

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AUGUST 2, 1999 – 9:00 A.M.  
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

PRESENT: J. Newton Cohen, Chairman  
Frank Tadlock, Vice-Chairman  
Steve Blount, Member  
Arnold S. Chamberlain, Member  
Dave Rowland, Member

The County Manager, Clerk to the Board, County Attorney and Finance Director were also present.

Chairman Cohen called the meeting to order and Commissioner Tadlock provided the invocation. Commissioner Chamberlain led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- County Attorney John Holshouser asked the Board to consider a request from the Salvation Army concerning the landfill.
- Mr. Russell asked the Board to consider a recommendation from the Personnel Committee concerning compensation for Health and DSS Board members.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Chairman Cohen asked if any one had an item to discuss on the consent agenda. Commissioner Chamberlain noted a correction on page 5 of the July 12, 1999 Minutes. He said that he was listed as both making a motion and seconding it. Commissioner Blount stated that he had seconded Commissioner Chamberlain's motion. The correction was duly noted.

Commissioner Blount moved to approve the consent agenda with the noted correction. Commissioner Tadlock seconded and the motion carried.

The consent agenda consisted of the following items:

- (A) Approval of Minutes from 7/12/99 and 7/16/99 Meetings
- (B) Approval to Add *Paulownia Drive, Random Drive, Chelton Court, Strawberry Lane & Gracebrook Drive* to the NCDOT Secondary Road System for Maintenance
- (C) Set Public Hearing for Road Name Petitions for *Bird Haven Lane, Central Street, Dream Lane, Orbison Road, Sunset Field Drive & Brooks Link Road* and Approve Unanimous Petition for *Becky's Lane*
- (D) Proclamation to Establish August 27, 1999 as Extension Heritage Day in Rowan County
- (E) Approval of Budget Amendments

#### PRESENTATION OF NEEDS ASSESSMENT STUDY BY UNITED WAY:

Mr. Carl Repsher and Mr. Bob Lippard presented a health and social services needs assessment that was prepared by Centralina Council of Governments in conjunction with the United Way.

Mr. Repsher reviewed the process for developing the final needs assessment study and stated the groups had determined that the top three priorities were: substance abuse prevention, parent support & involvement in education, and dental care/prescription medication for the poor.

Commissioner Chamberlain stated he felt that until mother's could be convinced to stop bringing children into single parent families the other statistics would not change. He also noted the Pregnancy Prevention Council and the hard work they did to provide services to the community.

The Board thanked Mr. Repsher and Mr. Lippard for their presentation and for the needs assessment study.

#### PUBLIC HEARING: ROAD NAME CHANGES:

Chairman Cohen opened the public hearing for comments on the proposed road name changes of Tree Limb Lane and Cauble Stout Circle.

Chairman Cohen called for public comment, and there being none offered, he closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Chamberlain moved to approve the two road name changes. Commissioner Tadlock seconded and the motion carried.

APPROVAL TO DONATE SURPLUS AMBULANCE:

A request was received from Faith Fire Department for the donation of a surplus county ambulance. Mr. Russell noted that there were two Ford units that had been taken out of service and were available.

Commissioner Blount moved to declare units 83 and 85 as surplus and to donate one of the vehicles to Faith Fire Department. Commissioner Rowland seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous vote.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR CPU FROM CP&L:

Commissioner Blount moved to set a public hearing for a conditional use permit from Carolina Power and Light on August 16, 1999. Commissioner Tadlock seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF SNIA PERMIT REQUEST:

An SNIA permit application was received from Carl Wegner for 502 Performance Road.

Staff recommended approval of the submitted site plan with the addition of a portion of lot 20 (tax parcel 239-088 & 042) to satisfy the proposed built-upon area requirements.

Commissioner Rowland moved to approve the request based on staff's recommendation. Commissioner Chamberlain seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

REQUEST FOR FAMILY SUBDIVISION WAIVER REQUEST:

A request for a family subdivision waiver was received from Wanda Campbell for the Elizabeth Heilig Estate. They requested a waiver to create one additional lot in order to divide property equitably among heirs.

Commissioner Blount moved to approve the request. Commissioner Chamberlain seconded and the motion carried.

SET PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR TWO REZONING REQUESTS:

The Board received two requests for rezoning. The requests were from:

Z-11-99 from Odell Bare for a zoning designation change on tax parcel 472-160 from CBI to MHP.

