

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 7, 2002 – 9:00 AM
J. NEWTON COHEN, SR. ROOM, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

Present: Steve Blount, Chairman
Gus Andrews, Vice-Chairman
Frank Tadlock, Member
Leda Belk, Member

The County Manager, the Clerk to the Board, the County Attorney and the Finance Director were also present. Arnold Chamberlain, Member, was absent.

Chairman Blount convened the meeting at 9:00 am.

Commissioner Tadlock provided the Invocation and Commissioner Andrews led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS:

- Commissioner Andrews requested to add discussion concerning ABC Enforcement Officers and the City of Kannapolis.
- Commissioner Andrews also requested to add a discussion concerning the water line in the western part of the county.
- Chairman Blount requested to add a discussion on the school bond.
- Chairman Blount also added a legal issue to the Executive Session already scheduled.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Blount mentioned the letters the Board had received from teachers expressing their appreciation for the school supply money. Chairman Blount stated that the teachers would like for the Board to handle the school supply money reimbursements in the same manner for the future.

COMMISSIONERS LIAISON REPORTS:

Commissioner Belk reported that Dan Nicholas had a successful weekend with Autumn Jubilee and said the park system in the County is “second to none.”

Commissioner Tadlock echoed the praises of Commissioner Belk for Dan Nicholas Park.

Commissioner Andrews expressed his wishes for good health for Commissioner Chamberlain and said, “We’ll miss him today.” For the sake of those in the audience, Chairman Blount added that Commissioner Chamberlain was recovering well from an illness and was on vacation.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Belk made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andrews and passed unanimously (4-0).

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Approval of the 09/16/2002 minutes
- B. Request to give the Library’s “honor roll” list to the Rowan Museum
- C. Approval to set a public hearing for Z-13-02, MHP to IND
- D. Approval to set a public hearing for Z-14-02, RR to RA
- E. Approval to set a public hearing for CUP-20-02 for Subdivision in CBI District
- F. Approval to set a public hearing for CUP-18-02 for a Telecommunications tower
- G. Approval to set a public hearing for CUP-21-02 a request from Taylor Clay Products for an expansion
- H. Request for authorization to auction property
- I. Request for authorization to declare surplus property
- J. Approval of amended MOU for the South Rowan Water Extension Project with the City of Kannapolis
- K. Approval of the LLEBG Advisory Board’s recommendation of funding and approval to set a public hearing
- L. Approval to adopt a resolution to set a public hearing on closing two unopened roads
- M. Budget Amendments

CONSIDERATION OF INTENT TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO LEVY A ONE-HALF CENT SALES AND USE TAX:

Chairman Blount thanked Salisbury Post reporter, Jessie Burchette, for the publicity in the Post concerning the ½ cent sales and use tax. Chairman Blount pointed out that the Board had received letters from all of the municipalities asking for the Board’s

consideration of the ½ cent tax. Chairman Blount pointed out there were representatives from the municipalities present, and opened the floor for those representatives to address the Board concerning the issue.

1. Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Woodson was present from the City of Salisbury, as well as Council members Pete Kennedy and Bill Burgin. Mr. Woodson urged the Board to pass the proposed ½ cent sales tax saying the tax was “better than raising property taxes.” Mr. Woodson said the tax could possibly be repealed and informed the Board that the City of Salisbury had been “hit over \$2 million dollars” in the holdback from the State.

Chairman Blount distributed a handout from the League of Municipalities that indicated the “tax impact” on each of the municipalities.

2. Representing the Town of Landis were Mayor Fred Steen and Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Roberts. Mayor Steen also urged the Board to pass the ½ cent sales tax. Mayor Steen commended the Board for the “tough decisions” it has made in the past few years, including the water line. Mayor Steen stated the local option sales tax was important to the local communities and added that Landis had delayed several capital projects within the police and fire departments due to the loss of reimbursements. Mayor Steen encouraged the Board to move forward to assist in making the communities safer.
3. Kannapolis City Manager Mike Mahaney stated that the lost reimbursements to Kannapolis totaled approximately \$1.6 million. Mr. Mahaney urged the Board to approve the ½ cent sales tax. Mr. Mahaney said that people who do not actually live in Kannapolis pay approximately 40% of the sales tax through shopping, staying in hotels, etc. Mr. Mahaney continued by saying Kannapolis had cut back on essential services as far as the number of firemen and policemen.
4. Mayor Ponds of Granite Quarry stated that after polling members, the majority was in favor of the ½ cent sales tax increase. Mayor Ponds agreed the tax was the “lesser of two evils” when compared to raising property taxes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Arnold Crook of Granite Quarry spoke in opposition to the ½ cent sales tax increase. Mr. Crook stated, “we’ve got property all over Rowan County. The County owns property out near Summit place, setting out there not bringing nothing in for us.” Mr. Crook questioned lowering the price of the property to attract businesses.

