

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 15, 2014 – 6:00 PM**

J. NEWTON COHEN, SR. ROOM

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Present: Greg Edds, Chairman
Jim Greene, Vice-Chairman
Mike Caskey, Member
Judy Klusman, Member
Craig Pierce, 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 Edds convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Edds 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

Commissioner Pierce requested to pull item I (Fairgrounds Property) from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Chairman Edds placed the issue on the agenda as item #12a.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Caskey moved, Commissioner Pierce seconded and the vote to approve the minutes of the December 1, 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 Caskey and passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Set Quasi-judicial Hearing for Cup 07-14 for January 5, 2015
- B. November 2014 Refunds
- C. Acceptance of Grant Award
- D. Set Quasi-judicial Hearing for CUP 06-14 for January 20, 2015
- E. Acceptance of Grant Award
- F. Library Seeks Permission to Apply for a YSLA Grant
- G. FY 2015 Vehicles Financing Proposals
- H. Liquidated Damages At Airport
- I. Fairgrounds Property (placed on the regular agenda as item #12a)
- J. Schedule Public Hearing for RSSS Central Office Financing

2. RECOGNITION OF RETIRING TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR ROB ROBINSON

Chairman Edds called retiring Telecommunications Director, Rob Robinson, forward.

County Manager Aaron Church highlighted Mr. Robinson's background prior to his employment with Rowan County. Mr. Church also highlighted the accomplishments of Mr. Robinson during his tenure with the County, which included increasing staff based on call volumes, working with volunteer fire departments to get ISO ratings reduced, construction of a new 911 Center and consolidation with the City of Salisbury for dispatch services. A round of applause followed the review.

Commissioner Pierce read from a plaque, which he presented to Mr. Robinson on behalf of the Board. A round of applause followed the presentation.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

- Jim Sides, former County Commissioner, expressed appreciation to retiring Telecommunications Director Rob Robinson and congratulated him for a job well done with Rowan County. Mr. Sides then discussed the County's audit report and commended staff and the former board members for a job well done.
- Jonathan Chamberlain, representing Rowan Cabarrus Community College (RCCC), said he was present for any questions the Board might have concerning the financing for RCCC's energy plant and HVAC upgrades

project (this item was included with agenda item #11 (budget amendments)).

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

4. PRESENTATION OF FY 2014 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Bryan Lackey, Senior Audit Accountant, with Martin, Starnes and Associates, provided a power point presentation as he discussed the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

Mr. Lackey said Martin Starnes & Associates had rendered an unmodified audit report, which was the highest level of assurance the firm could issue regarding the accuracy of the financial statements. Mr. Lackey also praised the cooperation the firm received from staff during the audit.

Mr. Lackey discussed the audit process and reviewed the financial position of the County.

Commissioner Klusman moved to accept the audit report as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed unanimously.

***PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (continued)**

At this point in the meeting, Chairman Edds reopened the Public Comment Period for several individuals who had signed up to speak and were inadvertently missed. The following came forward to address the Board:

- Phillip Culp read a letter submitted to the Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding the indefinite closing of the bridge on St. Matthews Church Road. Mr. Culp discussed the hardship on those affected by the closing and offered suggestions for opening road.
- Calvin Byerly, a resident of Fisherman's Cove, sought the Board's assistance in getting St. Matthews Church Road back open. Mr. Byerly discussed the hardships on citizens, school buses, etc. due to the road closing. Mr. Byerly suggested the DOT open one lane for the locals and school buses and prohibit heavy trucks from using the road. Mr. Byerly appealed to the Board for help with the DOT.
- Dana Lesley said she was present on behalf of Tamarac Marina (Marina). Ms. Lesley said the Marina's business had decreased by at least one-third due to the closing of the bridge on St. Matthews Church Road. Ms. Lesley discussed her conversation with Pat Ivey from the DOT, as well as her conversation with Alcoa staff. In conclusion, Ms. Lesley reported that Mr. Ivey said it might help if the Commissioners would adopt a resolution asking the DOT to move forward quickly with the repairs to help the residents, school buses, and businesses.

