

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 16, 1996 - 7:00 P.M.
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

PRESENT: Jim Neely, Chairman
J. Newton Cohen, Vice-Chairman
Steve Blount, Member
Dave Rowland, Member
Frank Tadlock, Member

The County Manager, County Attorney and Clerk to the Board were also present. Chairman Neely called the meeting to order and Commissioner Tadlock provided the invocation.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

* Commissioner Blount asked to give the Board an update on the strategic planning process, an update on an EDC meeting, comments on planning board activities and to make a clarification on board appointments.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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| (A) | Approval of Refunds totaling \$2,108.75 |
| (B)DSS | Approval of Resolution Awarding Bid Contract |
| Telephone for | |
| System to | |
| Wynn | |
| Communications | |
| (C) | Unanimous Road Name Petition for Hopper Road |

ANIMAL SHELTER EUTHANASIA PROCEDURES:

Health Director John Shaw reviewed a recommendations from the Board of Health for a more refined and humane way to euthanize puppies and kittens at the animal shelter. He stated that money was already allocated in the budget. Commissioner Blount stated he felt the Health Board had reached a good compromise and moved to accept the recommendation to sedate the animals before euthanization. Commissioner Rowland discussed using the sedation method on puppies and kittens only and continuing to use the same method already used on adult animals. Commissioner Neely added that he wanted to the method to be humane as possible and asked staff to look into acquiring a new chamber that did not load from the top. Commissioner Blount withdrew his original motion and made a new motion to accept parts one and three of the recommendation to sedate only puppies and kittens and to begin a community education program and requested Mr. Shaw to return to the Board with an update on the procedures and any additional recommendations. Commissioner Cohen seconded and the motion carried. Mr. Shaw told the Board he would bring recommendations to the budget worksessions in March or April.

RESOLUTION TO RECEIVE \$5,186.26 IN COG FUNDS:

Commissioner Blount moved to approve a resolution recognizing and accepting state funds to be utilized through Centralina Council of Governments. Commissioner Cohen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

THIRD CREED WATERSHED REVIEW:

Mr. Jim Summers and Mr. David Sides reviewed with the Board the details for the Third Creek Watershed. Mr. Sides told the Board the history of the watershed and Mr. Summers reviewed the state of repair of some of the dams. There was discussion among the Board about a sharing proposition with land owners in the watershed area to pay for the repairs. The Board stated they felt the owners that benefited from the repairs should help cover the cost. Commissioner Blount asked staff to investigate and bring suggestions back to the Board. The Board agreed to visit some of the dams in question and asked Mr. Russell and Mr. Summers to arrange a tour.

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE AIRPORT EQUIPMENT:

Mr. Russell reviewed a chronological listing of transportation improvement projects for fiscal years 1997-2001. He stated that a public forum had been held at the airport on December 4 and he described some of the requests that were received

at the meeting. Commissioner Blount moved to approve the TIP recommendations as presented. Commissioner Cohen seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Russell told the Board that the AWOS I (automatic weather observation system) had been down at the airport for several months. He noted that the system was owned by the state and when it went down the state was responsible for the repairs. He told the Board that if the county purchased and installed an AWOS III system the state had agreed to reimburse the County 90% of the cost, since the state had plans to upgrade the system in a few years. Commissioner Blount moved to approve the expenditure for the purchase of an AWOS III. Commissioner Cohen seconded and the motion carried.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Cabarrus-Rowan Park Commission - Commissioner Cohen moved to reappoint Dean Beck. Commissioner Rowland seconded and the motion carried.

Airport Board- Action was delayed

Board of Public Health - Commissioner Rowland moved to nominate Scott Keadle to fulfill the dentist position on the health board. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Cohen moved to reappoint Claudia Gardner and Joe Hager. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Historic Properties Commission - Action was delayed

Nursing Home Advisory Committee - Commissioner Blount moved to reappoint Virginia Shuford. Commissioner Cohen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Parks & Recreation - Commissioner Blount moved to reappoint Bea Blount and Jody Everhart and to appoint Randy McCombs and Jimmy Burris. Commissioner Tadlock seconded and the motion carried.

Planning Board - Commissioner Blount moved to reappoint Marilyn Chambers and Worley King and to appoint John Linker and Mike Sherman. Commissioner Cohen seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

Rowan-Kannapolis Regional Sports Authority - Action was delayed

Rowan Public Library - Commissioner Rowland moved to accept the recommendations to appoint Karen Campbell, LuAnn Short and Robert Waddell. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion carried.

Salisbury-Rowan Human Relations Council - Commissioner Blount moved to reappoint Deloris Morris. Commissioner Rowland seconded and the motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

* Commissioner Blount moved to accept a donation of a walk-in freezer from W.A. Brown and Sons and asked that the money allocated for the freezer be reallocated for installation. Commissioner Tadlock seconded and the motion carried.

* Commissioner Blount updated the Board on a meeting held on the strategic planning process and told the Board another meeting would be held in late January or early February.

* Commissioner Blount stated that as EDC liaison he would try to bring updates on EDC meetings monthly as the activity warrants.

* Commissioner Blount reminded the Board that the zoning document they had received was only a draft that would be going to a planning committee and many changes would be made.

* Commissioner Blount moved to officially appoint Commissioner Rowland to the Board of Health and Commissioner Tadlock to the Social Services Board as required. Commissioner Tadlock seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

* Chairman Neely asked for an update on the mapping process and the 911 surcharge. Mr. Russell stated he would have a presentation for the Board at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizens addressing the Board were:

Bill Husted - stated he felt the beer sale issue at the stadium should be dropped and added he felt Mr. Webb should have recognized at the induction ceremony.

Mike Sherman - asked the Board to encourage support at the NCACC meeting to change annexation laws.

Commissioner Tadlock stated that he had not intended his statement about beer sales to be judgmental, but that he had stated how he felt about an issue that was very important to him. He added that he had talked with Larry Hedrick and felt positive about ideas he had for have several games with no beer sales.

There being no further comments Commissioner Rowland moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Dickinson,
Clerk to the Board