5. Mayor Jim Brown from the Town of Cleveland described the ½ cent sales tax increase as the “fairest way” to levy tax to help the county and the communities. Mayor Brown encouraged the Board to approve the ½ cent sales tax, saying “we can’t live on retained earnings forever.”

6. Mayor Bost of Rockwell said he didn't want to raise taxes, but in order to continue services and capital projects, he supports the ½ cent sales tax increase.
7. Mayor Jody Everhart said the Town of Spencer supports the ½ cent sales tax increase. Mayor Everhart explained that Spencer lost 4.8 cents on property tax revenue in funds withheld by the state. Mayor Everhart reported that Spencer had to use part of its reserve funds this year and has "had to cut back on everything except employment" and that Spencer raised property taxes 3 cents this year. Mayor Everhart thanked the Board for considering the proposed ½ cent sales tax increase.

Chairman Blount thanked the municipal leaders for their input and opened the floor for any citizens who wished to comment on the ½ cent sales tax increase.

8. Jeff Ketner addressed the Board saying he would like to see the County join in the suit against the State of North Carolina for illegally withholding funds. Mr. Ketner said he was unsure why the county should believe the State will "give us this ½ percent." Mr. Ketner created a scenario of a child asking his mother for something in a store and the child being told, "we can't afford that." Mr. Ketner said all levels of government should be asking, "what can we afford to provide for the citizens." Mr. Ketner felt the escalation of taxes compared to the ratio of income, is "getting out of hand." Mr. Ketner continued by discussing previous tax increases and said excess spending is to blame. Mr. Ketner suggested planning the future based on a "worse-case scenario." In order to do this, there needs to be a reduction in spending to "what people can afford." Mr. Ketner said he was not speaking in support of, or against, the ½ cent sales tax increase, but rather he was simply asking the Board to address the real cause of the deficit, which is "spending over and above what we can afford."

Commissioner Tadlock thanked Mr. Ketner for his comments. Commissioner Tadlock added that it would take a 5.03 increase in property tax to equal the amount of funds lost to the state.

Mr. Ketner expressed his opinion to be that the Board should not raise either tax and cut spending. Mr. Ketner asked Commissioner Tadlock if his comment took into consideration the revaluation for next year. Commissioner Tadlock responded "no." Mr. Ketner continued to discuss the revaluation scheduled for next year, saying property tax revenues would have gone up 50% in the past 4-5 years.

Chairman Blount stated that the Board would address revaluation next year and make a decision on the tax rate at that time. Chairman Blount thanked Mr. Ketner for his comments.

Commissioner Belk commented that the State has left the Board with no choice and pointed out that the County has lost \$3.9 million in revenues in the process. Commissioner Belk requested to go on record as being in favor of the ½ cent sales tax.

Commissioner Tadlock voiced his agreement with Commissioner Belk.

Commissioner Andrews expressed concern with the ½ cent sales tax increase and agreed that the concerns of Mr. Ketner were valid. Commissioner Andrews continued by saying the Board is in a “precarious” situation by being faced with the ½ cent sales tax increase, the bond package and revaluation, all within a 1-1 ½ year period. Commissioner Andrews said that during the (2) budget sessions he has sat through, the Board has made cuts, no new jobs had been added and each department had been asked to make cuts “across the board.” Commissioner Andrews praised the higher bond rating, which indicated the County had been “frugal” in its efforts. Commissioner Andrews conveyed fear that the State would declare an emergency in the future, and take the ½ cent sales tax increase from the County again.

