

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 4, 2003 – 9:00 AM
J. NEWTON COHEN, SR. ROOM, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

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

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

Chairman Blount convened the meeting at 9:00 am.

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

ADDITIONS

The following additions were made to the agenda:

- Commissioner Belk requested to add a brief discussion on School Funding.
- Commissioner Tadlock requested to add a discussion on Bond Sales.
- Commissioner Tadlock also requested a discussion on helping Pillowtex workers.
- John Holshouser requested a closed session during agenda item # 3, to seek the Board direction in a legal matter.

LIASION REPORTS

County Manager Tim Russell reported on a recent meeting with representatives from Alcoa to discuss the relicensing process and the schedule of upcoming meetings. Chairman Blount asked Mr. Russell to get a copy of the schedule to Commissioner Andrews. Commissioner Andrews was on vacation and unable to attend this meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Tadlock moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Belk and passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

- A. Approval of the July 21, 2003 minutes
- B. Approval to set a public hearing for the road name of Briar Lane
- C. Approval to set a public hearing for CUP-18-03, request for permission of residential storage facility on a vacant lot
- D. Approval to set a public hearing for a road closing
- E. Approval of state airport aid grant agreements
- F. Budget Amendments

PRESENTATION FROM EDC FOR THE MASTER PLAN FOR SCC

Archie Jarrell gave an introduction about the presentation for Industrial/Retail Use with the Summit Corporate Center Region along I-85.

Bill Wagoner gave the power point presentation to the Board on behalf of the Salisbury-Rowan Economic Development Commission for potential retail locations in the Summit Corporate Center. This power point presentation is included as part of the backup for the minutes.

Mr. Wagoner reviewed page two (2) of the power point presentation to the Board describing the location to run along I-85 Corridor from Salisbury (Innes Street) to China Grove (NC 152). Mr. Wagoner also reviewed the alternate retail locations along the I-85 Corridor from Salisbury to China Grove. Which consist of the following:

1. Bendix Site- Located between Innes Street Market (Lowes, Tinseltown, etc.) & I-85. This location has high visibility and also has access off Bendix Drive as well as Newsome Road Extension. Water and Sewer is available for this site. Bendix Site is approximately fifty-five (55) acres.
2. Klumac Extension- Located diagonally to Summit Corporate Center and also has high visibility. Water and Sewer is available for this site. Access areas are from Julian Road and Jake Alexander Blvd. Klumac Extension is approximately fifty-five (55) acres.
3. Fowler Site- Located diagonally from Dillard's, the Cline Site, and Quarter Midget Race Track. This location has high visibility and also has access to Peach Orchard Road. Water is available at the Dillard's Site. This site is approximately eighty (80) acres.

4. Platinum Site- This site has high visibility from the Interstate. Water and Sewer are in close proximity of this site. Platinum Site has growth potential and is also substantial property for Development. Platinum Site is approximately three hundred (300) acres.

Mr. Wagoner stated the recommendations from the Salisbury-Rowan Economic Development Commission which consist of the following:

- Maximize Economic Development for the benefits of State Tax Credits.
- Protect Julian Road Corridor (RCCC towards Peach Orchard) for Mixed Use of Industrial and Supporting Commercial.
- Protect E. Innes and Property West of I-85 for Large Retail and Supporting Commercial.
- Maintain all Phases of Summit Corporate Center for Industrial Use.

Randy Harrell reviewed the process of Tax Credits by saying that each County has a specific tier, which goes to a tier one (1) to tier five (5). Mr. Harrell stated that tier one (1) is the most distressed and Rowan County is a tier four (4). Mr. Harrell discussed the differences of a tier one (1) category to a tier four (4) category.

Mr. Harrell mentioned that development zones are re-designated every four (4) years by the State of North Carolina. Mr. Harrell stated that this process only complies with Manufacturing, Whole-Sale Distribution, Corporate Headquarters, Data Processing and Call Centers.

Mr. Wagoner's final recommendation of the Summit Corporate Center Region was to "Stay the Course."

Chairman Blount opened up for discussion on the Summit Corporate Center Master Plan presented by Salisbury-Rowan Economic Development Commission.

