

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 10, 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.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Commissioner Tadlock asked the Board for a few minutes to discuss the Department of Social Services. He stated that as a DSS board member he had reviewed the report from the State concerning recent child abuse cases. He stated he would like to recommend that all Board members have an opportunity to see the confidential records and report. Commissioner Blount questioned the legality of the members being able to review the confidential records. Commissioner Tadlock moved to make a formal request that the information be shared with all Commissioners. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Approval of Minutes from 2/3/97 and 2/17/97 Meetings
- (B) Finance Interest Report

- (C) Request to Surplus Old Radios in Telecommunications
- (D) Establish a Public Hearing for SNIA Permit Application Submitted by Richie Bickle and Eddie Smith
- (E) Request for Approval to hold Book Sale on April 12, 1997 from 9:00 - 5:00
- (F) Request to Add *Beechwood Drive* to NCDOT Secondary Road Program for Maintenance
- (G) Resolution Supporting State Funding for Improvements at the Institute of Government

PUBLIC HEARING: ROAD NAME CHANGE OF TALLEY LANE:

Commissioner Blount moved to open the public hearing for the consideration of naming Talley Lane. Commissioner Cohen seconded and the motion carried. Chairman Neely asked for public comment and there being none offered, Commissioner Blount moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Cohen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Blount then moved to approve the road name change. Commissioner Cohen seconded and the motion carried.

ADULT HOME CARE/NURSING HOME ANNUAL REPORT:

Lynn Hennis, Regional Ombudsman for Centralina Council of Governments and Virginia Graves, Chairman reviewed the duties for the Adult Home Care Committee and Nursing Home Advisory Committee. They highlighted the groups activities throughout the past year and explained procedures for their visits. The Board thanked all of the members for their hard work for Rowan County citizens.

APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR SOUTH CORPORATE TAXIWAY AT AIRPORT:

Mr. Russell reviewed three bids that were received for the south corporate paving project at the airport. The bids received were from:

Jim L. Bost	\$160,363.55
G.L. Wilson	\$173,566.00
Papco	\$208,834.00

Staff recommended awarding the contract to Jim L. Bost who was the lowest bidder. Commissioner Blount moved to approve the bid from Jim L. Bost. Commissioner Cohen seconded and the motion carried.

STATUS OF LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO ABOLISH TRI-COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH:

Mr. Russell told the Board that legislation had passed the House of Representatives to abolish Tri-County as of June 30, 1997 and had been forwarded to the Senate.

Commissioner Cohen stated that Rowan had never been asked to review or endorse the bill and that he had spoken with legislators before the bill was introduced about the timeframe of the bill and got no results.

Commissioner Blount moved to send a resolution requesting the bill be changed to be implemented October 1, 1997. Commissioner Cohen seconded adding that the resolution should also be sent to the representatives. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The Board asked Mr. Russell to contact the Davie and Iredell County Managers and ask them to do the same with their legislators.

REQUEST TO PURSUE CONVERSION OF LIABILITY AND PROERTY INSURANCE TO SELF INSURANCE PROGRAM:

Mr. Russell reviewed a plan to establish a self-insurance mini-pool with Burke, Cabarrus and Cleveland Counties. The pool would be responsible for minor losses by using the invested funds from each county. He added that excess insurance would be carried for catastrophic events. Mr. Russell asked the Board to proceed with establishing the non-profit corporation to administer the fund, stating he would return to the Board for review before implementation.

Commissioner Rowland moved to proceed with the plans for self-insurance. Commissioner Cohen seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Blount asked about the possibility of adding the schools or RCCC to the pool. Mr. Russell answered that they may have the opportunity down the road, but the consultant preferred to start the pool with just similar counties.

REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN FRANCHISE FEE REPORTING FORMAT FROM TIME WARNER CABLE:

A request was received from Time Warner Cable asking the Board to change the requirement for an annual audited statement. The request sought to have the statement audited in house by staff. Commissioner Blount moved to deny the request. Commissioner Rowland seconded and the motion carried.

REVIEW PLAN FOR 1997-98 BUDGET SCHEDULE:

Mr. Russell distributed a schedule for the 1997-98 budget process and asked the Board to review and let staff know if they had any conflicts with the proposed dates.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Adult Home Care Committee - Commissioner Blount moved to appoint Lillian Nelson, Ruby Parris and Joanne Johnson. Commissioner Rowland seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Nursing Home Advisory Board - Commissioner Blount moved to reappoint Beth Austell. Commissioner Rowland seconded and the motion carried.

Parks & Recreation - Commissioner Blount moved to approve the recommendation to appoint Rick Shulenburg to fulfill John Sutton's seat. Commissioner Rowland seconded and the motion carried.

Centralina Workforce Development Board - Commissioner Cohen moved to appoint John Stegall as a private sector member. Commissioner Blount seconded adding that Chuck Harris would also be an asset to the Board, but was not a county resident. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Blount moved to appoint Harry Whalen to the economic development seat on the board. Commissioner Cohen moved to nominate David Colvin. Mr. Colvin was appointed by a vote of 4/1 with Commissioner Blount voting for Mr. Whalen.

- Commissioner Blount reminded the Board about the Town Meeting for Strategic Planning to be held March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in Keppel Auditorium.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Dickinson, CMC
Clerk to the Board