Chairman Blount added that the County is mandated by the State, and the State controls all of the counties funds. Chairman Blount also explained that the State sets the maximum property tax rate to be charged and has the authority to cut the rate in half. Chairman Blount questioned County Attorney John Holshouser as to whether the local option sales tax was “more secure and defensible legally than reimbursements.” Mr. Holshouser agreed with Chairman Blount.

Chairman Blount stated that the previous ½ cent sales tax levied by the state could “go away” next year and the County would be back to 61/2 cents. Chairman Blount said the decision is “entirely up to the State.” Chairman Blount explained that the lawsuit the counties have entered into is for “last year’s money.” Chairman Blount described how the state withheld funds from last year, causing the County to adjust its spending halfway through the budget year. Chairman Blount discussed revaluation, which happens every four (4) years and “has nothing to do with the ½ cent sales tax.” Chairman Blount continued to discuss revaluation, which can be based on:

- 1) Revenue neutral, which means no tax increase.
- 2) Revenue neutral plus about 3%, which is normal growth.
- 3) The amount can adjust up slightly to pay for things that need to be paid.

Chairman Blount explained that prior to the last revaluation, several public hearings were held and citizens expressed the need for funding of the schools operations to the state average. The citizens were told the only way to accomplish the goal, was to raise more revenue. Revaluation was used to create more funding for the schools. Chairman Blount emphasized that revaluation does not automatically mean an increase in taxes but rather a change in the value of the property. It is up to the Board to set the tax rate.

Commissioner Belk made a motion to approve the ½ cent sales tax, followed by a second from Commissioner Tadlock. The motion carried unanimously (4-0) and was followed by a round of applause. Laughter followed Chairman Blount’s comment that the moment was “probably historic – we’ve never been applauded for raising taxes.”

Chairman Blount called for a short break at 9:40 am.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:45 am.

PRESENTATION FROM BENCHMARK ON AN EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING MPO TO INCLUDE THE ENTIRETY OF ROWAN AND CABARRUS COUNTIES:

Mike Nunn, Executive Director of the Cabarrus-South Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and Phil Conrad, Transportation Planner, addressed the Board concerning transportation planning for Rowan County. Mr. Nunn distributed a handout and explained that the MPO is a federally recognized transportation plan agency for the urban area and that the number one priority of the MPO is the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that includes projects such as highways, transit systems, greenways, interchanges, and enhancement. Mr. Nunn referred to the handout, which listed the current MPO Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC). Mr. Nunn stated there are two (2) priority lists for expanding Divisions 9 & 10. Mr. Nunn reviewed page 2 of the handout that listed the Cabarrus-South Rowan MPO Services, as well as page 3, which listed a breakdown of MPO budget information. Mr. Nunn invited the Board to join the “Southern Rowan County” by appointing a Commissioner to the TAC Board. Mr. Nunn stated that Marion Lytle had been attending the TCC meetings as staff. Mr. Nunn mentioned air quality as an issue that would be analyzed on a countywide basis, including all of Rowan and Cabarrus counties.

Chairman Blount reviewed with the Board that the State had begun pushing the county towards forming a Rural Planning Organization (RPO) with other counties. Chairman Blount said there were problems with the various RPO possibilities the County had pursued. Chairman Blount expressed that the joining of Rowan and Cabarrus counties as an MPO, would offer “equal influence and equal prosperity with the two counties working together.”

Mr. Russell stated that since all the options have been presented, the MPO is best venture for Rowan County.

Commissioner Belk described Rowan and Cabarrus counties as being similar in size, both counties are impacted by the growth of Mecklenburg County, both counties will benefit by the air quality and the “federal money that comes with that.” Commissioner Belk favored the MPO and the receipt of federal funds, as opposed to the association with an RPO and receipt of state funds. Commissioner Belk conveyed that she would like to see

the county pursue the MPO. Commissioner Belk felt the MPO was in the best interest for regional planning “to be effective for tomorrow.”

Mr. Nunn said he had been asked to make a presentation to the City of Salisbury Council next week and invited Commissioners to attend any meetings.

In response to queries from Mr. Russell and Commissioner Belk, Mr. Nunn stated the Board would need to take action to rejoin the current MPO.