Commissioner Belk questioned about the State Tax Credits. Mr. Wagoner stated that Salisbury is bringing in retail. Mr. Wagoner mentioned this was the highest best use of the land.

Chairman Blount questioned why Bendix would not maintain its usage as Industrial. Mr. Harrell stated it depended on the amount of inquires for the Bendix Site for retailing and commercial.

Mr. Wagoner discussed heavy retailing in the surrounding areas. Mr. Wagoner stated that you should always look at alternatives. Mr. Wagoner also mentioned that Phase One (1) and Phase Two (2) of Summit Corporate Center are "unique".

Chairman Blount asked for clarification about Summit Corporate Center if it was more viable than other sites for retail. Mr. Wagoner stated if it was "clean" than Summit Corporate Center would be more viable.

Commissioner Tadlock commented on the great presentation. Commissioner Tadlock questioned if the State was doing enough and that we needed to ‘catch a big fish’.

Randy Harrell stated from Commissioner Tadlock’s comment that the State is not doing enough. Mr. Harrell mentioned North Carolina needed to be more aggressive.

Commissioner Mitchell stated the power point presentation convinced him that Summit Corporate Center is not the ideal spot for commercial development.

Commissioner Belk expressed her concerns about the unemployment rate.

Commissioner Belk stated, “We have a jewel out there that could bring 1,000 plus jobs. I am not convinced that Summit Corporate Center could not work as a retail/industrial park.”

Mr. Wagoner discussed that capital expenditures per job should be above average. Mr. Wagoner also mentioned that there is not a Concord Mills coming because we do not have the demographics.

Chairman Blount reviewed to the Board how much Salisbury Mall had changed.

Chairman Blount also thanked Salisbury-Rowan Economic Development Commission for their presentation.

Chairman Blount called for a break at 10:45 am

Chairman Blount reconvened the meeting at 10:55 am

APPROVAL OF MINIMUM HOUSING RESOLUTION

Lloyd Pace, from the Planning Department, gave an overview of the requirements of the Rowan county Minimum Housing Ordinance and presented a resolution to facilitate the enforcement and compliance with the provisions of the ordinance.

Mr. Pace reviewed the chronology of events that had taken place on property located at 1270 Patterson Road through recent inspections. Mr. Pace described the existing dwelling as being full of rats and roaches and also there was evidence of snakeskins inside the house.

Mr. Pace said there was two (2) acres of land on this property on Patterson Road at an approximate value of \$25,000 - \$30,000 per acre.

Mr. Pace confirmed to Commissioner Belk that both individuals were at Britthaven. Mr. Pace said that “Lucy” was under DSS care with Mr. Oxendine as her legal guardian. Mr. Pace said it was reported that “John,” the brother, was “okay to handle his own affairs.”

Mr. Pace requested that the Board pass the proposed resolution, ordering Attorney Holshouser to take the issue to Superior Court. Mr. Pace said the county would tear the house down or that a fire department might burn the house as a training exercise.

Commissioner Tadlock moved to approve the resolution as presented, followed by a second from Commissioner Belk. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Holshouser requested to discuss the issue in closed session to seek the Board's direction on the case.

Chairman Blount agreed to add the discussion to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF SNIA APPLICATION

Mr. Muire explained that the application from Prestige Building Company was for motor home storage/warehousing on site. Mr. Muire said the application meets the requirements and is permitted within the district. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Mitchell moved to approve the request as submitted. Commissioner Tadlock seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ROWAN COUNTY RULES AND REGULATIONS; APPROVAL ROWAN COUNTY AIRPORT MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR FBO

Mr. Russell reported that the State Division of Aviation is requiring all county and city airports to update and provide minimum standards for rules and regulations as to how airports will operate, as well as any contracts for Fixed Based Operators (FBO).

Mr. Russell explained that the rules must be updated in order to continue to receive state grants for airport improvements. Mr. Russell said the county's consultant had assisted in the update process.

Mr. Russell said if the Board would agree, the documents would be made available to the public until the September Board meeting. At the meeting, a public hearing would be held to entertain citizen input regarding the rules with the hopes of enacting the rules.

Mr. Russell described the second document being presented to the Board as the Minimum Standards for the FBO. Mr. Russell said there are rules and regulations mandated by the State and FAA regarding who is allowed to operate the airport.

