

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
December 5, 2005 – 7:00 PM  
J. NEWTON COHEN, SR. ROOM, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

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

Interim County Manager William Cowan, Clerk to the Board Carolyn Athey, County Attorney Jay Dees and Finance Director Leslie Heidrick were present.

Chairman Chamberlain called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Commissioner Mitchell led the Invocation and also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADDITIONS**

- Commissioner Sides moved to add a discussion regarding salaries for the offices of Sheriff and Register of Deeds. Commissioner Mitchell seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Chamberlain added the issue as Agenda Item #7a.
  
- Interim County Manager William Cowan requested to provide the Board with an update regarding the bid opening for East Elementary School. Chairman Chamberlain moved, Commissioner Tadlock seconded and the vote to add the update passed unanimously. Chairman Chamberlain added the issue as Agenda Item #10b.
  
- Interim County Manager William Cowan said he had received a request from Rowan-Salisbury Schools to remove Agenda Item #11 and to add the issue to the next regular meeting agenda.

- County Attorney Jay Dees added a Closed Session. The Closed Session was for the purpose of discussing an investigation and also for Mr. Dees to provide the Board with privileged communication regarding airport leases. Chairman Chamberlain moved to add the Closed Session as Agenda Item #16a after the Public Comment Period. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sides and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mitchell moved, Commissioner Sides seconded and the vote to adopt the agenda passed unanimously.

### **SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Chamberlain turned the meeting over to Interim County Manager William Cowan. Mr. Cowan opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Sides nominated Commissioner Arnold Chamberlain.

Commissioner Mitchell moved to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sides and passed unanimously.

Upon being put to a vote, the nomination for Commissioner Chamberlain to be elected as Chairman passed unanimously.

Mr. Cowan opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Mitchell nominated Commissioner Sides.

Commissioner Chamberlain moved to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and passed unanimously.

Upon being put to a vote, the nomination for Commissioner Sides to be elected as Vice-Chairman passed unanimously.

Commissioner Sides expressed his appreciation for Chairman Chamberlain and for the job he had done in the past several months while serving as Chairman. Commissioner Sides continued by thanking Chairman Chamberlain for keeping the Board informed on all issues. Commissioner Sides also commended Chairman Chamberlain in that he did not accept the higher salary of the Chairman's position but rather he had it split the difference equally between all Commissioners.

Chairman Chamberlain thanked the Board for its support.

**ANNUAL EXAMINATION OF BONDS FOR THE TAX COLLECTOR, SHERIFF, REGISTER OF DEEDS AND FINANCE OFFICER**

Risk Manager Tony Hilton explained that the General Statutes require bonds for the Tax Collector, Sheriff, Register of Deeds and Finance Director. Mr. Hilton said the Fidelity bonds were set as follows:

- Sheriff George Wilhelm \$ 25,000
- Register of Deeds Bobbie Earnhardt \$ 50,000
- Tax Collector Glenn Moore \$200,000
- Finance Director Leslie Heidrick \$200,000
- Blanket Bond on All Employees \$300,000

Mr. Hilton said Staff felt the bond amounts were adequate.

Commissioner Sides moved, Commissioner Mitchell seconded and the vote to accept the bond amounts as presented passed unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Mitchell moved to remove Item #C from the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Sides seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mitchell moved, Commissioner Blount seconded and the vote to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Item #C passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Approval of the Minutes for November 21, 2005
- B. Approval of Surety Bond for the Construction of Bev Lane
- C. Schedule Public Hearing for ZTA 02-05 for January 3, 2005, Request from James L. Rivers
- D. Schedule a Public Hearing for Z-10-05 for January 3, 2006, Request from Bobby Ketchie
- E. Schedule a Public Hearing for Z-09-05 for January 3, 2006, Request from Roger Spillman
- F. Schedule Public Hearing for January 3, 2006 for Consideration of an Offer to Purchase Lot #10 in Speedway Business Park
- G. Approval of NCDOT Request that Delinda Drive be Added to the State Secondary Road System for Maintenance

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR INCENTIVE GRANT TO TKC LAND DEVELOPMENT II, LLC**

Chairman Chamberlain referred to the notice that had been advertised in the Salisbury Post regarding the sale of property identified as Tax Map 402C Parcels 004 and 005 to TKC Land Development II, LLC.

Chairman Chamberlain opened the public hearing to entertain citizen input on the issue.

