

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 6, 1997 - 9:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM, 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, Finance Director and Clerk to the Board were also present. Chairman Neely called the meeting to order and Commissioner Blount provided the invocation.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- * Commissioner Rowland asked to have a discussion on the Sports Authority and ball park.
- * Commissioner Cohen asked to bring the Board up to date on Tri-County Mental Health.
- * Mr. Russell asked the Board to have a short closed session to consider the purchase of land for economic development.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Blount moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Commissioner Cohen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The consent agenda consisted of the following items:

- (a) Approval of Minutes from 12/2/96 and 12/16/96 Meetings
- (b) Approval of Refunds totaling \$ 5,174.91
- (c) Finance Interest Report
- (d) Approval of Resolution Establishing January 20, 1997 as

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in Rowan County

PRESENTATION OF AUDIT REPORT:

Mr. Pete Teague, Dixon Odom & Co., presented the Board with audit for fiscal year 1996. He reviewed the various funds and the exceptions that were found. Chairman Neely asked Mr. Teague if there were any problems he felt the Board should be aware of. Mr. Teague answered no. The Board thanked Mr. Teague for the presentation.

PRESENTATION OF 911 SURCHARGE FOR GIS MAPPING UPDATE:

Marion Lytle, Frank Thomason and Don Conner reviewed the process used to establish a GIS system and explained the use of the .75 cent surcharge used to pay for the upgrade and mapping. There was discussion among the Board about the necessity of cadastral mapping. The Board agreed to hold a work session at its next meeting to have a presentation of the GIS system and to determine the needs for Rowan County.

REQUEST FOR CASH SECURITY GUARANTEEING SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS:

Ed Muire presented a request from Phil Craven and Larry Richardson to deposit a cash security equaling 1.25 times the engineers estimate, guaranteeing 300' of roadway would be paved. The road in question is part of the Lake Ridge Subdivision. Mr. Muire stated that the road had been graded and gravel had been put down but the actual pavement seal was delayed due to weather. Commissioner Rowland moved to approve the request. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE:

Marion Lytle reviewed the work to date on the zoning ordinance by the planning board. He asked the Board to have a work session to discuss the ordinance draft to date and to point out any issues the Board of Commissioner would like the planning board to address. The Board agreed to have a work session at its next meeting on January 20.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Airport Board - Chairman Neely asked about the procedures to abolish the airport board suggesting a board consisting of two Commissioners, the County Manager and the FBO be in place instead. Commissioner Blount suggested a purpose must be determined for an board. There was discussion among the Board about the

direction of the airport and the need for the airport advisory board. Commissioner Rowland moved to dissolve the board. Commissioner Cohen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Historic Properties - Commissioner Blount suggested composing a letter to send the historic properties board members asking for their ideas on projects they would be interested in working on. The Board agreed by consensus.

Rowan-Kannapolis Regional Sports Authority - Commissioner Blount asked to postpone any action. The Board agreed by consensus.

Request from the Town of Spencer - Commissioner Cohen moved to approve the Town of Spencer's request to appoint Herman Beaver, Walter Goodlett and Betty Miller as extrterritorial members of the Spencer Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment. The motion passed unanimously.

Child Fatality Prevention Team - Commissioner Blount moved to reappoint Sheila Lingle and Beth Connell to serve on the prevention team. He asked that the prevention team seek the nomination of a parent whose child had died to submit for approval by the board. The motion passed unanimously.

HCCBG - Commissioner Blount moved to appoint Frank Tadlock as a member of the HCCBG as well as to appoint Suzanne Carter Storch to replace Cindy Tucker. Commissioner Blount's motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

* Commissioner Rowland stated that he had several conversations about ideas to create additional revenue at the stadium and he felt the Board needed to start trying to implement some plans. He asked to have a joint with the Kannapolis City Council. Commissioner Blount asked the Board to carry through the discussions with a positive attitude. They asked Mr. Russell to set up a date for the meeting.

* Commissioner Cohen updated the Board on Tri-County stating that legislation was being drafted that would require the state to take over the agency if the county failed to provide services. He stated he would like to try to schedule a meeting with the other two counties representatives. The County Manager agreed to schedule the meeting.

* Commissioner Blount moved to enter closed session to discuss economic development and the purchase of property. Commissioner Cohen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Upon the conclusion of closed session Commissioner Blount moved to return to open session. Commissioner Rowland seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Blount then moved to authorize the County Manger to enter into options to purchase land from Benfield, Wyrick and Leslie families for \$1,000 to be purchased in six months. Commissioner Rowland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Dickinson,
Clerk to Board