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

5. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES ECONOMIC SERVICES SUSTAINABILITY PLAN PROPOSAL

Chairman Edds highlighted the background regarding the request from the Department of Social Services (DSS) in the agenda packet. Chairman Edds said the request was based on the increased workload the DSS employees were experiencing due to changes with NCFAST and the Affordable Care Act. Chairman Edds said DSS proposed to use a Medicaid reimbursement of 75% to increase Income Maintenance Staff salaries 5% across the board. If the request was not approved, the County Manager recommended the Board consider a one-time stipend in the amount of 2%.

Donna Fayko, Director of DSS, discussed the trend over the past few years for the increase in services being provided by DSS. Ms. Fayko discussed issues with employee turnover and current vacancies, loss of productivity, and costs associated with turnover. Ms. Fayko reported the total cost for turnover in 2014 was a half a million dollars.

Ms. Fayko said if the requested 5% increase was approved, there would be no impact to the County's budget with the increased federal reimbursement.

Ms. Fayko and the Commissioners discussed at length the staff shortage, caseload coverage issues, staff that is not yet fully trained, and the need to utilize staff from other counties in order to process the backlog and get benefits to customers as quickly as possible. Ms. Fayko reported that DSS only received word last week that the agency had until March to address the backlog.

DSS Board Chairman Jim Sides added that DSS would only eliminate the backlog if it was able to maintain the current qualified employees already on staff. Mr. Sides also recognized DSS board members in the audience, Arnold Chamberlain and DeeDee Wright.

Commissioner Pierce moved to authorize the hiring of qualified temporary staff until the caseload could be worked down and to authorize overtime with the current employees until the situation is manageable with just fulltime employees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Klusman.

Commissioner Greene said he would like for the Board to consider a small stipend for the employees, which Ms. Fayko confirmed would be paid for by federal funds.

In response to Commissioner Caskey, Mr. Church reviewed the costs for a 1% stipend.

Commissioner Pierce was agreeable to amend the motion for a 1% stipend. Commissioner Greene seconded the amendment.

Mr. Sides clarified that the funding for the DSS request in the agenda packet was completely covered and was a stop gap measure through June 30 of next year. Mr. Sides said the funding would not continue after June 30 and the plan used the full \$544,000. Mr. Sides did not feel a 1% stipend would accomplish the goal of retaining the employees and DSS was requesting 5% because it was felt to be the minimum needed to keep the employees in Rowan County.

Commissioner Pierce said the County would never be able to compete with the salaries of other counties.

In response to an inquiry from Commissioner Pierce, Ms. Fayko said the funding was recurring every year in writing from the State.

Mr. Sides added that DSS was not asking for the funding to be used for the same purpose next year but rather it was a stop gap measure to solve an existing problem. Mr. Sides said if the funds were not used for this purpose, it would ultimately cost the County one way or another through retraining, etc.

Commissioner Caskey said he viewed the stipend as a bonus being paid with funds already available and with no new funds the Commissioners would have to "find". Commissioner Caskey was agreeable to a one-time 5% stipend.

Commissioner Caskey asked if the funds would be lost if the County did not use them and Ms. Fayko said she was uncertain of the answer.

Ms. Fayko addressed Commissioner Pierce's concerns with paying a new employee a stipend for just starting work. Ms. Fayko said there was a mechanism in place to determine productivity and the caseloads carried by each employee.

Commissioner Pierce moved to amend the motion to give a 5% stipend based on the productivity level of the employee determined by DSS. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Klusman and passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER SETTING DATE FOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RETREAT

Chairman Edds said the County Manager suggested the Board might wish to schedule a retreat in January or February in order to develop a strategic plan.

After a brief discussion, it was realized the Board members had commitments for most of January 2015 and the month of February would be more favorable for the retreat.

Chairman Edds moved to send the scheduling back to the County Manager to determine dates for a Thursday and Friday sometime in the month of February, to attract the best possible proctor for the Board and to report back to the Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Greene and passed unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROBATION SPACE NEEDS

According to the memorandum in the agenda packet from County Manager Aaron Church, the County received a letter on October 31, 2014 from the Judicial Division Administrator for the North Carolina Division of Community Corrections. The letter stressed the urgent need for additional office space to house seven (7) new officer positions.

