

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 28, 2003 – 5:30 PM
J. NEWTON COHEN, SR. ROOM, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

Present: Steve Blount, Chairman
Leda Belk, Member
Chad Mitchell, Member
Frank Tadlock, Member

Absent: Gus Andrews, Vice-Chairman

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

Chairman Blount reconvened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

CONTINUATION OF NCDOT PROGRAM TITLED “NC-MOVING AHEAD”

Mr. Lytle, County Planner, highlighted the handout and the issues that were addressed at a meeting hosted by the Cabarrus South Rowan MPO on April 22, 2003. Mr. Lytle said funds would be available over a two-year period to the five-county area in the amount of \$40,000,000.

Mr. Lytle referred to staff’s recommended ranking of road priorities. Mr. Lytle said staff had received approximately 100 calls from citizens regarding nineteen (19) roads in need of repair. Mr. Lytle said at least 10-12 of the calls were concerning Old Beatty Ford Road and therefore this road was listed as a top priority.

Commissioner Tadlock said he had also received calls regarding the condition of Old Beatty Ford Road.

Mr. Lytle continued by reviewing the suggested rankings and referring to the map in the handout. Mr. Lytle said that DOT District Engineer Chris Corriher has “a lot of interest” in the widening of Mt. Hope Church.

Commissioner Belk mentioned that “shoulders” are needed on Old Mocksville Road from Grant’s Creek to Ellis Cross Roads. Mr. Lytle said he would make sure this concern was included in the recommendations.

Chairman Blount felt the turning lane for the new high school should be added to the list. Chairman Blount also agreed that the turning lane for Rowan Cabarrus Community College should be added.

Commissioner Belk said that any turn lanes for new schools should be included at the top of the list.

Commissioner Tadlock requested it be brought to Mr. Corriher's attention, that a turning lane is needed on Campbell Road at the South Rowan YMCA.

The Board agreed that all turning lanes should be placed high on the list.

Mr. Lytle reported that the county's share of funds would be approximately \$7-8 million for the modernization and maintenance needs. Mr. Lytle said the DOT wanted to spend the funds in "big chunks" on just 3-4 contracts.

Mr. Russell asked if Old Beatty Ford Road could be added to the "TIP" and recommended spending the \$7-8 million on the other roads.

Commissioner Belk emphasized that the county should get the most for its citizens rather than focus on "just one big project."

Chairman Blount suggested leaving Old Beatty Ford Road on the list and just "shift it down" as far as priorities.

Mr. Lytle recommended changing from Old Beatty Ford Road to Old Beatty Ford Road Intersections, in order to take care of the intersections, as opposed to widening the entire road.

Commissioner Tadlock moved to adopt the list with the modifications as recommended. Commissioner Belk seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board expressed its appreciation to staff for its hard work on the project.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Blount adjourned the meeting 5:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rita K. Foil, CMC
Clerk to the Board