

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
August 9, 2005 – 10:00 A.M.  
J. NEWTON COHEN, SR. ROOM, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

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Present: Frank Tadlock, Chairman  
Arnold Chamberlain, Vice-Chairman  
Steve Blount, Member  
Jim Sides, Member  
Chad Mitchell, Member

Assistant Clerk to the Board Carolyn Athey, County Attorney John Holshouser and Finance Director Leslie Heidrick were present.

Chairman Tadlock called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

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

Chairman Tadlock explained the purpose of the meeting was for the Board to discuss options for an Interim County Manager.

**ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Chairman Tadlock added ABC Board appointments to the agenda and explained that the Board had received a ruling from County Attorney John Holshouser regarding the appointment.

Chairman Tadlock added a discussion regarding a letter of correspondence from Randy Reamer, attorney for former County Manager Tim Russell. Chairman Tadlock said the letter pertained to the severance package for Mr. Russell.

Commissioner Sides requested to add the following items:

- County personnel contact with Tim Russell

- Action taken by Commissioners Chamberlain and Sides to secure item from Mr. Russell possession that were County property
- Request by Commissioners Chamberlain and Sides through the County Attorney to obtain information from Kiker Investigations
- Employment contract with Mr. Russell
- Two (2) items dealing with the airport for informational purposes
- Items concerning the hiring of a new County Manager, including the issues of a contract and severance package.

In response to a query from Chairman Tadlock, Commissioner Sides said he felt his last addition to the agenda should be discussed prior to hiring a new County Manager.

Attorney John Holshouser requested to add a brief attorney/client Closed Session before beginning County business.

Chairman Tadlock said he would take the items in order; “first of all, honor our Attorney’s request to have a Closed Session at the beginning – make that to you in the form of a motion.” Commissioner Sides seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Tadlock asked for approval on the remaining items and Commissioner Blount said the Board was supposed to be in Closed Session.

Commissioner Chamberlain said he understood the Board had voted to allow the Closed Session but did not vote to go into Closed Session.

Commissioner Sides concurred with Commissioner Chamberlain that the motion was to allow a Closed Session.

Chairman Tadlock asked Assistant Clerk Carolyn Athey to repeat the motion as recorded and Ms. Athey responded that she had recorded that Chairman Tadlock “moved to honor the Attorney’s request for a Closed Session.”

Commissioner Mitchell said if the motion was to honor the Attorney’s request that the Board was still in Open Session.

Chairman Tadlock moved to go into Closed Session at this time to discuss the issue requested by our County Attorney. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into Executive Session at 10:10 am for Attorney/Client discussion.

**OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:25 am.

Chairman Tadlock explained to the audience that County Attorney John Holshouser had turned in his resignation, which was effective immediately.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Tadlock moved to close the Open Session and resume when the Board could have an attorney present. Commissioner Blount seconded the motion.

Commissioner Chamberlain informed those in attendance that closing the meeting was necessary as the Board was uncomfortable to continue without having legal counsel present. Commissioner Chamberlain apologized for the inconvenience the situation might have caused.

Upon being put to a vote, the motion on the floor passed unanimously and the meeting was closed at 10:28 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Athey  
Assistant Clerk to the Board