The County Commissioners are statutorily required to provide space in or near the courthouse for probation officers and their administrative support staff.

Chairman Edds explained that probation is currently located in two (2) different buildings, the Crawford Building owned by the County, and the "old" license tag office building the County leases from John Schofield.

Chairman Edds said the Board would have to determine where to house seven (7) to nine (9) new officer positions before the County's space needs assessment (currently underway) was completed.

Chairman Edds reviewed various options for the Board's consideration in addressing probation space needs.

Commissioner Pierce said in order to address the problem realistically, he felt the County should enter a three-year lease, which would allow an appropriate amount of time to identify and upfit the needed space.

The Board discussed the pricing and term length options for available space.

Commissioner Greene said he would like to see the term length coordinated with existing leases for probation space.

Commissioner Pierce moved to sign a three- year lease with John Schofield at \$9.50 per square foot.

In response to an inquiry from Chairman Edds, Commissioner Pierce clarified he did not want to move any probation employees from the Crawford Building as they were already set up. Commissioner Pierce said the County should lease appropriate space for the next three (3) years from Mr. Schofield in the new building, utilizing the 1,000 square feet.

Chairman Edds asked Commissioner Pierce if he would allow the County Manager to determine the square footage needed and not limit the space to the

1,000 square feet. Commissioner Pierce responded that he would include in his motion for the County Manager to deem the appropriate square footage.

County Attorney Jay Dees added that the current lease mentioned by Commissioner Greene had twelve (12) months remaining.

Chairman Edds restated the motion to ask for a three-year lease and to allow the County Manager to negotiate the square footage actually needed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Greene and passed unanimously.

In response to an inquiry from Commissioner Greene, Mr. Dees said he would determine the word “close” to mean within walking distance of the courthouse.

8. PAY, CLASSIFICATION, MARKET RATE AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT STUDY

Chairman Edds stated that requests for pay increases were being received from various departments that were dealing with high employee turnover rates. Chairman Edds said the County Manager, Aaron Church, was recommending the Board conduct a pay study and allow him to send out a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a pay, classification, market rate and career development study.

Commissioner Pierce said the past Commission had considered the compression issue, which he stated would cost the County approximately \$1 million to address. Commissioner Pierce said he did not see a use for the recommended study unless the Board was willing to budget the \$1 million needed to fix the compression and reclassification issues.

Chairman Edds said the request would be to ask the County Manager to research what a pay study would cost and the Board would then determine whether it wished to proceed with the study. Chairman Edds said the County could not compete with the counties that had budgets so much higher than Rowan's. Chairman Edds said the current model of being a training ground was not sustainable and he would personally like to see what it would cost to have a study done.

Commissioner Caskey said when the previous Board initiated the reinstatement of the career development plan for the Sheriff's Department, the Board asked staff to look at a career development plan countywide. Commissioner Caskey asked if the study would tie into the plan. Finance Director Leslie Heidrick responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Church provided a brief power point to review what the study would accomplish, as well as the cost of similar studies for other counties. Mr. Church also reviewed the potential timeline for the study.

Chairman Edds pointed out that it had been seventeen (17) years since a study had been done for Rowan County.

Commissioner Greene moved to authorize the County Manager to obtain the cost for a study. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Klusman and passed unanimously.

9. DISCUSSION REGARDING WEST END PLAZA LEASES

Chairman Edds explained that the County Manager, Aaron Church, currently received requests from potential tenants interested in leasing space at the West End Plaza (Plaza). Chairman Edds said in the past, the prices were negotiated by the County Manager and the leases were sent to the Commissioners for approval. Chairman Edds said Mr. Church was seeking direction from the new Board as to whether the practice should continue.

Commissioner Pierce asked how much input the County Manager received from Steven Keels (Maintenance Supervisor for the Plaza). Mr. Church responded approximately one (1) month ago, he and Mr. Keels had looked at the overlay of the Plaza, including the rents before and after the recession. Mr. Church said the rent would normally be about half after the recession and thus far there had been no "takers".

