

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 22, 1997 - 7:00 P.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 and County Attorney were also present. Chairman Neely called the meeting to order and Commissioner Tadlock gave the invocation.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Commissioner Blount asked to discuss the resolution requesting a 1 sales tax for school construction fund.
- Mr. Russell asked to bring the Board up to date concerning a meeting the liaisons held with school committee members
- Mr. Russell also asked the Board to consider a request from the Planning Office for a financial guarantee for road construction.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA:

Commissioner Cohen told the Board that he and Commissioner Tadlock and Mr. Russell had met with members of the schools construction committee to discuss funding the Henderson school project. He stated that after the meeting they had asked Mr. Russell to develop a plan to provide funds that would be need to expand the capacity of the school from 500 to 750.

Mr. Russell reviewed his plan with the Board noting that funds would come from the schools sales tax revenues and the remainder would be a loan that the

school board would repay yearly. He stated that the advance would take place in the 1998 budget and the repayments would begin that year for three years.

Chairman Neely questioned the capacity of the school and asked if they intended the school to hold 750. Mr. Vic Bost, from the School Board, stated that the school would indeed be built to 750 capacity and thought that the school board would be receptive to the plan.

Mr. Russell stated that if both boards agreed to the plan he would have an agreement drawn to state the arrangements for the payback of the loaned funds.

Commissioner Cohen moved to appropriate sales tax funds and advance funds with a repayment agreement to the schools. Commissioner Tadlock seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Rowland stated that in the past he had suggested the school use a generic design for each school instead of trying to make each school individual. He added that he had spoken with Representative Gardner and she stated that counties that used that type of construction saved millions of dollars. Commissioner Tadlock challenged the schools to study the feasibility of a generic school design.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Approval of Refunds totaling \$2,266.51
- (B) Request to add *Irby Lane Extension* and *Aggrey Avenue Extension* to the NCDOT Secondary Road System for Maintenance
- (C) Set Public Hearing for October 6, 1997 at 9:15 a.m. for SNIA Permit Application

PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING OCTOBER 24, 1997 AS NAACP DAY:

Commissioner Blount moved to approve a proclamation to establish October 24, 1997 as NAACP day in Rowan County. Commissioner Tadlock seconded and the motion carried.

Chairman Neely presented the proclamation to Dr. Bryant Norman and thanked him for attending.

PUBLIC HEARING: SNIA OVERLAY REQUEST:

Commissioner Blount moved to open the public hearing for comments on an SNIA overlay request. Commissioner Cohen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The overlay request was for 12.153 acres located on West NC152 near Shinn Farm Road.

There being no comment offered, Commissioner Blount moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Rowland seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Rowland then moved to approve the SNIA overlay request. Commissioner Blount seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF BID CONTRACTS FOR JANITORIAL SERVICE:

Assistant Finance Director Vicki McCombs presented the Board with the results of bids that were received for janitorial services in the county buildings. She recommended the following be awarded:

Old Courthouse/Justice Center - North American Cleaning System	\$2,750
County Office Building - Mr. P's Cleaning Service	750
Social Services - North American Cleaning System	1,100
Health Department - Mr. P's Cleaning Service	750
Social Services (Corriher Ave.) - Mr. P's Cleaning Service	750

Commissioner Blount moved to approve the contracts as presented. Commissioner Tadlock seconded and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REVIEW OFFICER FOR PLAT REVIEW:

Mr. Russell told the Board that with the ratification of SB 875 a plat review officer must now be established to review surveys for filing.

Commissioner Blount asked how much work this would add. Mr. Don Conner stated that currently only 3 or 4 plats are filed each week and it wouldn't add any time to someone's job.

Commissioner Blount moved to approve a resolution establishing Marion Lytle, Ed Muire, Fredda Greer, Brenda Bowers, Barbara Gallimore, Margaret Gobble, Nita Houck, Betsy Fox and Sharon Spidell as review officers. Commissioner Rowland seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

REQUEST FOR CONTRACT TIME EXTENSION:

Mr. Conner reviewed a request made to the Board by B.R.S. Inc. asking for a 90 day extension on their contract for the road, water and sewer construction at Summit Corporate Center.

Mr. Conner stated that he had worked with the engineers and could only justify 21 days due to poor soils.

Commissioner Cohen moved to award a 21 day extension on the project. Commissioner Rowland seconded and the motion carried.

REVIEW OF ORDINANCE TO MANAGE SLUDGES IN ROWAN COUNTY:

Mr. Russell told the Board that after direction from the last meeting staff had tried unsuccessfully to reach an agreement with Terra Renewal to regulate biosolid sludges in Western Rowan County. He then asked the Board to begin the process of implementing an ordinance to govern the management of sludges by calling for a public hearing.

Commissioner Cohen moved to set a public hearing on October 6, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Rowan YMCA. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion carried.

REVIEW OF WELFARE REFORM PORTION OF SB352:

Chairman Neely asked that this item be deferred until the Board's next meeting. The Board agreed by consensus.

RESOLUTIONS FOR PIEDMONT BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE:

Mr. Russell noted that Bob Lorish had sent requesting authority for Piedmont Mental Health to buy real property and to borrow money to construct an administrative office.

Commissioner Blount moved to adopt both resolutions as requested. Commissioner Tadlock seconded and the motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Commissioner Blount stated that the legislation allowing Cabarrus County to have a local referendum for a 1 cent sales tax would be considered by the General Assembly again in the spring and he stated he would like Rowan County to be added to the list of counties wishing to be a part of the legislation. He then moved to ask the local legislators to add

Rowan to the bill when it was brought before the General Assembly in the spring. Commissioner Tadlock seconded the motion clarifying that the legislation only asked for local referendums. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- Mr. Russell gave the Board a request from American Land Corporation requesting a cash security guaranteeing the completion of roads in Western Acres subdivision to NCDOT standards. Commissioner Blount moved to accept the cash bond. Commissioner Rowland seconded and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Citizens who addressed the Board were:

Ed Hayden - provided the school with a printout of school positions noting how many were instructional and how many were support staff.

Chris Dillard - stated he volunteered at the zoo and supported their efforts.

Pete Overcash - stated he spoke for his father and grandfather whose property adjoins the zoo and that they had no fear of the animals and fully supported the zoo.

Debbie Safrit & Tracy - stated she supported the zoo because it was educational for children

Kelly Mahaffey & Daughter - stated she lived behind the zoo and was not threatened by it and thought it was a good place to visit.

Unidentified Citizen - stated the zoo would be donating a weekends proceeds back to the community in the near future and provided the Board with a petition of supporters for the zoo.

There being no further comment, Commissioner Blount moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rowland seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Dickinson, CMC
Clerk to the Board