Mr. Russell said the process for approval of the documents would be the same as those for the Rowan County Rules and Regulations.

Commissioner Tadlock moved to schedule a public hearing pertaining to the issue. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion.

In response to a query from Attorney Holshouser, Mr. Russell said that the documents were open for public comment for approximately thirty (30) days.

Chairman Blount said Talbert and Bright had assisted in the preparation of the documents and said the procedures were similar to surrounding airports. Chairman Blount said the County was “not imposing greater standards or more costs or restrictions to our local aircraft owners.”

The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON THE INVITATION FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chairman Blount referred to the correspondence from the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce requesting that the Board attend the Chamber’s retreat in October for the purpose of discussing economic development.

Chairman Blount requested the Board’s approval to officially accept the invitation and said he had begun working on an outline as to how to address the issues on the Chamber’s agenda.

With no objections, Chairman Blount said he would accept the invitation and said he would ask the Commissioners to offer input regarding the presentation. Chairman Blount also said he would forward his outline to the Board in the near future. Chairman Blount requested the Clerk to draft a letter of official acceptance to the Chamber.

Commissioner Tadlock said he would like for all Commissioners to have input into the presentation. Commissioner Tadlock stated that he did not want to intrude on confidential economic development issues and said he would like to know the limitations for which topics were open for discussion.

Randy Harrell acknowledged that he had accepted an invitation to attend the retreat.

Chairman Blount said Mr. Harrell was invited to be a part of the presentation with the Board. Chairman Blount said Mr. Harrell would be included in creating the presentation and discussing the incentives from the state.

Chairman Blount said again that he was working on an outline and would need the Board’s input.

DISCUSSION OF ENTRANCE SIGNS INTO ROWAN COUNTY

Chairman Blount recalled that at the last meeting, the Board had approved through the Consent Agenda, a resolution asking that the DOT provide signs along highways indicating that Rowan County is home of Dan Nicholas Park.

Chairman Blount said that in the past the Board has also been asked to approve signs that Rowan County is the home of various other sites.

Chairman Blount said when the resolution was presented for his signature he had thought the Board was requesting direction signs. Chairman Blount expressed concern that one attraction had been selected over another and requested that the Board reconsider the issue. Chairman Blount said he had “held off” on signing the resolution until he could bring the issue back to the Board.

Rita Foil, Clerk to the Board, acknowledged a phone conversation in which Commissioner Andrews stated that he was in agreement with Chairman Blount on this issue

Jim Foltz, Director of Rowan County Parks and Recreation, said he had been trying for twenty-eight (28) years to “get that sign.” Mr. Foltz distributed photographs of various signs from other counties to the Board. Mr. Foltz said Dan Nicholas Park (DNP) was not allowed to have directional signs placed along I-85 or Hwy 52 due to state regulations. Mr. Foltz pointed out that the Transportation Museum was located within five (5) miles of the interstate and therefore was allowed to have signs on the interstate. Mr. Foltz felt DNP was being penalized and said, “This is the only way we’re going to get out there to let the people know we’re here.”

Mr. Foltz stressed that DNP was constantly striving for new ideas to promote tourism and pointed out that the DNP Campground had been filled the entire summer. Mr. Foltz felt it unfair not to allow DNP not to have signs.

Mr. Foltz said the Rowan County Libraries, YMCA’s, and parks in Rowan County are “second to none on the east coast” and said it was time to advertise and promote them. Mr. Foltz pointed out that funds for the signs were not being paid by the county but from a separate fund.

Mr. Foltz showed the Board the volumes of correspondence pertaining to the efforts of trying to get the signs approved. Mr. Foltz asked the Board to reconsider “before you vote it down.”

Commissioner Belk said she was unwilling to rescind her vote on the issue and said she couldn’t see the harm of allowing the sign. Commissioner Belk said she was a champion of the park.

In response to a query from Commissioner Tadlock, Mr. Foltz said it was a one-time fee for the sign and the post and that it would not cost the county or the state. Mr. Foltz explained that the sign would not alter the current county signs, which state: “A County Committed to Excellence.”

Commissioner Tadlock said he supported Mr. Foltz’s request.