Mr. Church said he had received an email from a current tenant, Bath & Body Works, seeking to renew their lease and also seeking further rent relief. Mr. Church said the current contract does not indicate further rent relief. Mr. Church added that he received inquiries for space and rental rates on a routine basis.

Commissioner Pierce said Mr. Keels had a wealth of knowledge concerning the Plaza. Commissioner Pierce said if the County was ever going to move forward with renovations, he saw the spaces becoming more valuable and he did not want to wholesale down the rates. Commissioner Pierce said the County needed to be consistent for market value. Commissioner Pierce continued by saying the initial purchase of the Plaza was for the relocation of county offices. Commissioner Pierce said he wanted the County to handle leases correctly so as not to be detrimental to other businesses and commercial properties in the County. Commissioner Pierce said he would like for the Board to have a square footage rate so as to be fair to other businesses.

Commissioner Klusman concurred with Commissioner Pierce. Commissioner Klusman asked for verification as to whether the rents received were paying for the Plaza's operating costs. Finance Director Leslie Heidrick confirmed in fiscal year 2014 the rent received did pay for all operating costs, salaries, benefits and some repairs. Ms. Heidrick said rents were budgeted to pay the costs in the current year as well; however, she added it would depend on if the Board wanted to lower the rents and if the Plaza received new tenants as to whether the costs she had mentioned would continue to be covered.

Commissioner Klusman expressed concern the County would hurt other businesses if rents were not close to market rates.

Commissioner Greene was of the opinion the County should not do anything with space at the Plaza until the Board received the space needs study. Commissioner Greene felt putting tenants in the Plaza before the study was received would cause problems.

Chairman Edds said the question before the Board was that the County Manager was receiving requests for space and in the past, the County Manager had negotiated the space. Chairman Edds asked if the Board wished to allow the County Manager to negotiate the leases for the Plaza and bring the leases to the Board for approval. Chairman Edds pointed out the next item on the agenda dealt with what to do with the space from this point forward.

Chairman Edds asked if the Board wished to allow the County Manager to negotiate leased space at the Plaza and bring the leases to the Board.

Commissioner Pierce reiterated the Board should establish some limits for the County Manager to handle the negotiations. Commissioner Pierce said he did not want the County to get to the point it was just filling up spaces. Commissioner Pierce said the outparcels such as the theater could be leased, since they were not part of the Plaza footprint. Commissioner Pierce said he wanted the County to come up with a plan for a competitive rate so if there was an opportunity to rent a space, it was not detrimental to other commercial businesses. Commissioner Pierce said he would like for Mr. Church to continue doing negotiations with a price per square foot.

Commissioner Caskey voiced agreement with Commissioner Greene that the County should not enter into new leases until the space needs study was received. Commissioner Caskey felt the current tenants should be shown some loyalty and he did not have a problem with the County Manager negotiating with them. Commissioner Caskey mentioned that some short term leases might be an option.

Commissioner Caskey said he was in favor of the County Manager continuing negotiations with current tenants until the space needs study came back and then determine a schedule for what it would cost to rent other space.

Chairman Edds asked if Commissioner Caskey was willing to put his comments into the form of a motion and Commissioner Caskey responded yes. Commissioner Caskey restated the motion for the County Manager to continue negotiating current leases and bringing them to the Board; the Board would put a moratorium on new leases from outside companies until the space needs study came back and the County Manager can work with the current tenants for new leases, and he works with the Plaza Manager to determine a uniform price per

square foot lease rate. Commissioner Klusman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDER RENT NEGOTIATIONS AT WEST END PLAZA

The Board included discussion regarding this issue as part of the conversation for agenda item #9 (Discussion Regarding West End Plaza Leases).

