

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING
FOR ROAD NAMING AND READDRESSING
September 21, 2004 – 5:00 PM
J. NEWTON COHEN, SR. ROOM, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

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

A workshop was held for citizens from 3:00 pm until 4:30 pm prior to this meeting.

Tim Russell, County Manager, Rita Foil, Clerk to the Board were also present.

County Attorney John Holshouser was excused from this meeting.

Chairman Andrews convened the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Commissioner Mitchell provided the invocation and Commissioner Belk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Andrews reviewed the public hearing process. Commissioner Blount suggested having those present to come forward and tell what their concern is and the Board could address that concern.

Chairman Andrews suggested allowing staff to proceed with the planned format.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE APPROVAL OF ROAD NAMING

Fredda Greer from the Planning Department presented the Road Name Petitions in which all properties have been notified and given 30 days to respond and all

legal notices had been advertised in accordance with the NCGS. Ms. Greer mentioned one change to Number 13 “Isiah” Drive, which was misspelled and should be changed to “Isaiah” Drive.

UNANIMOUS PETITIONS

The following Unanimous Road Name Petitions were read for consideration:

1. Bailey Ct
2. BHS Drive
3. BK Lane
4. Bunny Hop Ln
5. County View Dr
6. Dollie Circle
7. Everwood Ln
8. Franks Dr
9. Graham Park Ln
10. Green Meadows Dr
11. Hendrix Farm Circle
12. Hunley Dr
13. Isiah Dr. ** To be changed to Isaiah Dr
14. Ladino Ln
15. Meah Ln
16. Peyton Ln
17. Pine Grove Rd
18. Poteat Ln
19. Purity Dr
20. Rodden Rd
21. Sadie Ln
22. Skylar Ln
23. Stardust Dr
24. St Cyril Ln
25. Theodore Ln
26. Charlies Circle
27. Rex Rd

Chairman Andrews opened the public hearing to entertain comments from those in attendance.

With no one coming forward to address the Board, Chairman Andrews closed the public hearing and opened the Board up for discussion or to entertain a motion.

Commissioner Mitchell moved for approval of the request as presented with the correction of Isaiah Drive to be approved. Commissioner Tadlock seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MAJORITY PETITIONS

Chairman Andrews read the following Majority Road Name Petitions for consideration:

- 1. Baxx Dr
- 2. Delray Dr
- 3. Echo Dr
- 4. Hoofpring Trl
- 5. Moore Haven Dr
- 6. Pine Church Ln
- 7. River Ranch Rd

Chairman Andrews opened the public hearing to entertain comments from those in attendance.

- 1. Vicki Grubb of Peeler Road talked the fact that there was one drive way off another off another and requested that Peeler Road be kept as the address on the mailbox on Peeler Road. Mr. Grubb questioned why these driveways are not being looked at as driveways.

Ms. Greer referenced map #2 and explained that once three structures exist, a road name must be addressed.

Ms. Grubb discussed the construction of the homes and added that she owns land on both sides.

Chairman Andrews explained the reason for the changes is to comply with the Rowan County E-911 system so that these structures could be identified in case of an emergency. Chairman Andrews said that if three residences exist on a road that road must be named and this would allow E-911 to know which house to look for in that location.

With no one others coming forward to address the Board, Chairman Andrews closed the public hearing and opened the Board up for discussion or to entertain a motion.

Commissioner Blount moved for approval of the request as presented and commented that the Board did establish standards and have not made any exceptions. Commissioner Belk seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

Ms. Greer requested that the first 5 petitions be addressed separately. Chairman Andrews read the following list for Special Consideration:

- 1. Gobbler Knob RD

Ms. Greer reviewed with the Board that these are apartments and is currently addressed with a Barn View Ln address. Ms. Greer said that Bobby Cranford

had selected this name to lead into his apartment project. Ms. Greer explained that since the proposal is to now have two separate roads, Mr. Cranford requests that the name Barn View Ln remain solely on his property, which would mean that the road that begins on Needmore Road would need to be renamed releasing the road name of Barn View Road. Ms. Greer stated that 5 of 13 signatures on the petitioned had been received.

Ms. Greer handed out petitions to the Board.

Chairman Andrews opened the public hearing to entertain comments from those in attendance.

