

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 3, 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, Clerk to the Board, County Attorney and Finance Director were also present. Chairman Neely called the meeting to order and Commissioner Blount gave the invocation.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

* Commissioner Blount asked to have a brief discussion on recreation facilities at the Fieldcrest Cannon Stadium. He also asked to have a closed session for an economic development issue.

* Mr. Russell stated that he wanted to add an item to the discussion on the airport concerning consultants for the airport.

* Commissioner Blount told the Board that the Rowan Municipal Association had passed a resolution in support of county wide zoning and distributed a copy to the Board. He also distributed an outline of his presentation that was made to the EDC Board on January 31.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Rowland asked to pulled items G-declare airport repair parts as surplus property-for discussion. Commissioner Blount moved to approve items

A-F. Commissioner Rowland seconded and the motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of the following items:

- (A) Approval of Minutes from 1/6/97, 1/13/97, 1/20/97, 1/22/97, 1/22-23/97 Meetings
- (B) Approval of Refunds totaling \$1,522.05
- (C) Set Public Hearing Date on February 17, 1997 at 7:20 p.m. for Consideration of Application for New Salvage Yard
- (D) Approval of Ambulance Franchise Renewals
- (E) Set Public Hearing on February 17, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. for SNIA Permit Application for Robert H. Hamke
- (F) Approval to Set Public Hearing on February 17, 1997 at 7:15 p.m. for the Road Name Changes of *Cooper Avenue to Abraha Lane* and *First Street to Noble Acres Drive*. Approve Unanimous Petition of *Memory Wood Lane*

ITEMS G - AIRPORT REPAIR PARTS AS SURPLUS PROPERTY

Mr. Russell explained that the list of parts before the Board was only a portion of those parts purchased from the prior FBO as a part of the buy out agreement when he left. He added that the current FBO had initially agreed to purchase the parts but had decided not to, therefore the county had taken possession of the parts and in order to sell them the Board had to first declare them surplus. Commissioner Rowland moved to approve the item and declare the items surplus property. Commissioner Cohen seconded and the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: DILLARDS RELOCATION AGREEMENT:

Commissioner Blount moved to open the public hearing for comment on the proposed relocation agreement and incentive program for the Dillard's Distribution Project. Commissioner Cohen seconded and the motion carried. Chairman Neely asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak to this issue. There being no public comments, Commissioner Blount moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Cohen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Blount then moved to approve the agreement including the economic incentives to bring Dillard's to Rowan County. Commissioner Cohen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

REQUEST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SELL PROPERTY ON NEWSOME ROAD:

The Board reviewed a letter from the Board of Education stating their desire to sell a 9.425 acre parcel of land located on Newsome Road. As required by law the Board of Education must first offer the land to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Blount moved to approve the sale of the property for \$125,000. Commissioner Cohen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PROPOSALS FOR SHERIFF'S VEHICLE FINANCING:

Finance Director Brady Frick presented the Board with proposals received for financing 12 sheriff's vehicles, 1 ambulance and 1 bookmobile. The following proposals were received:

First Union National Bank	4.39%
BB&T Leasing Corp.	4.41%
Wachovia Leasing Corp.	4.48%
Koch Financial Corp.	5.29%

Mr. Frick noted that this was the first year in three years that the County had been bank qualified due to the sale of school bonds in the past years. There was question over the type of ambulance to be purchased and it was finally noted that the ambulance was a Freightliner. Commissioner Blount moved to approve the financing package with First Union National Bank. Commissioner Rowland seconded and the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOOKMOBILE PURCHASE:

A recommendation was submitted from the Vicki McCombs, purchasing agent, for the purchase of a new bookmobile. Marian Lytle, Librarian, answered questions for the Board concerning the type of bookmobile to be purchased. She noted that the current bookmobile was twenty-five years old and the brand was no longer available. There was concern from the Board about using a Ford chassis for the bookmobile due to the trouble ambulances had had using those chassis. Mrs. Lytle explained that the bookmobile was not on the road for long periods and accumulated few miles. Bids received for the bookmobile were from:

Carolina Transportation Sales	
Chevrolet Chassis	73,898
Ford Chassis	69,783
Farber Specialty Vehicles	73,400

Commissioner Blount moved to accept the bid from Carolina Transportation Sales for a Ford chassis. Commissioner Tadlock seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TEE HANGAR CONSTRUCTION:

Mr. Russell reviewed the bids received for construction of tee hangars at the airport.

G.L. Wilson Construction Company	685,000
Hepler Building Company	640,000
Southern Constructors	689,930

Mr. Russell explained that all paving and grading had since been taken out of the bids reducing the estimated to 485,540 using the lowest bid from Hepler Building Company. He asked the Board to approve the construction of the twenty hangars and to establish the price of the hangars as \$21,500 for T-1's and \$27,100 for T-2's. Commissioner Blount moved to proceed with the construction using Hepler Building Company and to approve the recommended pricing schedule. Commissioner Cohen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

* Mr. Russell stated he had received proposals from seven engineering/consulting firms for work at the airport. He asked the Board how they wished to proceed to select a firm. The Board agreed by consensus for Mr. Russell to narrow the proposals to three and for Commissioners Blount and Rowland to interview the firms with Mr. Russell and to return to the full Board with a recommendation.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING WITHDRAWAL FROM TRI-COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM:

Commissioner Cohen brought the Board up to date on events at Tri-County Mental Health. He stated that at its last meeting a motion had been made and passed allowing any county to seek alternative solutions for providing services to their catchment area. Commissioner Cohen then moved to approve a resolution to support county withdrawal from Tri-County and to establish a catchment area to provide services. Commissioner Blount seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Russell reviewed with the Board the process for creating a new catchment area and a timeline for implementing services by a July 1, 1997 goal. Commissioner Cohen moved to authorize the County Manager to investigate options and seek alternatives for Rowan County outside of the Tri-County Mental Program.

SOLID WASTE PLAN:

Recycling Sherri Argabright reviewed House bill 859 which requires a solid waste reduction plan to be submitted from each local government. She stated that a meeting would be held next week with the area municipalities to determine their interest in participating with Rowan County in developing a plan for 40% waste

reduction or if they would create their own plan. She added that the plan must be completed July 1, 1997. The Board thanked her for the information.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Rowan County Nursing Home Advisory Committee - Mrs. Dixie Scott

Salisbury/Rowan Human Relations Council - Mr. Samuel Post

Commissioner Blount moved to reappoint both Ms. Scott and Mr. Post to their boards. Commissioner Rowland seconded and the motion carried.

MARCH MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board agreed by consensus to move the first monthly meeting scheduled for March 3 to March 10, 1997. The change was necessary due to the NACo legislative conference in Washington D.C.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

* Commissioner Blount stated that since the Board has made an effort to make the stadium a success he felt the original idea of a recreational facility around the stadium would draw people into the project. He stated he would like to contact Cabarrus County to determine if there was any interest on their part to participate. Commissioners Cohen and Rowland both stated they could not support spending any more money on the facility. Commissioner Blount moved to authorize the County Manager to contact Cabarrus County and other sources to see if there is any interest in pursuing a recreation facility. Commissioner Tadlock seconded and the motion passed by a vote of 3/2 with Commissioners Cohen and Rowland voting "no".

Commissioner Blount moved to enter closed session to discuss an economic development issue. Commissioner Tadlock seconded and the motion carried.

Chairman Neely and Commissioner Rowland excused themselves from the closed session due to possible conflict of interest.

Upon conclusion of closed session Commissioner Blount moved to return to open session. Commissioner Cohen seconded and the motion passed unanimously. No action was taken during closed session.

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 the Board