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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

- Health – Increase the revenue and expenses for Environmental Health's Summer Food Service - \$4,278
- Health – The State has awarded \$2,678 from Title X funds to be used for medical supplies - \$2,678
- Health – The State reduced budget for Family Planning. Budget Amendment is to reduce the funds for supplies - \$4,443
- Health – To budget additional Healthy Community funding to promote active living, reduce and prevent tobacco use, and prevent chronic diseases within the County - \$13,757
- Health – Healthy Beginnings reduced budget and amendment is to reduce the salaries for two Health Link workers - \$3,388
- Health – Receive increase in funding from State for STD prevention - \$1,050
- Health – Receive increase from State for immunization program, requiring funds be spent on certain items per agreement addendum - \$567
- Health – State reduced budget for Maternal Health and amendment is to reduce the funds for supplies, repairs, etc. - \$1,452
- Finance – Adjust Home and Community Care Block Grant based on budget revisions from NC Division of Aging and Adult Services - \$14,274
- Finance – Increase budgeted expenditures for Water and Wastewater Feasibility Study Update. \$15,000 is currently budgeted for the project, approved by the Commissioners during the FY 2015 budget process- \$8,000
- Finance – Budget installment financing proceeds and capital expenditures for Rowan Cabarrus Community College's Energy Plant and HVAC Upgrades Project - \$1,900,000
- Finance – Budget for Rowan-Salisbury School System's capital needs associated with the Mediated Settlement Agreement - \$40,500,000

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

12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

There are four (4) vacancies and the following have submitted applications for consideration:

- Bobby Michael Parker for reappointment
- K. Reid Walters, Jr. for reappointment
- Kevin James Taylor
- John “David” Carmichael
- Donald Allen Knox, Jr.
- Jonathan William Greene
- Robert Lee Bruce
- Randy Bryant McCombs
- Mark Alan Lyerly – Please note Mr. Lyerly has also applied for the Economic Development Commission and the Planning Board

The terms are for three (3) years beginning January 1, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Pierce nominated Bobby Parker for reappointment. The nomination carried with Commissioners Caskey, Klusman, and Pierce supporting the nomination.

Commissioner Pierce nominated Reid Walters for reappointment. The nomination passed with Commissioners Pierce, Greene, Klusman, and Caskey voting in the affirmative.

Commissioner Pierce nominated Kevin James Taylor.

Commissioner Klusman nominated Robert Lee Bruce.

Commissioner Greene nominated John David Carmichael.

Upon being put to a vote the following were appointed:

Kevin James Taylor with Commissioners Pierce, Caskey, and Greene voting in the affirmative.

John David Carmichael with Commissioners Greene, Klusman and Caskey voting in the affirmative.

BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH

NCGS §130A-35 states the Board of Public Health must consist of a physician, dentist, optometrist, veterinarian, registered nurse, county commissioner, pharmacist, engineer and three (3) members of the general public.

The following required representatives have submitted applications and are eligible for reappointment based on the virtue of their profession:

- Stephen Weldon Fuller (pharmacist representative)
- Dan J. Mikkelson (engineer representative)
- William W. Webb, III (dentist representative)

- A County Commissioner is to be appointed by the Board to serve beginning December 1, 2014. The term is concurrent with the commission term.

By acclamation, Stephen Weldon Fuller, Dan J. Mikkelson, and William Webb were reappointed.

Chairman Edds nominated Commissioner Klusman to serve as the commissioner representative. The nomination carried unanimously.

There is one (1) vacancy for the General Public member and the following have submitted applications for consideration:

- Kenneth Harold Mowery
- Kim Purcell-Reid
- James B. Sides, Jr. – Please note that Mr. Sides currently serves on the DSS Board and has also applied for the Rescue Squad.

The terms are for three years beginning January 1, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2017, with the exception of the Commissioner's term.

Commissioner Klusman nominated Ken Mowery.

Commissioner Pierce nominated Kim Purcell-Reid.

The vote for Ken Mowery was 2-3 with Commissioners Edds, Pierce and Caskey dissenting.

Kim Purcell-Reid was appointed by a vote of 3-2 with Commissioners Klusman and Greene dissenting.

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Greg Edds submitted his resignation due to his recent election to the Board of Commissioners. The following have submitted applications to fill Mr. Edds unexpired term, ending June 30, 2017:

- David Addison Davis
- Randy Lawrence Baker

Commissioner Pierce nominated Addison Davis and the nomination passed unanimously.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

- The Board is asked to consider appointing a County Commissioner to serve a two year term beginning December 1, 2014 and expiring November 30, 2016.

