

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

**October 20, 2014 – 6:00 PM**

**J. NEWTON COHEN, SR. ROOM**

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Present: Jim Sides, Chairman  
Craig Pierce, Vice-Chairman  
Jon Barber, Member  
Mike Caskey, Member  
Chad Mitchell, Member

County Manager Aaron Church, Clerk to the Board Carolyn Barger, County Attorney Jay Dees and Assistant County Manager/Finance Director Leslie Heidrick were present.

Chairman Sides convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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

**CONSIDER ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**CONSIDER DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA**

There were no deletions from the agenda.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Pierce moved, Commissioner Mitchell seconded and the vote to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Commissioner Barber moved, Commissioner Pierce seconded and the vote to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2014 Commission Meeting passed unanimously.

**1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Pierce moved approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Disposition of Public Property to Outgoing Commissioners
- B. County Email Retention to Outgoing Commissioners
- C. Bid for the Purchase of a Chevrolet Tahoe
- D. Contract for Courthouse Roofing System Renovation
- E. Sale of Surplus Rowan Transit System Vehicles

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Chairman Sides opened the Public Comment Period to entertain comments from any citizens wishing to address the Board. The following individuals came forward:

- Larry Wright spoke regarding a recent Board of Education (BOE) meeting and spoke in favor of the BOE candidates that were in favor on continuing Bible classes in the schools.

With no one else wishing to address the Board, Chairman Sides closed the Public Comment Period.

## **3. PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY '16 COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (CTP)**

Rowan Transit System (RTS) Director Gary Price reported the NC Public Transportation Division of the N.C. Department of Transportation was accepting Community Transportation Program (CTP) applications for Fiscal year 2016. Mr. Price said CTP was the principal source of funding for RTS operations and he highlighted the funding allocations as follows:

### **Administration:**

Requesting \$175,367; \$149,062 or 85% grant and \$26,305 or 15% County match

Mr. Price said the grant would support two (2) positions, travel, communications, utilities, fleet insurance and office expenses. The administrative budget for the grant had been flat for the last five (5) years. This year's budget has been reduced by 9% due to the new urban designation produced by the 2010 census.

### **Capital Equipment:**

Requesting \$217,600; \$195,840 or 90% grant and \$21,760 or 10% County match

Mr. Price explained that the DOT used a 115,000 mile vehicle replacement schedule. Four (4) vehicles qualified for replacement in FY '16. Mr. Price said there was no guarantee new vehicles would be approved by the NCDOT.



grant agreements. The County Attorney must also affirm that Rowan County has authority under state and local law to make and comply with certifications and assurances. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and passed unanimously.

## **5. PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2015 SCHEDULE OF VALUES AND 2015 PRESENT USE SCHEDULES**

Chairman Sides informed the public the Board of Commissioners would not be voting on the 2015 Schedule of Values (SOV) tonight. Chairman Sides said there were statutory procedures to be followed in the SOV process and the Board would consider voting on the information during regular session on November 3, 2014.

Tax Administrator Kelvin Byrd reported the Board of Commissioners had received on October 6, 2014 the County's proposed 2015 Schedules, Standards and Rules. In accordance with North Carolina General Statute § 105-317, the Board scheduled a public hearing to receive citizen input concerning the 2015 Schedule of Values and the 2015 Present-Use Schedule of Values.

Mr. Byrd said the Board would consider adoption of the 2015 Schedules, Standards and Rules on November 3, 2014.

Chairman Sides opened the public hearing to receive citizen as advertised. With no one wishing to address the Board, Chairman Sides closed the public hearing.

Chairman Sides stated the Board accepted the information as submitted until November 3, 2014.

## **6. LANDFILL PHASE IV CELL CONSTRUCTION: ROCK EXCAVATION AND LEACHATE COLLECTION STONE CHANGE ORDER**

The County entered into a contract with JT Russell and Sons (JTR) on June 17, 2014 to construct Phase IV of the Rowan County Landfill.

Environmental Management Director Kathryn Jolly introduced Michael Plummer with HDR Engineering, Inc. of the Carolinas (HDR). Mr. Plummer said he was the engineer of record for the Rowan County Landfill Phase IV Construction Project (Project).

Mr. Plummer provided a power point presentation as he discussed the request for a change order in association with the Project. The change order pertained to rock excavation. Mr. Plummer said there would be a loss of approximately \$2.24 million in potential revenue if the change order was not approved.

HDR and Environmental Management Staff recommended removing the rock to save landfill cell space and revenue. The change order was in the amount of \$200,000 for cell IV rock removal.

Commissioner Barber moved to approve the changer order for Cell IV rock removal at \$200,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed unanimously.

Mr. Plummer reported that HDR was retracting the request for the Board to consider a change order regarding leachate collection stone.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Finance Director Leslie Heidrick presented the following budget amendment for the Board's consideration:

- Sheriff – Recognize \$6,000 check in revenue account and deposit into proper expense account.

Commissioner Mitchell moved approval of the budget amendment as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Caskey and passed unanimously.

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Pierce moved the Board enter into Closed Session at 6:23 p.m. in accordance with North Carolina General Statute §143-318.11(a)(1) to consider approval of the August 18, 2014 and September 2, 2014 Closed Session minutes and North Carolina General Statute §143-318.11(a)(3) for attorney-client privileged communication regarding a CDBG contract update and update pertaining to the County's appeal pertaining to the Special Use Permit (to the City of Salisbury). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and passed unanimously.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:07 p.m. No action was taken.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Barber moved to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Barger, MMC, NCCCC  
Clerk to the Board/  
Assistant to the County Manager