

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

April 8, 2010 – 4:00 PM

J. NEWTON COHEN, SR. ROOM

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Present: Carl Ford, Chairman
Chad Mitchell, Vice-Chairman
Jon Barber, Member
Raymond Coltrain, Member
Tina Hall, Member

County Manager Gary Page and Clerk to the Board Carolyn Athey were present. County Attorney Jay Dees and Finance Director Leslie Heidrick were absent.

Chairman Ford convened the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Chairman Ford provided the Invocation and also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Barber moved, Commissioner Coltrain seconded and the vote to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

**1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PLAN FOR FIREWORKS FOR KANNAPOLIS
INTIMIDATORS 2010 SEASON**

Fire Marshal Tom Murphy highlighted a request for the use of pyrotechnics by East Coast Pyrotechnics for the Kannapolis Intimidators 2010 season. Mr. Murphy stated that North Carolina General Statutes §14-410 and §14-413 authorized the Board of Commissioners to grant the use of pyrotechnics within the County.

Mr. Murphy said the request had not been received in time to be placed on the agenda for the past board meeting and he explained that the Kannapolis Intimidators wished to conduct a fireworks display during the upcoming weekend.

Mr. Murphy said he had reviewed the request and recommended approval.

Commissioner Barber moved approval for the use of pyrotechnics by East Coast Pyrotechnics for the Kannapolis Intimidators 2010 season. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coltrain.

In response to several queries from Commissioner Hall, Mr. Murphy said he would inspect the fireworks set-up on Friday to ensure the display was according to the plan. Mr. Murphy said his approval included review of the distance separation between the target audience and the area where the fireworks were being set off. Mr. Murphy said the size of the mortar being used was a factor in the distance requirements. Mr. Murphy explained that after the fireworks display, there were site requirements that must be met before traffic would be allowed to move and the plan was well within the site requirements. Mr. Murphy reported that Mt. Mitchell Fire Department would be on site.

Commissioner Barber encouraged everyone to support the Kannapolis Intimidators, which had the best record in the league last year. Commissioner Barber said attendance at the baseball stadium was greater than it had ever been.

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

2. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Barber moved to adjourn at 4:10 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coltrain and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Athey, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board/Assistant to the County Manager