Chairman Edds nominated Commissioner Pierce to serve as the commissioner representative and the nomination carried unanimously.

RESCUE SQUAD

There are two (2) at large vacancies. The following applications have been received:

- Doug Jones for reappointment - currently filling an unexpired term
- Grayson Foster Gusa
- James B. Sides, Jr. – Please note that Mr. Sides has also applied for the Board of Public Health and currently serves on the DSS Board.
- Elizabeth Ann Connell

The terms are for two (2) years beginning January 1, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2016.

Commissioner Caskey nominated Jim Sides.

Commissioner Klusman nominated Elizabeth Connell.

Commissioner Pierce nominated Doug Jones.

The vote for Doug Jones was unanimous (5-0).

The vote for Jim Sides was 2-3 with Commissioners Klusman, Edds, and Green dissenting.

The vote for Elizabeth Connell was 3-2 with Commissioner Caskey and Pierce dissenting.

The Board is asked to consider appointing a County Commissioner to serve a two (2) year term beginning December 1, 2014 and expiring December 31, 2016.

Chairman Edds nominated Commissioner Caskey as the commission appointee and the nomination passed unanimously.

PLANNING BOARD

There are four (4) vacancies and the following have submitted applications for consideration:

- Darlene P. Blount for reappointment
- Rip C. Kersey for reappointment
- Mark Alan Lyerly – Please note that Mr. Lyerly has also applied for the Economic Development Commission and the Parks and Rec Commission
- Roy Frank Patrick Bentley
- Malcolm Wade (Mac) Butner

- John Fearl Leatherman – Please note that Mr. Leatherman currently serves on two (2) Boards, the EDC and the Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Finance Authority (Authority). If appointed to the Planning Board, Mr. Leatherman has submitted a letter stating he would resign from the Authority.
- William R. McCubbins, III
- Blake Franklin Steen
- Michael Warren Agee

The terms are for three (3) years beginning January 1, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Klusman nominated Michael Agee.

Commissioner Pierce nominated Darlene Blount for reappointment.

Commissioner Greene nominated Blake Steen.

Commissioner Pierce nominated Rip Kersey for reappointment.

Commissioner Caskey nominated John Leatherman.

The following votes were taken based on the order of the nominations:

Mike Agee was appointed 3-2 with Commissioners Pierce and Gaskey dissenting.

The nomination for Darlene Blount passed 3-2 with Commissioners Klusman and Edds dissenting.

Rip Kersey's nomination passed unanimously.

The nomination for Blake Steen carried unanimously.

SALISBURY-ROWAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

There are two (2) vacancies and the following applications have been received:

- Stephen Kidd for reappointment
- Matthew Allen DeBoer
- Bryan Michael Overcash
- Joseph Coladarci, Jr. – Please note that Mr. Coladarci currently serves on two (2) Boards, the Zoning Board of Adjustments (ZBA) and Planning Board. Per a conversation with staff, Mr. Coladarci stated he would resign from the ZBA should he be appointed to the EDC.
- Mark Alan Lyerly – Please note Mr. Lyerly has also applied for the Parks and Rec Commission and the Planning Board

The terms are for three (3) years beginning January 1, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Greene nominated Matthew DeBoer and Stephen Kidd.

Commissioner Pierce nominated Bryan Overcash.

The nomination for Stephen Kidd passed unanimously.

The nomination for Matthew DeBoer failed 1-4 with Commissioners Edds, Pierce, Klusman, and Caskey dissenting.

The nomination for Bryan Overcash passed 3-2 with Commissioner Edds, Pierce, and Caskey in favor.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)

- An application has been received from Justin Lebel with Delhaize America – Food Lion to replace Sandra Stirewalt as an industry representative on the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

There are no term limits with the LEPC.

Commissioner Klusman nominated Justin Lebel. Commissioner Pierce seconded and the nomination carried unanimously.

CARDINAL INNOVATIONS HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS

- Commissioner Chad Mitchell has been serving on this Board. Cardinal's by-laws state that one (1) of the members must be a Commissioner or their designee. The Board is asked to consider appointing a member to this board for a term that runs concurrent with their elected office.