Chairman Blount said he felt DNP deserved as many signs as possible but that his concern was with the county stating it was the “home of one thing instead of another.” Chairman Blount said it was his hope to find a common sign for all of the various sites.

Judy Newman agreed with Mr. Foltz regarding the rules and regulations pertaining to the signs and added that she would be happy to work with Mr. Foltz.

Mr. Foltz responded to Chairman Blount that directional signs “would be better.”

Ms. Newman said that logo signs would be another option and that she would be glad to work with Mr. Foltz on the issue.

Commissioner Belk said she did “not want to give up on this idea until we have something concrete.”

Mr. Russell said that originally the DOT was going to require the county to redo the entire sign. Mr. Russell suggested that by redoing the sign, DNP as well as other sites could be added. Mr. Russell added that a billboard would be the ideal sign.

Chairman Blount accepted that the Board would keep the resolution as previously approved and asked Mr. Russell to contact the DOT regarding a directional sign that could include DNP and other attractions.

Commissioner Tadlock agreed with Mr. Russell that billboards could be a cheaper method of advertisement.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Rowan County Adult Care Advisory Board

Commissioner Tadlock moved to reappoint Freida Nickolai and the motion carried.

Industrial Facilities & Pollution Control Finance Authority

Commissioner Tadlock moved to appoint Don Clements and the motion was approved.

Rowan County Landmarks Commission

Chairman Blount stated that resignations had been received from Michael Black and Dallas Campbell. Chairman Blount also stated that Mr. D.C. Linn had informed him that the Landmarks Commission was making progress.

Personnel Commission

Commissioner Tadlock moved to reappoint Fred Evans, Rick Eldridge and Ronnie Smith and the motion carried.

Region F Aging Advisory Committee

Commissioner Belk moved to appoint Barbara Gaul and Leah McFee and the motion carried.

Senior Services Advisory Council

Commissioner Belk moved to appoint Barbara Gaul and Rosalie Roberts and the motion carried.

ADDITIONS

School Funding

Commissioner Belk said it had come to her attention that through state law changes special requirements were being placed on school bus drivers at a cost of \$65 each. Commissioner Belk pointed out that school bus drivers were some of the lowest paid employees with the school system and that many were not full-time employees. Commissioner Belk requested that a portion of any unused School Supply Funds be used to reimburse the school bus drivers.

In response to a query from Chairman Blount, Finance Director Leslie Heidrick said February 15, 2004 is the deadline for teachers to submit requests for reimbursement for school supplies.

Commissioner Belk moved to appropriate any funds leftover from the school supply money towards reimbursement to the bus drivers.

Commissioner Belk suggested that staff work with Johnny Brown of the Rowan-Salisbury Schools Transportation System to establish the method for the reimbursements.

Chairman Blount indicated that the reimbursements might have to be handled in the same manner as the school supply reimbursements.

Commissioner Belk suggested allowing bus drivers to bring their receipts from the DMV and the drivers would be reimbursed for those amounts.

Commissioner Tadlock questioned the approximate total number of bus drivers. Commissioner Belk responded that there are approximately two-hundred (200) drivers.

Chairman Blount expressed doubt that there would be enough leftover funds to cover the entire bill.

Chairman Blount said the motion would be to work out the details at that time.

Commissioner Tadlock said he was reluctant to endorse the idea, saying the Board might be “be opening ourselves up” and that the drivers may come to “expect” the help. Commissioner Tadlock used an illustration of substitute teachers and assistant coaches as additional examples that might need help. Commissioner Tadlock said he understood the need but that he would like to see the School Supply Money “reserved and untapped.”

Chairman Blount asked Commissioner Tadlock if he would like to offer an amendment to the motion for the Board to consider any remaining school supply funds in February and consider how the funds should be appropriated at that time. Commissioner Tadlock responded that he would not and that he was against taking on an “extra commitment.”

Chairman Blount offered an amendment to the motion that in the mid-February timeframe where the school supply money process has ended, the Board can make a determination of how much money is available and at that time and make a decision as to how those monies would be expended. Commissioner Belk seconded the amendment. The amendment passed unanimously.

The motion as amended carried unanimously.

