

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MARCH 17, 1997 - 7:00 P.M.  
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM, ADMINISTRATION

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 Cohen gave the invocation.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (a) Establish public hearing for Sheriff's Department Grant Application
- (b) Approval to award bid for Freightliner Chassis
- (c) Approval of Unanimous Road Name Change for *Everett Lane*

CONSIDERATION OF PETITION CONCERNING NOISE ORDINANCE CONCERNS:

Ed Muire reviewed with the Board, a petition which was received requesting assistance from a gun range which had located in the petitioners neighborhood. Mr. Muire explained that staff had taken a decibel level reading on two occasions and the noise had not exceeded the acceptable level because the noise is not one of

duration. The Board asked the Board what solutions might be reached and asked the staff to study and return to the next meeting.

UPDATE ON SALVAGE YARD APPLICATION DEFERRED FROM 2/17/97:

John Bost and Marion Lytle reviewed the events surrounding application from Randy Beach for a salvage yard permit. Mr. Bost stated the county had tried to work with Mr. Beach and the other residents on Big Buck Lane to try to reach a maintenance agreement for the road but had been unsuccessful to date. Residents John Underwood and Rick Morgan asked the Board for a time extension to allow the residents to contact an attorney to review the right of way agreements and to determine if they could take legal action to stop the salvage yard. Chairman Neely postponed any action until April 7 to allow the resident to present their claims to an attorney for review.

REQUEST FOR SPRING SPORTS FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP:

Judy Newman, Convention & Visitors Bureau, gave the Board the background of the Spring Sports Festival noting Rowan County had won the bid to host the event for three years. She asked the Board to sponsor the Friday night dinner for the athletes, coaches, officials and families. Commissioner Tadlock stated he felt the event was a worthwhile project and moved to fund the requested amount of \$5,000. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

DICUSSION ON AREA MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM:

Mr. Russell reviewed a memo to the Board and requested that they allow staff to pursue a single county catchment area program. He noted that with the enactment of HB 77, Tri-County would be abolished as of June 30, 1997 and Rowan would have to be prepared to provide services July 1. He presented the Board with a resolution requesting the state division to appoint an outside trustee to perform a cutoff audit and to request that no additional capital purchases be made. Commissioner Rowland moved to approve the resolution and to accept all recommendations. Commissioner Cohen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Larry Dixon, Joe Paskanovich, Mike Burlison, Linda Paskanovich, Bud Rogers and several unknown citizens spoke to the Board about their concerns of the gun range in their neighborhood and the excessive noise they endure.

There being no further public comment, Commissioner Blount moved to enter closed session to discuss a confidential report submitted from the state concerning

the investigation of recent deaths from child abuse. Commissioner Rowland seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

No action was taken during closed session. Commissioner Blount moved to return to open session. Commissioner Cohen seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Blount moved to establish a task force to study the abuse problem in Rowan County. Commissioner Tadlock seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Dickinson, CMC  
Clerk to the Board