

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 20, 1998-7:00 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, County Attorney, Finance Director and Clerk to the Board were also present.

Chairman Neely called the meeting to order and Commissioner Tadlock provided the invocation.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Commissioner Rowland asked the Board to discuss and efficiency study.
- Mr. Russell asked to give the Board an update on the Agreement with the Board of Education on funding the Henderson School Project. He also asked to discuss the Brendle's renovation.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Rowland 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 Library Book Sale to be Held May 8 & 9, 1998
- (B) Approval of Refunds Totaling \$98.75

REQUEST FOR SURPLUS PATROL CAR FROM ROWAN RESCUE SQUAD:

Mr. Russell relayed a request submitted to the Board from the Rowan Rescue Squad. The request was for two surplus patrol cars to be used as quick response vehicles.

Commissioner Rowland moved to approve the request to transfer surplus patrol cars to the Rescue Squad. Commissioner Blount seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS:

Commissioner Blount moved to open the public hearing for comments on proposed zoning text amendments. Commissioner Rowland seconded and the motion carried.

Chairman Neely called for public comment, and there being none offered, Commissioner Blount moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Rowland seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Blount then moved to approve the modifications to the Zoning Ordinance text as submitted. Commissioner Rowland seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

PRESENTATION FROM PIEDMONT BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE:

Dr. Esther Winters, Director of Salisbury Area of Piedmont Mental Health made a presentation to the Board. She presented the major accomplishments, the infrastructure, ongoing issues and major projects for the area mental health center. Dr. Winters also presented the Board with a survey of staffing needs and requested the Board continue current funding and asked them to consider an increase of \$164,223.

The Board thanked Dr. Winters for her presentation and referred the request to the budget worksession.

DISCUSSION ON EXOTIC ANIMAL ORDINANCE:

Commissioner Blount provided the Board with copies of exotic animal ordinances from Cabarrus and Cleveland Counties. He asked the Board to accept the copies as information. He stated that Clarence Fox, under direction of the Health Department, was currently working on developing an exotic animal ordinance for Rowan County.

The Board accepted the materials and agreed to review the issue at a later date.

UPDATE ON MURPHY/MCKNIGHT CASE:

Marion Lytle gave the Board a draft letter he proposed to send to Timothy McKnight to attempt to bring him into compliance with the Subdivision Ordinance. He noted that Judge Seay's ruling had been upheld by the NC Supreme Court of Appeals and it was his understanding that by bringing Mr. McKnight into compliance the County would be following the Judge's order.

Commissioner Blount noted that Judge Seay's ruling was confusing and did not clearly state what the Judge was asking the County to do.

John Holshouser suggested petitioning the court to have Judge Seay clarify his ruling. Commissioner Rowland stated he would prefer to clarify the ruling before Mr. Lytle mailed the proposed letter.

Commissioner Blount moved to authorize the County Attorney to contact Judge Seay to seek clarification on the ruling, working in conjunction with all of the attorney's involved in the suit. Commissioner Rowland seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

Commissioner Rowland asked staff about the requirements for temporary housing for mobile home parks and the issue of masonry underpinning. He asked staff to prepare something concerning temporary vs. permanent housing and the underpinning requirements.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Salisbury ETJ – Commissioner Blount moved to appoint Charlie Walters as the alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Commissioner Rowland seconded and the motion carried.

The City had requested Mark Lewis be appointed as a member of the planning board, however the Board felt that the appointment should not be made since Mr. Lewis was running for County Commissioner.

Town of Granite Quarry – Commissioner Blount moved to appoint Brenda Welch as an extraterritorial member of the Granite Quarry Planning Board. Commissioner Rowland seconded and the motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Commissioner Rowland stated that during conversations with the Board of Education concerning an efficiency study of the schools it was suggested that the County submit to a study as well. He then moved for the County to have an efficiency study on County operations. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Russell gave the Board an updated attachment for the repayment of funds by the Board of Education for the Henderson School Project. He stated that the agreement had been approved and there were just a few changes to the repayment description.
- Mr. Russell also gave the Board information from Jim Powell, Architect for the Brendle's renovation project. Mr. Russell gave the Board a spreadsheet showing a comparison of the original prices quoted, the revised prices as of 4/6/98 and then the third revision as of 4/17/98. He suggested the Board form a committee to go through the proposal step by step in order to arrive at a figure the Board could accept in order to move forward with the project. The Board agreed to seek advice from the architectural firm that handled the Cabarrus and Union County buildings.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cathy Murphy- addressed the Board concerning the Murphy/McKnight case. She stated that she was very disappointed in the County for not rescinding the approval for the mobile home park. She agreed to work with Mr. Holshouser to seek a clarification from Judge Seay on his ruling.

Ed Hayden- addressed the Board about school personnel changes and the school budget. He encouraged the Board to ask for a detailed study of the budget in order to see that they are not using their money wisely.

David Bass- asked for assistance for the noise created by the Quarry in his neighborhood. He stated his parents are in their 70's and the noise was a constant nuisance. The Board agreed to readdress the issue.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Dickinson, CMC

Clerk to the Board