School Bond Sale

Ms. Heidrick distributed a handout and described it as the news release written by the Local Government Commission (LGC) of the North Carolina Department of the State Treasurer announcing the sale of the school bonds. Ms. Heidrick said that \$31.6 million in bonds were sold July 29, 2003 to a low bidder, Wachovia Bank and National Association. Ms. Heidrick referred to the last two (2) sentences on the front page of the handout, which compared the net interest cost of 4.2737% to the bond buyers index of 4.83%.

In response to a query from Chairman Blount, Ms. Heidrick stated that the original calculation regarding the tax impact was 6%. Chairman Blount pointed out that the rate was much better than what had been estimated.

Chairman Blount thanked Ms. Heidrick for doing such a good job.

Pillowtex

Mr. Russell distributed a handout regarding special assistance to those impacted by the recent closing of Pillowtex. Mr. Russell said the state is taking the lead for the training and education components for the unemployed workers.

Mr. Russell reported that a conference call had been held with the Governor’s office and the county was assured that every “angle” is being pursued to provide available funds to retrain the workers.

Mr. Russell said he understood a big issue facing the laid off workers was health insurance.

Mr. Russell said the county had sought input from Social Services, Public Health and other nonprofit agencies as to how to enhance, extend and expand existing services for unemployed workers. Mr. Russell estimated that the county was “entering about a two-year arena” for assisting these individuals to gain employment.

Mr. Russell said that many of the programs that offer emergency assistance are already in place in Rowan County but the difficulty is the amount of funds needed to effectively manage those programs.

Mr. Russell said the immediate need is the Emergency Crisis Shelter and said the county needed to increase the resources directed towards emergency shelter, food, and utilities.

Mr. Russell requested that the Board appropriate \$250,000 from its unrestricted fund balance, \$50,000 of which would go immediately towards the emergency relief programs. Mr. Russell said the remaining funds would be available based on needs, as the Board identifies them. Mr. Russell said the county was uncertain about the health issue and cited several areas where health services could be provided.

Mr. Russell informed the Board that DSS and other nonprofit agencies were at the South Rowan YMCA to take applications for food stamps, provide advice, counseling and other informational services.

Mr. Russell said in the conference call held with the Governor's office, the State was asked to participate in providing state resources for emergency crisis.

Mr. Russell felt that \$250,000 would not be adequate for the estimated two years and said the assistance would have to be provided in phases as services are identified.

Mr. Russell described the biggest challenge as getting the workers educated, retrained and back to work.

Commissioner Tadlock mentioned that he had witnessed numerous "for sale" signs on vehicles and boats in the Cabarrus County and Kannapolis areas, which made him realize the gravity of what was happening with the Pillowtex closing. Commissioner Tadlock expressed his appreciation to Mr. Russell and said he supported the plan.

Commissioner Belk asked if the county could move forward with the funds that had been set previously aside for scholarships and make those funds available for those that needed to be retrained.

Mr. Russell responded that he had met with Commissioner Tadlock, Chairman Blount, Dr. Brownell, Jerry Chandler, Carl Repsher and Eric Leazer to discuss the issue. Mr. Russell continued by saying a large part of the funds for the educational component may come from the state and federal level, and that the county must be careful not to supplant those funds.

Commissioner Mitchell moved to appropriate \$250,000 from the unrestricted fund balance to be made available for emergency needs, with \$50,000 being released directly to DSS. Commissioner Tadlock and Belk seconded the motion.

Chairman Blount referred to the handout and asked Attorney Holshouser if it were legal for the county to specify which unemployed worker in Rowan County could receive benefits. Mr. Holshouser said the question was a good point and that he was uncertain how to answer. Mr. Holshouser said the fear would be that “you’re getting into a discrimination issue.” Mr. Holshouser he would like the Board’s permission to look into the issue.

Mr. Russell said there is currently a DSS fund that is used for all residents and the additional \$50,000 would be earmarked for the Pillowtex workers.

Mr. Holshouser said if the plan could be worded that the funds could be added to supplement those experiencing additional hardships, it would still be in the same fund.

In response to a query from Chairman Blount, Commissioner Mitchell amended his motion to remove the reference to Pillowtex and make the motion applicable to all those unemployed.

The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Blount commended Mr. Russell for his efforts in the process. Chairman Blount applauded the efforts of all organizations involved in the process of assisting the unemployed workers. Chairman Blount did express concern with a lack of coordination between agencies. Chairman Blount said he had received complaints from citizens that it appears Cabarrus County is providing more assistance than Rowan County, which Chairman Blount declared to be untrue.