Mr. Russell said if the City of Salisbury agrees to join the MPO, the goal is to offer the opportunity for the other six (6) municipalities in Rowan County to join. Mr. Russell emphasized the first step is for the County to rejoin.

In response to a query from Chairman Blount concerning funds, Mr. Russell said he would “find” the funds for the venture.

Commissioner Belk made a motion for Rowan County to rejoin the MPO as indicated. The motion was followed by a second from Commissioner Tadlock and passed unanimously (4-0).

Commissioner Andrews made a motion to pursue creating a joint county MPO as suggested by Mr. Russell. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Belk and carried unanimously (4-0).

Chairman Blount welcomed Senator Stan Bingham, who was in the audience.

PRESENTATION FROM THE LIBRARY ON SOUTH ROWAN LIBRARY:

Bill Burgin, of Ramsay Burgin Smith, presented an update of the architectural plans for the South Rowan Regional Library.

Using architectural drawings, Mr. Burgin reviewed the site plan and views of surrounding properties, and Judy Kandl reviewed the floor plans. Ms. Kandl pointed out the addition of the mechanical unit.

Mr. Burgin announced to the Board that his firm’s drawings would be completed in “about four (4) weeks” and questioned if the Board would want the project put out to bid at that time. Mr. Burgin informed the Board that waiting “much beyond four (4) weeks” would cause the project to be permitted into next year and new codes. Mr. Burgin explained that he would need an “extra week” to make the adjustments for new steel requirements. Mr. Burgin added that prices are favorable as far as the economy stands.

Chairman Blount inquired if the price of steel would go up. Mr. Burgin said there would be “some increase” based on the poundage of steel and estimated the increase to be approximately \$10,000-\$20,000.

Bruce Miller, Rowan Public Library Board of Trustees Member, distributed a handout and acknowledged Phil Barton, Library Director; Lucinda Epperson, South Rowan Library Branch Manager; and Dave Roberts, Capital Campaign Treasurer. Mr. Miller identified himself as a Co-Chair for the Capital Campaign. Mr. Miller explained that it had been difficult to ask for donations for a project that “may or may not in the immediate future be built.” Mr. Miller said the campaign needed a “lift” from the Board to go out and campaign for the \$400,000 pledge. Mr. Miller made a plea for the Board to go forward with the project.

Commissioner Belk stated that economic growth equates to a tax base, as well as education and libraries. Commissioner Belk expressed that industry would not locate in Rowan County unless the county offers and “education second to none and libraries to back it up.”

Commissioner Belk asked Mr. Russell where the county stood financially in order to proceed with the project. Mr. Russell responded that the project was discussed at the Board’s retreat and that the project would be financed in the form of COPS or installment financing. Mr. Russell recalled the project was proposed at a cost of approximately \$3 million dollars over a seven (7) to ten (10) year period. Mr. Russell stated that if the Board should approve and proceed with the project in December or January, there would be no financial impact on the budget for the current fiscal year. Mr. Russell explained that the county would be committing to a debt service for the next fiscal year. Mr. Russell estimated that over a ten year period, the project would cost approximately \$450,000 annually, or \$600,000 for a seven year period.

Commissioner Tadlock commended Mr. Miller and others for putting together a campaign effort and stated that he would like to see the Board give the campaign a “green light” to raise funds, and also to Bill Burgin to put the project out for bid.

Mr. Russell stated that the actual purchase of \$3 million could possibly be less, due to the land having been purchased and the architectural fees paid.

In response to a query from Chairman Blount, Mr. Russell stated that “Plan C,” which addresses the budget shortfall, might be presented in November. Mr. Russell stated that funding had been cut in many areas, including the library. Mr. Russell explained that the South Rowan Library project would impact fiscal year 2003-04.

Commissioner Andrews expressed support of the library project but had concerns with the timing and the budget. Commissioner Andrews conveyed concerns for “kicking the project into next year” with the anticipation of what the state “might do to us next year.” Commissioner Andrews felt the Board “should be into next year’s budget” before giving the project the “green light.” Commissioner Andrews emphasized that the totally supported the project but would have difficulty pushing the project forward.