- Alan Lewis of TKC Land Development II, LLC came forward and showed a map depicting the tracts in Summit Corporate Center (SCC). Mr. Lewis explained that his firm had been hired last August to market SCC and he discussed the details pertaining to the site for Square D.

Commissioner Sides asked if the 8.4-acres was less than what was in the original option and Mr. Lewis said yes. Mr. Lewis used the map to depict the acreage in question and pointed out the area covered under the option agreement.

Commissioner Sides said the option agreement states that Mr. Lewis had the ability to buy as much land as he needed. Mr. Lewis said yes, as long as what was left was reasonable and not an unfair burden to what was left.

- William Pete Kennedy said he was not speaking for or against the incentive. Mr. Kennedy said he represented a developer in Texas and he referred to a purchase agreement he had provided to the Board. Mr. Kennedy asked the Board to consider the agreement in its deliberations.

With no further citizens wishing to address the Board, Chairman Chamberlain closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Sides said he was of the opinion that the transaction with TKC Land Development II, LLC, as well as other previous transactions within the County, had not been handled properly. Commissioner Sides explained that he was for incentives such as extending sewer down the I-85 corridor in order to be able to develop the property. Commissioner Sides said he was opposed to incentives for profit making corporations and adding to their bottom line. Commissioner Sides said he realized that jobs are needed in Rowan County. Commissioner Sides stated his concerns with the sale of the property in question as follows:

1. The agreement was made with the Keith Corporation (TKC) to market SCC. Commissioner Sides said the agreement states that the County would pay TKC \$15,000 in the first year; \$10,000 in the second year; \$10,000 in the third year.
2. The County has paid TKC aside from the above-mentioned fees, invoices totaling \$19,820 for the site analysis and master planning.
3. The County has offered a 75% tax incentive to Square D, which means the company would only pay 25% of its tax bill for 5 years with the Rowan County citizens paying the other 75%.
4. Commissioner Sides was of the opinion that the property was being sold to TKC at a reduced price and he said it bothered him that the

same company being paid to market the property for the County would receive a commission for selling the property to itself.

Commissioner Sides said he wanted the property developed but that he wanted all issues made public.

Commissioner Mitchell moved to approve the incentive grant as outlined in the public notice. Commissioner Blount seconded.

Commissioner Sides said he felt that if the County was providing a 10% commission for the sale of the property, the Board should establish the amount of money that had been spent on site work, etc. and that the County should get those funds back.

Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Sides dissenting.

Chairman Chamberlain felt the Board must take a "hard look" at the remaining options that had been signed off on and that conversations must be held with Mr. Lewis. Chairman Chamberlain said, "This project is taken care of" and "the reason I voted for this" "is I feel like we're bound; we've gone so far with this, I feel like we're bound with Mr. Lewis." Chairman Chamberlain said, "Integrity is all about your word" and "from this day forward we're going to get together on these and we may very well do things a little differently."

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF OFFER TO PURCHASE LOT #3 IN SPEEDWAY BUSINESS PARK**

Chairman Chamberlain read a portion of the notice regarding the sale of property identified as Lot #3, consisting of approximately 2.197 acres located in Speedway Business Park to Darrell Reavis dba East Coast Fabricators, Inc.

Chairman Chamberlain opened the public hearing to entertain citizen input on the issue and with no citizens wishing to address the Board, Chairman Chamberlain closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Sides moved for approval of the sale of Lot #3 in Speedway Business Park for \$42,500. Commissioner Blount seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

Chairman Chamberlain called Steve Cottingham forward to assist with the presentation for Employee of the Month to Jim Carmichael. Mr. Cottingham, Supervisor at the Rowan County Landfill praised Mr. Carmichael's personality and his ability to get along with people. Mr. Cottingham described Mr. Carmichael as an asset to the County and a "walking angel."

Chairman Chamberlain said the Board typically receives complaints as opposed to positive comments and he continued by saying Mr. Carmichael was one of the employees for which the Board had received positive comments. Chairman Chamberlain presented Mr. Carmichael with a certificate and a gift card. A round of applause followed the presentation.

**PROGRESS REPORT ON ROWAN MUSEUM ELEVATOR PROJECT**

Interim County Manager William Cowan provided the Board with an update on the Rowan Museum Elevator Project. Mr. Cowan said the letter in the agenda packets outlined the process in terms of the bid.

Mr. Cowan said there was a gap in the amount of the money pledged by the County and the total cost of the project. Mr. Cowan said these funds must still be raised to pay for the balance of the project.