1. Bob Cranford of South River Church Road said that there should be 6 signatures on the petition, which would include his and added that he was not sure where the 13 residences are located. Mr. Cranford said that he wants mailboxes near to be near the apartments wanted Barn View Ln, which has held this address since 1989. Mr. Cranford requested to keep the name Barn View Ln. Mr. Cranford said that he plans to construct duplexes on 2 acres of property that he owns.

Ms. Greer added that Ms. Linebarger name was not listed.

Chairman Andrews expressed confusion over two road names. Commissioner Blount acknowledged the road names of Barn View Road and Barn View Lane.

2. Edward Fulmer from Barn View Lane said that there were currently numerous houses located on Barn View Lane and other houses would be added on this road. Mr. Fulmer stated that he opposed this change and that it would be an inconvenience to property owners. Mr. Fulmer said that no one wanted Gobbler Knob Rd and added that Lloyd Blackwood was not interested in Gobbler Knob Road and all the residents were not here today. Mr. Fulmer said that the name Gobbler Knob Road came "out of blue" and he does not want to see this change and it was not good for the property value. Mr. Fulmer suggested letting Mr. Cranford change the address of his property.
3. Henry Bennett of Barn View Lane said that this was his address when he purchased his home and he wanted it to stay the same. In reference to have medication mailed to his address, Mr. Bennett said that he was a VA Veteran and that making any changes would make it more trouble than worth. Mr. Bennett said that no one was in favor Gobbler Knob Road and wants the road left Barn View Lane.

With no others coming forward to address the Board, Chairman Andrews closed the public hearing and opened the Board up for discussion or to entertain a motion.

Commissioner Tadlock asked if there was another Barn View Lane in Rowan County, to which Ms. Greer responded “no”.

Commissioner Blount made a motion to deny the request to change the road name of Barn View Lane to Gobble Knob Road. Commissioner Tadlock seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Hardy Lane

Ms. Greer reviewed this request and stated that Ruby Ford submitted the petition and her signature is the only signature listed on the petition that owns property according to the county assessor records. Staff recommended approval of the request.

Chairman Andrews opened the public hearing to entertain comments from those in attendance who wished to come before the Board.

With no further comments, Chairman Andrews closed the public hearing and opened the Board up for discussion or to entertain a motion.

Commissioner Blount moved to approve request as presented. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Idlewheel Drive

Ms. Greer reviewed with the Board the petition submitted by Ronelle Britt expressing that this road services her mobile home park and the second property owner is not involved. Mr. Greer explained that the county map shows the road runs into the Oakland Meadows Property. Staff recommends approval if there are no objections.

Chairman Andrews opened the public hearing to entertain comments from those in attendance who wished to come before the Board.

With no further comments, Chairman Andrews closed the public hearing and opened the Board up for discussion or to entertain a motion.

Commissioner Mitchell moved to approve request as presented. Commissioner Blount seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. T Meyers Drive

Ms. Greer reviewed the request from petition leader Elizabeth Canupp and said that while the road services the MHP, it also runs along the property line of another owner. Staff recommends approval if there are no objections.

Chairman Andrews opened the public hearing to entertain comments from those in attendance who wished to come before the Board.

With no further comments, Chairman Andrews closed the public hearing and opened the Board up for discussion or to entertain a motion.

Commissioner Blount moved to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Traveler Lane

Ms. Greer reviewed the request from petition leader Alan Waller and said that due to difficulty in making contacts for signatures, only three signatures were obtained. Ms. Greer stated that there should be two "l's" in "Traveller". Staff recommends approval if there are no objections.

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1. Charlie Waller private drive, dad mother gone face Bringle ferry rd house face. # 82 47 99 parcel where houses sit, do not like idea to chg address if have to OK still want B ferry rd.

Chairman Andrews again explained the E-911 system and the reasons for the restructuring addressing, by emphasizing that this whole process was to avoid any confusion.

Mr. Waller said that he had called 911 in the past and they had no problem in locating his address.

Chairman Andrews answered by saying "what a shame if they did" and thanked Mr. Waller for his comments.

Commissioner Mitchell asked Mr. Waller if he wanted to keep the current name of his road.

Mr. Waller responded "yes".

With no other comments, Chairman Andrews closed the public hearing and opened the Board up for discussion or to entertain a motion.