Commissioner Tadlock questioned Mr. Russell as to whether the County would know more in November about the future. Mr. Russell responded that the County would have a

better idea in November as to “what the General Assembly did to us.” Mr. Russell added that staff is in good shape and would “survive this year.” Mr. Russell felt that regardless of how the State handles its budget next year, “we’re in adequate shape to handle ours.” Mr. Russell shared Commissioner Andrews’s concern over the “bully” that has taken county money three (3) years straight.

Commissioner Belk verified with Mr. Russell that the County is in adequate shape to give the library project the green light. Mr. Russell emphasized that the County has a lot of options, as well as having a “sound and solid budget.” Mr. Russell said that Rowan County would move forward and to do so would require an investment in capital projects.

Mr. Russell responded to queries from Commissioner Tadlock concerning the reimbursements that had been known in the past. Mr. Russell stated that those reimbursements “are gone.” Mr. Russell stated that the Governor took \$1.2 million from the County last year. Mr. Russell continued by saying the ½ cent sales tax increase is effective July 1, for the full year, and the County would benefit \$3.9 million from the tax.

Commissioner Belk requested to add the library project back to the November agenda.

By consensus, the Board agreed to delay deliberations until November.

Chairman Blount pointed out that the construction for the project would benefit the local economy. Chairman Blount asked that the library and other capital projects be presented at the second meeting in November.

Mr. Burgin said that a “quick decision” would have to be made in December to award the contract, in order for Mr. Burgin to secure the permit.

UPDATE ON THE SOUTH ROWAN AMBULANCE SITE:

Ken Deal, Director of Administration, addressed the Board with a PowerPoint Presentation concerning the ambulance site in the southern portion of the County. The presentation depicted photos of the property purchased for the site, as well as the surrounding properties. Mr. Deal explained that the next step would be designing the ambulance station facility.

Mr. Russell described the area, saying the County property was zoned RA and to ask for a rezoning, to allow a metal building, would likely cause opposition. Mr. Russell said one concept would be to construct a residential facility, with an oversized garage to accommodate an ambulance. Mr. Russell said the plan would keep the station in compliance with the RA District and should the County vacate the site in the future, the County would have a four-bedroom, ranch-type “home” to sell.

In response to a query from Commissioner Tadlock, Mr. Russell said the home would be four bedrooms, eventually to house two (2) crews, with a well and septic system.

Commissioner Belk expressed that she favored the concept as discussed by Mr. Russell.

Commissioner Belk made a motion to move forward with plans for the South Rowan Ambulance site. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

APPROVAL FOR THE SELECTION OF HOMES AND ALTERNATES FOR THE SCATTERED SITE HOUSING(CDBG GRANT):

Matt Ward, Assistant County Planner, presented the background for the Scattered Site Housing Plan. Mr. Ward stated that the County received 109 applications and based on the grant amount of \$400,000, 14 homes were recommended, plus 3 alternates to receive assistance.

Commissioner Andrews made a motion to approve the sites as recommended by staff. Commissioner Tadlock seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Commissioner Belk applauded the efforts of the program and Chairman Blount added that the homes are nicely maintained.

UPDATE ON THE I-85 ZONING:

Ed Muire, Assistant County Planner, updated the Board on the I-85 zoning plan, saying the project had been “ongoing for quite some time.” Mr. Muire informed the Board that a workshop would be held on November 12 at Southeast Middle School Cafeteria, to review the I-85 east area. Mr. Muire encouraged the Commissioners to attend the workshop, saying approximately 1400 property owners would be affected.

SNIA PERMIT APPLICATION:

Mr. Muire updated the Board on an SNIA permit application submitted Mr. Rene Descoteaux. Mr. Muire discussed the site plan presented to the Board and stated that Staff recommends approval of the request as submitted.

Commissioner Tadlock made a motion to approve the SNIA application as submitted. Commissioner Belk seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Nursing Home Advisory Committee

Commissioner Tadlock made a motion to reappoint Joseph Barton for two (2) three-year terms. The motion carried.

Rowan County Landmark Commission

Commissioner Belk made a motion to appoint Charles Floyd.
Chairman Blount made a motion to appoint Beulah Davis.

The motion to appoint Mr. Floyd carried 3-1, with Commissioners Belk, Tadlock and Andrews supporting the motion. Chairman Blount voted in favor of Ms. Davis.