Mr. Cowan said the museum, through F&M Bank, had provided a letter of credit in the amount of \$300,000 to cover pledges and any monies not raised when the project is completed.

Mr. Cowan explained that one item left “hanging” from a previous Board meeting was the lease extension. Mr. Cowan distributed a copy of the lease extension, which extended the lease through August 31, 2017.

In response to a query from Commissioner Sides, Mr. Dees said Rowan Museum, Inc. did not want to go into the project without the lease extension because there was only 2 years remaining on the lease. Mr. Dees said it was fine for the Board to extend the lease from 2007 forward.

Chairman Chamberlain praised Rowan Museum for presenting the letter of credit from F&M Bank and he praised Edward Norvell, President of Rowan Museum for demonstrating such “good business sense.”

Commissioner Blount moved, Commissioner Tadlock seconded and the vote to approve the lease agreement as presented passed unanimously.

Mr. Norvell and Kay Hirst, Executive Director of Rowan Museum thanked the Board for its support on the project.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING SALARIES FOR THE OFFICES OF SHERIFF AND REGISTER OF DEEDS**

Commissioner Sides said it concerned him that someone being elected to the office of Sheriff or Register of Deeds would earn the same salary as someone with 25-30 years of experience in those fields.

Commissioner Sides suggested that the Board set the salaries for the 2 offices at the minimum salary as established by the County. Commissioner Sides stressed

that if the current Sheriff or Register of Deeds were to be re-elected, their salaries would not be less than their current salaries.

Commissioner Sides moved to set the salaries for the Sheriff and Register of Deeds at the minimum salaries as established by the County for those 2 offices. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell.

Chairman Chamberlain said he would go along with the motion but that he had previously made it clear that he would not support cutting the salaries of those currently in office.

Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER AN APPEAL OF THE JCPC DECISION TO DENY FUNDING TO THE NEW BEGINNING DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC**

Before hearing the appeal from Reverend Eric Henley of the New Beginning Community Development Center, Inc., Commissioner Blount questioned the formal appeals process. Chairman Chamberlain explained that he had received a letter from Mr. Henley and that he had taken it upon himself to put the appeal on the agenda as the Commissioners would make the final decision.

Rev. Henley stated that he had presented funding requests for the ARISE Program to the Rowan County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) for 3 years and that each year the program had received different feedback concerning what was required in order to obtain funding approval. Rev. Henley asked the Board to overturn the JCPC decision based on the lack of information and also that he felt there were “things done in a clandestine manner that we’re not privy to.” Rev. Henley said it was “appalling” that the JCPC voted to have funds reverted back to the state. Rev. Henley highlighted the ARISE Program, saying the program had the support of Police Chief Mark Wilhelm, Chief Court Counselor Kecia Barnes, Dr. Robert Heffern and Dr. Alan King of the Rowan Salisbury School System, Daymark and Food Lion.

Rev. Henley said he had submitted a letter to the County Manager’s Office from Michael Wilson (Governor’s Crime Commission) “showing that we are going to be awarded \$126,000.”

Commissioner Blount said before he could judge the program he would need to know more about it and that he would also need to hear from the JCPC as to why the program was not funded.

Chairman Chamberlain read a portion of a letter to Rev. Henley from JCPC Chairman Terry King. Chairman Chamberlain mentioned that while Rev. Henley made a great case, he was reluctant to overturn the decision of “one of the best, if not the best, JCPC’s in the State of North Carolina.”

Chairman Chamberlain said the JCPC voted via ballot, 8-7, not to fund the ARISE Program and that the JCPC had a clear understanding when voting that the funds would revert back to the state.

Commissioner Mitchell asked if the ARISE Program was the only program not to receive funding and the Clerk, who also takes minutes for the JCPC, said yes.

Rev. Henley repeated that the ARISE Program had been turned down 3 times without explanation or direction. Rev. Henley said the program would work in Rowan County and that it would benefit a lot of children.

Rev. Henley said the State Consultant to the JCPC, Rich Smith, had sent Mr. King a letter and asked him to poll the JCPC members that voted to oppose the program as to why. Rev. Henley said Mr. King had replied that the members did not need to respond to a poll, as the vote was final. Chairman Chamberlain interjected and confirmed that Mr. King was correct in his statement.

Commissioner Blount asked if Terry King, who was in the audience, could come forward to address the Board?

Commissioner Sides said he did not want to call boards and committee members forward to publicly debate issues that had already been decided. Commissioner Sides said the Board had the right to ask questions of the boards but he felt "this is not the right forum for that."