Commissioner Blount moved to approve the request as presented with two l's. Commissioner Belk seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Before proceeding further, Ms. Greer requested to change Abigail Trail to Cooley Farm Road. Ms. Greer also asked to hold the following roads since staff had received calls concerning these names:

- #4 Allman Rd
- #15 Burch Rd
- #23 Drapers Way
- #31 Guilford Crt
- #34 Helms Dr
- #43 Leatherwood Dr
- #45 Outdoor Trail
- #46 Outside St
- #49 Turnage Pl
- #53 Wooten Ln

Chairman Andrews then read list of names for the public hearing.

1. Abigail Trail to Cooley Farm Road
2. Abington Ln
3. Albert St
5. Antler Way
6. Appalachian Dr
7. Audubon Ln
8. August Place
9. Baden Ct.
10. Baines Dr
11. Beale St
12. Becton Rd
13. Brandy Rd
14. Bratcher Rd
16. Caswell Rd
17. Cone Dr
18. Corbett Dr
19. Darden Dr
20. Delaney Dr
21. Denning Dr
22. Denmark Dr
24. Elderberry Ln
25. Fawn Creek Rd
26. Ferrell Ln
27. Florence Ct
28. Geiger Ln
29. Georgia Peach Ln
30. Golden Ln
32. Harbor Ct
33. Haywood St
35. Higgins Way

- 36. Holland Dr
- 37. Hopkins Ln
- 38. Houndsrun Dr
- 39. Howell Rd
- 40. Hubert Ln
- 41. Langley Dr
- 42. Leafwood Ln
- 44. Lynchburg Trl
- 47. Pender Ln
- 48. Redcay Ct
- 50. Stage Coach Trl
- 51. Summerset St
- 52. Thevaos Dr

Chairman Andrews opened the public hearing to entertain comments from those in attendance who wished to come before the Board.

1. Richard Cooley addressed the Board with concerns that Cooley Road is too much like Dooley Road and asked who would decide on the numbers for the roads.

Chairman Andrews responded that the Planning Department would determine the road numbers.

Commissioner Blount questioned if this road served three dwellings. Ms. Greer responded that it does.

With no further comments, Chairman Andrews closed the public hearing and opened the Board up for discussion or to entertain a motion.

Commissioner Blount moved to approve as presented all road names including Cooley Farm Road and added that the roads that were withdrawn to be brought back before the Board at a later date. Commissioner Belk seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR STRUCTURE READDRESSING

Adrian Rollans, GIS Coordinator with the Planning Department, informed the Board that this will be the last of approximately seven / eight public hearings for this special project and proceeded to give the following statistics.

- 653 address changes to date for consideration
- 246 address changes during tonight meeting for consideration. Mr. Rollans said that this would be the last public hearing for these changes.

Mr. Rollans referenced the information in the packets and asked the Board to note that at the end of the spreadsheet there is a column for withdrawn address considerations, which is a list of all the mailings to residents. Mr. Rollans

explained that the “y” indicates that staff received a phone call prior to this meeting and those will not be considered during this public hearing.

Commissioner Mitchell questioned what the “R” meant, to which Mr. Rollans answered, “reconsider” and there is nothing in that column.

Mr. Rollans said that there were some additional address changes that come in for the workshop tonight and Mr. Rollans would present those for the record prior to the Board making a decision.

Chairman Andrews opened the public hearing to entertain comments from those in attendance who wished to come before the Board.

1. Ben McCubbins stated that he was appearing with Sara and Phil Menius (his daughter and son-in-law) concerning property located on Old Mocksville Road, approximately two blocks on this side of Ridge Road. Mr. McCubbins continued to explain that this property is also located approximately two and one-half block from the Ellis Fire Department and within about one to one-half miles down the road is the Franklin Fire Department. Mr. McCubbins said that his daughter has owned this property since 1990. Mr. McCubbins said that he acquired the property 1983 from Henry Hoffman and the mail box number was the same then as it is today and it has never changed. Mr. McCubbins said that he was in favor of a good system, but requested a variance in the case of Sarah and Phil. Mr. McCubbins explained that his Sarah had a program called the “Gateway Program” for young people, which is well known among emergency management personnel and was located within two miles from Rowan Regional Medical Center. Mr. McCubbins said that “they all know where the farm is and what goes on out there. Mr. McCubbins said that they have clients all over the United States and not just in the horse business. Mr. McCubbins said that this change would create an unusual hardship, particularly with the website and this has never been a problem the emergency medical services. Mr. McCubbins said that changing the numbers from 3210 to 3150 would create a problem.
2. Sarah McCubbins said that she has been on the property for over 20 years and operates a farm that was part of an estate and the number has been the same number all years. Ms. McCubbins said that she operates several businesses from this location it has her “head swirling” to think what all must be done to change her address. Ms. McCubbins said that she is listed with the NC Film Commission as an animal wrangler and trainer and is notified by production companies all over the United States and is contacted by mail. Ms. McCubbins began to cry when she stated that she would loose a lot of work.