Mr. Russell attributed television coverage as part of the reason that Cabarrus County is receiving so much attention. Mr. Russell said 3000-plus workers lived in Cabarrus County as opposed to approximately 1400 in Rowan County.

Commissioner Tadlock felt the local paper had been thorough in its reporting of all available services.

Chairman Blount asked the Clerk to make sure the County’s web page was also kept updated with the information. Chairman Blount said he was scheduled for three (3) conference calls on the issue.

Mr. Russell said DSS Director Sandra Wilkes was pursuing the possibility of increasing the amount of surplus commodities the county receives from the USDA.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chairman Blount opened the Public Comment Period and invited those in attendance that wished to address the Board to come forward. The following citizen addressed the Board.

1. Roger Spillman of Davie County requested the Board to check into the closing of Ervin Temple Church Road. Mr. Spillman said he had not been notified, but he did have a copy of correspondence “where the Town of Cooleemee in May has served the Secretary of State in trying to locate the partners of this land.” Mr. Spillman said the correspondence indicated that landowners had 120 days to respond from May. Mr. Spillman did not think the Town of Cooleemee owned the land for the road that Cooleemee had requested the county to close. Mr. Spillman mentioned a subdivision with approximately 16 landowners that join the road and said he didn’t feel those landowners had been notified regarding the road closing. Mr. Spillman requested the Board to check into the matter. Mr. Spillman also said he had paid Duke Power \$7,000 to move two (2) utility poles back from the road so the state could “come by and use this road.” Mr. Spillman finished by saying, “I think ya’ll have been misled.”

Chairman Blount asked Don Conner, Director of Environmental Services, if he were aware of the situation. Mr. Conner said he had spoke with Mr. Spillman twice since the road had been closed. Mr. Conner said notices were sent to the owners according to the owners in the tax books.

Chairman Blount requested that Mr. Conner look into the matter and provide the Board with a complete report at its next meeting. Mr. Conner said there are three (3) lots that are in the process of being condemned by the Town of Cooleemee.

Chairman Blount called the Executive Session at 12:30 pm. Mr. Holshouser said there would be one (1) additional legal issue discussed in Executive Session and added that no action is anticipated. Mr. Holshouser said the issue called for “direction” from the Board.

Chairman Blount declared the Board would go into Closed Session at 12:15 pm

Chairman Blount declared the Board back into Open Session at 12:30 pm.

Continued discussion on Summit Corporate Center

The Board continued to discuss briefly the presentation by EDC concerning Summit Corporate Center.

Commissioner Tadlock expressed that he felt there were three Commissioners that were not as informed on what is going on with EDC and requested that more frequent and detailed updates be provided to all Commissioners. Chairman Blount added that he and Commissioner Andrews attend these monthly meetings with EDC and they would be happy to provide this information. It was also noted that all Commissioners are welcomed to attend the monthly meetings.

Commissioner Belk suggested that the County could set up “our own” marketing plan for Economic Development. Chairman Blount added that it would be essential to be willing to fund this effort.

Commissioner Tadlock again stressed the importance of being informed on Closed Session issues that are conducted by EDC. Mr. Russell added that there was not a lot happening right now and that Randy Harrell contacts him concerning incentives through the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Russell also added that it would be up to EDC to invite the Commissioners to attend the Closed Sessions.

Commissioner Belk questioned if the EDC was as aggressive as they should be and also questioned the need for an Assistant Director.

Commissioner Tadlock briefly reviewed the visit to the Rock Hill facility that he attended along with Commissioners Mitchell and Belk and the Board continued to discuss the question of what to do with Summit Corporate Center.

The Board also addressed the need to address the Salisbury zoning of Summit Corporate Center. Chairman Blount stated the need for himself and Mr. Russell to meet with Mayor Kluttz and Dave Treme to address these concerns.

The Board discussed having a workshop on EDC concerns from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm on August 18, 2003, prior to the regular scheduled Commission meeting.

There being no further concerns brought before the Board, Chairman Blount adjourned the meeting at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rita K. Foil, CMC
Clerk to the Board