Chairman Chamberlain said he had given the issue a lot of thought and he then moved to fund the ARISE Program. Commissioner Blount seconded.

Chairman Chamberlain said if he had been able to attend the JCPC meeting, he probably would have voted not to fund the ARISE Program. Chairman Chamberlain said if the Board voted to support the program, the program would have a very short time "to show us something." Chairman Chamberlain said, "We'll see then." Chairman Chamberlain said the money was not being taken from "someone else" and that was why he made the motion.

Commissioner Blount again asked if Mr. King could come forward?

Mr. King came forward and Chairman Chamberlain took a moment to praise Mr. King's leadership of the JCPC.

Commissioner Blount asked Mr. King if there was any reason that he should not vote in favor of the ARISE Program. Mr. King responded that he could only speak for himself and not the entire JCPC. Mr. King said the JCPC had limited funds to support the programs that provide the services to at-risk youth.

Mr. King said there were several issues that bothered him concerning the ARISE Program. Mr. King said the letter of support from the school system consisted only of a brochure advising parents that the program was available. Mr. King said, "That is not an endorsement." Mr. King referred to another structured day program that the JCPC had previously funded and he said that program had received more support from the school system in that the school system had furnished the teachers. Mr. King also referred to Guilford County and said that particular school system supported a structured day program by providing \$130,000, plus personnel.

Mr. King said he also had an issue with the location of the facility. Mr. King explained that when Rev. Henley had made a presentation to the JCPC, he seemed uncertain as to where the site would be. Mr. King said it was customary for a program to produce a lease and/or rent agreement to support the physical location of the program.

Mr. King continued by saying the ARISE Program needed more support from the court system in the referral process. Mr. King felt the brochure informing the parents of the program was not sufficient. Mr. King also said Judge Charlie Brown was against the program.

Commissioner Blount said he was being asked to spend \$21,770 in state funds, not county funds, and that the funds would revert to the state if they were not spent. Mr. King responded that the funds were still taxpayers' money.

Commissioner Blount asked if there was a "real negative" such as a fear the money would be absconded with? Mr. King responded that he had no reason to believe that; he stressed that the program was not established well enough and needed more support from the school system.

Commissioner Mitchell questioned the program's total budget and Rev. Henley said approximately \$300,000.

Rev. Henley commented that he had various letters of support for the program and he said he was confused as to why the program was continually turned down by the JCPC for funding.

Chairman Chamberlain reminded Rev. Henley that other programs had also been turned down in the past and he encouraged Rev. Henley not to take it personally. Chairman Chamberlain said the funds to support all JCPC programs were limited. Chairman Chamberlain continued by saying the \$21,770 would give the program a "jump start" and that if the program did not have the necessary support by April, the JCPC would not renew its funding.

Commissioner Sides said he was very uncomfortable voting for a program that he knew nothing about. Commissioner Sides said, "That is why we have the

JCPC; they know about it; they chose not to fund it.” Commissioner Sides said he did not want to second-guess such a large, active council, and that if the council didn’t support the program, he could not in good conscience override their decision. Commissioner Sides said ultimately the funds are taxpayers’ money. Commissioner Sides said he had nothing against the program but he would have to vote against it.

Commissioner Blount said he tended to agree with Commissioner Sides pertaining to voting for or against a program he knew “little or nothing about.” Commissioner Sides said he was not convinced he should vote in favor of the request. Commissioner Blount questioned sending the issue back to the JCPC for additional information and Commissioner Sides responded that there were state deadlines and therefore not enough time for this funding period.

Commissioner Sides recommended that the Board ask the JCPC to look at the program in the next fiscal year and specifically state what process the ARISE Program must follow in order to receive funding.

Rev. Henley said he could not understand why his program could not have been funded by the JCPC with stipulations.

Commissioner Blount offered an amendment to the motion, that the motion be contingent upon the County Attorney reviewing the process and ensuring that the Board could legally allocate the state funds. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the amendment and the amendment to the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Chamberlain repeated the motion on the floor which was to overturn the decision by the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and to give the money to the ARISE Program instead of reverting it back to the state.

Upon being put to a vote the motion on the floor passed 3-2 with Commissioners Sides and Mitchell dissenting.

Chairman Chamberlain called for a short break at 8:20 pm.

Chairman Chamberlain reconvened the meeting at 8:30 pm.

