SNIA PERMIT APPLICATION:

Commissioner Webb moved to open the public hearing for comment on an application in the Coddle Creek Watershed for Bob Blake. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion carried. Chairman Cohen called for public comment and none being offered, Commissioner Blount moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Arey then moved to approve the SNIA application. Commissioner Blount seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: ROAD NAME CHANGES:

Commissioner Webb moved to open the public hearing for the proposed road name change of Juke Box Road. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion carried. There being no public comment offered, Commissioner Arey moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Neely seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Webb moved to approve the road name change. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion carried.

REQUEST TO CHANGE FIRE DISTRICTS FROM EAST LANDIS WATER SYSTEM, INC.:

Ms. Debbie Road, President of East Landis Water System presented a petition to the Board requesting a change in their fire service district from the South Rowan Fire District to the Landis Fire District. Commissioner Webb stated that he had concerns that Landis would refuse to serve the district in coming years as they had done a few years earlier. Commissioner Arey stated that if the homeowners of the area were willing to take a chance the Board should not stand in the way. He then moved to have staff investigate the feasibility of leaving the Mt.

Mitchell district and being accepted by Landis as well as verifying the petition and to bring it back to the Board to set a public hearing. Chairman Cohen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

UPDATE ON PROGRESS AT LANDFILL:

Environmental Services Director Don Conner reviewed the schedule for the construction of a new cell at the landfill. He stated that the second cell would be approximately eight acres because the State only permitted in five year increments. He added that the engineers estimate for the second cell was between 2.2 and 2.4 million. Mr. Russell noted that the landfill enterprise fund currently had \$4 million and the cell would be paid for with this money. Commissioner Webb moved to approve the plan for the second cell. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion carried.

CONFIRMATION OF SALES FROM OCTOBER 19, 1996 SURPLUS AUCTION:

Mr. Russell reviewed the list of surplus properties that had been sold at public auction on October 19, 1996. The following sales were submitted for approval:

	Check #	Amount
Livingston College	20041	384.40
Abington Group	5058	1280.00
F&C Investments	2079	1830.00
Dorothy Ellis	Cash	245.00
Donna P. Johnson	Cash	300.00
Andrew I.D. Harris	Cash	140.00
Mary Joan High	Cash	2,100.00
Eva McCorkle	437	105.00
Elizabeth Clement	7544	210.00
Samuel Miller	0988	420.00
D&D Cleaning	2101	1150.00
Sparkling Image Inc.	1352	50.00
Darrell Wood	2442	435.00
Jonathan Ramsey	1219	500.00
Bennett Hester	0665	3270.00
Sharon Scoggins	687	1195.00
Walter Robinson	1355	510.00
Johnny Morgan	530	420.00
Carol Allen	1348	120.00
John Cuthbertson	1630	160.00

Total Cash & Checks		14,824.40
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He noted that the total sale netted \$147,200 and asked the Board to confirm the sales so that the attorney could draw deeds. Commissioner Webb moved to confirm the sale of the surplus properties. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chairman opened the floor for public comment to the Board, however no comments were offered.

* Commissioner Arey moved to enter closed session to discuss litigation and the sale of property in conjunction with the industrial park. Commissioner Neely seconded and the motion carried.

No action was taken during closed session, and Commissioner Webb moved to return to regular session. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Webb moved to approve the sale of property to Duke Power for the construction of a substation in the industrial park. Commissioner Neely seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Commissioner Blount moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Webb seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Dickinson,
Clerk to the Board