3.

Mr. Rollans interjected that they might be a misunderstanding about the proposed address change. Mr. Rollans said that either person who previously spoke earlier did not contact him.

Ms. McCubbins said that the letter did not indicate that they needed to contact staff "in fact the letter indicated a mobile home address"

Mr. Rollans answered that there was a mobile home listed as a description and there were several structures on the road: horse boarding barn, a mobile home and a single family residence and there was no address listed for the mobile home. Mr. Rollans explained that the reason the letter was sent out was because there was no number and considered it a duplicate address. Mr. Rollans stated that the letter was for the mobile home.

Commissioner Blount confirmed that staff is not proposing to change the address, to which Mr. Rollans responded "no".

Commissioner Belk asked if the mobile would need to be addressed. Mr. Rollans said that the letter was sent because the mobile home looked to be a residence, with power, etc.

Ms. McCubbins said that they used to live in the mobile home until their home was built and that no one lives there now and it is used for storage or restroom.

Commissioner Mitchell asked if numbering the mobile home would be a problem.

Ms. McCubbins stated that they would probably receive junk mail.

Chairman Andrews asked if the mobile home number would change their permanent residence, to which Mr. Rollans responded "no"

Commissioner Mitchell confirmed that the home address was not being recommended to change. Mr. Rollans answered "no".

Commissioner Belk asked if a number was given would she be required to put up a mailbox. Mr. Rollans said that the ordinance says a resident is required to post a number on the road and on the structure but not on a mailbox.

Ms McCubbins questioned putting up another mailbox where six already exist and she was informed that the number needed to be posted on the mobile home and she did not need to install another mailbox.

With no further comments, Chairman Andrews closed the public hearing and opened the Board up for discussion or to entertain a motion.

Commissioner Blount moved to adopt all the address changes as presented with the clarification that “that particular address is for the mobile home and will not change her main address”. Commissioner Tadlock seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Blount modified his motion to state that “with the exception of those shown withdrawn”.

Mr. Rollans asked to review the list of address withdrawn as a result of the workshop:

- Page 4 – 165 Henkle Craige Farm Road, James Sides/owner
- Page 7 – 3613 Old Concord Road, Keith Lane/Owner
- Page 8 – 1005 Old Stone House Road, Donnie K. Hinceman/owner
- Page 9 – 225 Renshaw Ford Road, the previous address should be 215 B and not 215A

Commissioner Mitchell questioned Page 3 if the “y” in the reconsider column under 155 Deer Track Ln, previous address 4530 Bringle Ferry, David Hoffman/owner, should be in the withdraw column. Mr. Rollans said that this should be considered with the current list.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, that with the understanding of the McCubbins mobile home and with the withdrawals shown on the form and the ones just indicated by staff, to approve the addressing changes. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

CLOSING REMARKS

Chairman Andrews commended staff on the hard work and the job accomplished.

Ed Muire, Acting Planning Manager, addressed the Board and said that in 1988 the Telecommunications Department took the task to assign street addresses to roads that previously had box and route numbers. Mr. Muire said that when he came to work for the County in 1993, this was the task that he worked on at that time. Mr. Muire thanked the Board and stated that in 16 years this was the only Board that took this task “under their wing” to address all these roads. Mr. Muire said that this says a lot for this Board.

Commissioner Tadlock asked if there would be closure to this project within the next six months. Mr. Muire responded that he “hoped so”. Mr. Muire said that invalid addressed have caused numerous problem when citizens request to have a permit.

Commissioner Tadlock asked if getting the project out of the way would alleviate the workload of the Planning Staff. Mr. Muire said that this will allow staff to shift to other tasks and that the new roads to be seen will be subdivision and commercial roads and those will be addressed “up front” – “its and administrative process”.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Andrews declared that the meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rita K. Foil, CMC
Clerk to the Board