#### **APPROVAL OF SNIA REQUEST 08-05**

Shane Stewart of the Rowan County Planning Department presented a request from Robert Janelle for a Special Non-Residential Intensity Allocation (SNIA). Mr. Stewart reviewed the request for the site located at 120 Pit Road and said Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Sides moved, Commissioner Mitchell seconded and the vote to approve the request as presented passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF SNIA REQUEST 09-05**

Shane Stewart of the Rowan County Planning Department presented a request from David Sugg for a Special Non-Residential Intensity Allocation (SNIA). Mr. Stewart highlighted the request for the site located at 125 Pit Road and said Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Mitchell moved, Commissioner Sides seconded and the vote to approve the request as presented passed unanimously.

**ADDITION - BIDS ON EAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Interim County Manager William Cowan said the bids for East Elementary School were opened on December 1, 2006 and the low bid was \$9,754,853. Mr. Cowan reported the overage to be in the amount of \$610,403 and that the Board of Education would cover the overage with funds from the school system.

Mr. Cowan said the Commissioners should reserve the right to review the projects and in order to issue the notice to proceed, "it will need to be done by December 14, 2005." Mr. Cowan said the Board would need to hold a Special Meeting or that a decision could be made electronically to approve the project and authorize the Board of Education to proceed. Mr. Cowan said the Commissioners could not vote on the issue during the present meeting, as the bids had not yet been certified.

Commissioner Blount moved that subject to confirming the bids, the Board of Education voting to approve the bids, and the Board of Education voting to fill the funding gap with their funds, that the Commissioners approve the project. Commissioner Tadlock seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Chamberlain said if there was any change other than what was presented, the issue must come back to the Commissioners.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONTINGENCY FUNDS FOR SALISBURY HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

This issue was pulled from the agenda.

**CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO TRANSFER THE TITLE OF A LIFT VAN FROM RTS TO THE COUNTY FOR USE BY THE PARKS DEPARTMENT**

Senior Services Director Clyde Fahnestock and Parks and Recreation Director Jim Foltz presented the request for the transfer of 2 retired Rowan Transportation Services (RTS) vehicles to the park system. Mr. Fahnestock reported that the request was somewhat changed as to what was originally submitted in the Board's agenda packets.

Mr. Fahnestock explained that one van was presently available to be transferred to the parks and that another van would be available early next year. Mr.

Fahnestock said the Parks Staff proposed to use the vans to transport elderly and disabled citizens with mobility problems within the parks. Mr. Fahnestock explained that the vans are available because the Division of Transportation requires transit systems to dispose of older vehicles when new replacements are delivered.

Mr. Fahnestock said the vehicles are well maintained and have remaining useful life for light duty travel as proposed by the parks. Mr. Fahnestock said the Board could recommend transfer of the vehicles to another non-profit organization or another department that would not be competing with Rowan Transit System (RTS).

Mr. Foltz discussed the use of the vans and explained that citizens had been shuttled within the parks for 25 years. Mr. Foltz said the transfer of the vans would be a savings to the County and that they were needed to move disabled and handicapped citizens in the park. Mr. Foltz referred to the liability issue and said it would not be a problem to train Staff to drive the vans.

Commissioner Sides asked if individuals would be transported on the main highways such as from Sloan Park to another park and he also asked if the transportation would be "internal" within the parks? Mr. Foltz responded that transportation would occur 99% within the park. Mr. Foltz explained that if the transportation were handled otherwise, the parks would then be competing with RTS, which was not allowed.

Commissioner Sides moved for approval of the 2 vans for the park system. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion.

Mr. Fahnestock clarified that Staff was asking the Board to recommend the transfer of the 2 vehicles and he said he would subsequently communicate to the Division of Transportation in order to effectively complete the transfer.

Chairman Chamberlain asked if the drivers of the vans would know how to perform CPR and secure the wheelchairs for the disabled citizens that utilize the vans? Mr. Foltz said the drivers would "definitely have to learn."

Chairman Chamberlain said he was concerned about "carrying folks outside of our parks on the roadway." Chairman Chamberlain said he preferred that the transportation take place on the premises of the park. Mr. Foltz confirmed it was Staff's intention to move people around in the individual park systems.

Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

## **BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Finance Director Leslie Heidrick reviewed the budget amendments as follows:

1. Rowan-Salisbury Schools (RSS) has funds in the public school building capital fund and are requesting \$384,133 for repairs to the West Rowan Middle School roof.
2. To budget an estimated \$60,000 for the Department of Social Services (DSS) in anticipated donations to the Christmas Happiness Fund.
3. To budget revenues and expenditures for tax auditing services in the amount of \$105,000 for the Tax Assessor.