Z-12-99 from A.H. Inc. and Quarterstone Partners for zoning designation change on tax parcels 472-065 and 472A-138/139/140/141/142/145/146/147/148 from MHP to CBI.

Commissioner Blount moved to set the public hearings for the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Tadlock seconded and the motion carried.

UPDATE ON DUNNS MOUNTAIN WATER STUDY:

Don Conner addressed the Board concerning water shortage concerns in the Dunns Mountain area. He stated that Hobbs and Upchurch had prepared a study on the cost to extend water to that area and estimated it to be approximately \$550,263 with 330 potential customers.

Commissioner Chamberlain stated he would like to know how widespread the problem was and suggested preparing a survey to send to residents. He then moved to prepare a questionnaire for direct response to determine the seriousness of the water shortage problem. Commissioner Blount seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

AWARD COMPUTER/HARDWARE BID FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Assistant Finance Director Vicki McCombs told the Board that bids were received for computers, hardware, software and training for the Health Department's new facility.

Bids for the computer network, personal computers, printers, delivery and installation were received from:

Westar Tech	\$85,555.14
Yorel	121,996.00
Info-Tek	128,734.00
InterActive	125,275.00
Liberty	95,715.00

The bid from Westar Tech was recommended for approval. Commissioner Blount moved to award the bid to Westar Tech and to Interactive Business

Solutions for training. Commissioner Chamberlain seconded and the motion carried.

AWARD TELEPHONE BID FOR HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY:

Bids were received for a telephone system and telephones at the new Health/Mental Health facility from:

Wynn Communications	\$47,735.15
Pinnacle Telephone & Data	64,698.00

Commissioner Blount moved to award the telephone bid to Wynn Communications. Commissioner Tadlock seconded and the motion carried.

REQUEST FOR DONATION FROM LOVE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT:

Dr. Ronald Hash addressed the Board with a request from the Love Community Center.

Dr. Hash told the Board that he was a member of the Rowan Housing Task Force who had applied for a grant through the Veterans Administration. The grant would be to purchase and renovate an apartment complex to provide housing for homeless veterans.

He told the Board that the grant had received a first round approval for \$222,013 and would now go through the second stage. He said that they needed to provide matching funds and had already raised approximately \$80,000 through in-kind services. He requested the Board to allocate \$25,000 for the project.

Commissioner Chamberlain stated that he was concerned about the location of the apartment building and asked if Dr. Hash had gotten police incident reports for the area. Dr. Hash stated that he had not, but he would be glad to get the information.

The Board discussed where the money would come from if they approved the allocation. Mr. Russell answered that the Board could use a portion of its contingency fund or take the money from fund balance.

Commissioner Chamberlain stated he could not support any action until he could get more information about safety concerns for the area.

The Board accepted the information from Dr. Hash for consideration and thanked him for his presentation.

## BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Centralina Development Corporation – Commissioner Blount moved to reappoint William Lombard, Tony Cornacchione and Sylvia Hoffner. Commissioner Tadlock seconded and the motion carried.

Centralina Private Industry Council – Commissioner Blount moved to appoint Willette Johnson to replace Mr. A. T. Harris. Commissioner Tadlock seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Adult Care Home – Commissioner Blount moved to appoint Wendy Scuteri. There being no further nominations, Ms. Scuteri was unanimously appointed.

Nursing Home Comm – Commissioner Chamberlain moved to appoint Mr. Tom Roberts. The Board unanimously approved the appointment.

Exploratory Committee for Subdivision Appearance Standards – the Board deferred action on this committee.

Salisbury Rowan Community Service Council – the Board deferred action.

## ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

\* Mr. Holshouser stated that he had been contacted by the Salvation Army who requested relief for landfill charges because they were receiving trash at their donation sites and having to throw away these items. The Board took no official action at this time, but stated they would work with the Salvation Army through Administration.

\* Mr. Russell told the Board that the personnel committee recommended increasing the compensation for Board of Health and DSS Board members to \$40 for members and \$50 for the Chair. The amount would not exceed \$600 in one year. Commissioner Rowland moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Cohen declared the Board in Closed Session to discuss the purchase of property in the 300 block of North Main Street.

Upon conclusion of Closed Session, Chairman Cohen returned the Board to Open Session. No action was taken during Closed Session.

There being no further business, Chairman Cohen adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Dickinson, CMC  
Clerk to the Board