After conversing with the Clerk to the Board, it was decided that a letter would be sent to all members of the Landmark Commission, to schedule its first meeting on October 24, 2002 at 5:30 pm.

ADDITIONS:

ABC Law Enforcement

Commissioner Andrews mentioned that the City of Kannapolis had “voted in alcohol” and stated that Cabarrus County does not have ABC Law Enforcement Officers. Commissioner Andrews expressed concern that Rowan County only has two (2) officers to handle the needs of Rowan County and possibly calls from Cabarrus County. Commissioner Andrews called for discussion on the increased responsibility for Rowan County due to the sale of alcohol in Kannapolis.

Commissioner Tadlock stated that the newspaper article concerning ABC Law Enforcement in Kannapolis “lacked some clarity.” Commissioner Tadlock felt that there would be no impact on personnel. Commissioner Tadlock stated that was a “mutual type agreement to work with the police department in that area to govern ABC sales” Commissioner Tadlock suggested inviting Ray Shuler, head enforcement officer, to the next Board meeting, to explain the impact of ABC sales in Kannapolis and what impact those sales will have on Rowan County’s ABC officers.

Chairman Blount stated there should be an increase in revenue from the sale of alcohol in Kannapolis.

Water Line from Salisbury to Statesville

Commissioner Andrews referenced newspaper articles he had read concerning the water situation in Statesville, saying the situation was “no more of a dire need” than the water situation in the southern portion of Rowan County. Commissioner Andrews mentioned that all of the Rowan County citizens had to “step to the pump” to resolve the water situation in the South Rowan area with the installation of a new water line. Commissioner Andrews expressed concern with the state’s plan to pick up funding to carry water “across the county” to Statesville, when the water situation was just as extreme for Rowan County. Commissioner Andrews felt the Board should be kept informed by the State, the City of Salisbury and Iredell County as to the progress in resolving the water situation in Statesville. Commissioner Andrews was apprehensive that the taxpayers in Rowan County and the City of Salisbury may be asked to help pay a percentage of the cost of providing water to Statesville. Commissioner Andrews also felt the Board should be involved with any project that has the potential to tax the citizens of Rowan County.

Commissioner Tadlock questioned if an “emergency” was the criteria for receiving state funding. Commissioner Tadlock said providing water to the southern portion of the county had been an “emergency-type situation” and suggested the county explore the possibility of state funds to assist with the project.

Chairman Blount stated that the message had been sent to Dave Treme, City Manager for the City of Salisbury, that if state funds were received for the project, the county’s cost would be reduced. Chairman Blount said the article Commissioner Andrews referred to was “a little misleading.” Chairman Blount stated that Mr. Treme had informed the State that the City of Salisbury would assist in providing water to Statesville, but not at a cost to the citizens of Salisbury and Rowan County.

Commissioner Andrews requested that the City of Salisbury present a statement to Rowan County declaring the city’s involvement would be at the request of the State and would be at “no expense” to Rowan County or the citizens of Salisbury.

Chairman Blount asked that John Vest and Dave Treme be invited to attend the next board meeting to present an update on the Statesville water project.

School Board

Chairman Blount stated that he had attended the School Bond Task Force meeting. Chairman Blount said several task force members had expressed concern that the public perceives the Board of Commissioners as not supporting the bond package. Chairman Blount said he had responded to those concerns by pointing out that the Commissioners would not have put the bond issue on the ballot, in an election year, if the Commissioners “did not support it 100%.”

Chairman Blount stated that for the purpose of public reassurance, he had requested a resolution be drafted to support the bond and to encourage the citizens to support the bond.

Commissioner Tadlock made a motion to adopt the Resolution as presented. Commissioner Belk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Chairman Blount requested the Clerk to send a copy of the Resolution to Mr. Fred Corriher of the School Bond Task Force.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no citizens who wished to address the Board.

Chairman Blount again thanked Senator Bingham for his attendance.

Chairman Blount called for a short break at 11:10 am. Chairman Blount reconvened the meeting at 11:25 am for an Executive Session to discuss Economic Development and a legal issue.

Chairman Blount reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 12:15 pm

The Board briefly discussed the current Moratorium on Group Homes and the need to have a recommendation from staff at an upcoming meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Blount adjourned the meeting at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rita K. Foil
Clerk to the Board