Commissioner Sides expressed concern with the needed roof repairs at West Rowan Middle School and the fact that the school was fairly new. Commissioner Sides wondered if the roof was guaranteed and if any funds would be returned.

Commissioner Blount moved, Commissioner Tadlock seconded and the vote to approve the budget amendments as presented passed unanimously.

## **SET DATE/LOCATION FOR COMMISSIONERS PLANNING RETREAT**

Chairman Chamberlain opened the floor for discussion regarding a date and location for the Board's annual Planning Retreat. Chairman Chamberlain suggested the South Rowan Library as a meeting place.

Commissioner Blount said if the Board was not going out of town, he preferred to hold the retreat in the J. Newton Cohen, Sr. Room where Staff and materials were readily available.

Chairman Chamberlain said he did not enjoy holding the retreat in the Board's meeting room and he asked for other suggestions.

Commissioner Sides said holding the retreat at the library would remove the Board from the setting it was accustomed to. Commissioner Sides said the Board's biggest efforts would be spent on arriving at a budget "without raising taxes through the roof." Commissioner Sides said he favored the South Rowan Library.

Commissioners Mitchell and Tadlock also supported holding the retreat at the library.

At this point, Chairman Chamberlain wished Commissioner Blount a Happy Birthday. Chairman Chamberlain said Commissioner Blount would celebrate his birthday on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Commissioner Blount agreed that it would be acceptable to hold the retreat at the library and after a brief discussion, the Board agreed to tentatively schedule the retreat on the dates of February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

Chairman Chamberlain said he, along with Mr. Cowan would work with the library staff to confirm the dates. Commissioner Sides added that he was on the Library Board and would gladly confirm the information and report back to the Commissioners.

### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

#### **Rowan County Board of Public Health**

Commissioner Mitchell nominated Dr. Steve Yang, Dave Roberts, Mike Fuller and Lee Roy Kirk for reappointment. The nomination passed unanimously.

#### **Rowan County Landmarks Commission**

Chairman Chamberlain reported that Jacqueline Taylor had submitted a request to not be reappointed at this time.

Commissioner Blount nominated Duard Linn and Ann Teague for reappointment and the nomination carried unanimously.

#### **Rowan County Parks & Recreation**

Commissioner Tadlock nominated Pat Benfield, Paul Brown, David Morris and Sue Kahn for reappointment. The nomination passed unanimously.

#### **Rowan County Planning Board**

Commissioner Tadlock nominated Malcolm Butner and Barbara Lomax for reappointment and the nomination passed unanimously.

Chairman Chamberlain said Dan Fisher did not wish to be reappointed and that Dr. Ann Furr was not eligible for reappointment. Chairman Chamberlain said that 4 applications had been submitted for these 2 vacancies. The applications were from Art Steinburg, Gregory Edds, Donna Poteat and Edwin Hammill.

Commissioner Sides nominated Ms. Poteat and Commissioner Blount nominated Edwin Hammill.

The nominations for Ms. Poteat and Mr. Hammill passed unanimously.

#### **Rowan County Rescue Squad**

Commissioner Tadlock moved to reappoint Doug Jones and the nomination passed unanimously.

#### **Rowan County Tourism Development Authority**

Commissioner Blount moved to reappoint Bill Burgin. The nomination carried unanimously.

#### **Rowan Public Library Board**

Commissioner Sides nominated Sara Kellogg, Bill Thompson and Dr. Robert Bloodworth for reappointment. Commissioner Sides nominated Fran Burding for

appointment. Commissioner Sides commented that Ms. Burding was on the Library Board through the Friends of the Library until April of 2006 and that this appointment would “put her term the same as everyone else.”

The nominations passed unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Chairman Chamberlain opened the Public Comment Period to entertain citizen comments and with no one wishing to address the Board, Chairman Chamberlain closed the Public Comment Period.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Chamberlain said the purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss, 1) the investigation and 2) airport hangar leases.

Commissioner Tadlock moved, Commissioner Blount seconded and the vote to go into Executive Session at 9:03 pm passed unanimously.

Before going into Executive Session, Chairman Chamberlain called for a 5-minute break.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:29 pm. No action was taken.

Commissioner Sides moved, Commissioner Mitchell seconded and the vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 pm passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Athey  
Clerk to the Board