Chairman Edds nominated Commissioner Klusman to serve on this board and the nomination passed unanimously.

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

- Commissioner Mike Caskey currently serves as the appointed Commissioner on this Council. His term is to expire December 31, 2014. The Board is asked to consider appointing a Commissioner to serve a two (2) year term that will expire December 31, 2016.

Chairman Edds nominated himself to serve as the commissioner appointed to this Council and the nomination passed unanimously.

HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE

There is one (1) vacancy and an application has been received from the following:

- Barbara Garwood for reappointment

The term is for three (3) years beginning January 1, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2017.

By acclamation Ms. Garwood was reappointed.

ADULT CARE HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- There are ten (10) vacancies and Sue C. Weddington has submitted an application for reappointment.

The term is for three (3) years beginning January 1, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2017.

Ms. Weddington was reappointed by acclamation.

TOWN OF CLEVELAND ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND PLANNING BOARD ETJ

- Jennings Nelson has submitted a letter of resignation.
- Eugene M. Adkins, III has submitted an application to fill the remainder of Mr. Nelson's term, expiring June 30, 2016.

Commissioner Klusman moved to accept Mr. Nelson's resignation. Commissioner Pierce seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pierce nominated Eugene Adkins and the nomination passed unanimously.

TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS ETJ

- Donald J. Livengood has submitted an application for a three (3) year term expiring July, 2017.
- Kelly Smith, currently an alternate, has submitted an application to fill a vacancy as a regular member with a term expiring July, 2016.

By acclamation, both applicants were appointed.

TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY PLANNING BOARD ETJ

- Robert Charles Peeler has submitted an application for a three (3) year term expiring July, 2017.

Mr. Peeler was appointed by acclamation.

ROWAN COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

RELIEF FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENTS

According to NCGS § 58-84-30: For each county, town or city complying with and deriving benefits from the provisions of this Article, there shall be appointed a local board of trustees, known as the trustees of the Firefighters' Relief Fund, to be composed of five members, two of whom shall be elected by the members of the local fire departments who are qualified as beneficiaries of such fund, two of whom shall be elected by the mayor and board of alderman or other local governing body, and one of whom shall be named by the Commissioner of Insurance.

The Board is asked to consider two (2) appointments for each volunteer fire department listed below. All appointments are for two (2) years beginning January 1, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2016.

ATWELL VFD

- Steven Miller Garver for reappointment – Mr. Garver, having served two (2) terms, is not eligible for reappointment. In order to be appointed the Board would need to waive term limits as set forth in the Resolution adopted in 2012 limiting appointments to two (2) consecutive terms.
- Brian Scott Yon

Commissioner Pierce nonominated Brian Yon and the nomination passed unanimously.

Commissioner Caskey moved to waive the term limits for Steven Garver. Commissioner Klusman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

By acclamation, Mr. Garver was reappointed.

BOSTIAN HEIGHTS VFD

- Jason Reid Corriher for reappointment
- Ayer Whitley Sutton for reappointment

Jason Reid Corriher and Ayer Whitley Sutton were reappointed by acclamation.

CLEVELAND COMMUNITY VFD

- Grayson Bryan Phillips
- Gregory Scott Summitt

By acclamation, Grayson Phillips and Gregory Scott Summitt were appointed.

ELLIS CROSS COUNTRY VFD

- Chasity Faith Young
- Dale Ellis Bogle

Chasity Faith Young and Dale Ellis Bogle were appointed by acclamation.

ENOCHVILLE VFD

- Diane Elizabeth Burney
- David Eugene Williamson

By acclamation, Diane Elizabeth Burney and David Eugene Williamson were appointed.

FRANKLIN VFD

- Jennifer Simmons Spry
- Carter J. Thomason

By acclamation, Jennifer Simmons Spry and Carter Thomason were appointed.

LIBERTY VFD

- Javin Stutts Honeycutt
- Lisa M. Trexler

Javin Stutts Honeycutt and Lisa M. Trexler were appointed by acclamation.

LOCKE VFD

- Rusty Lynn Alexander
- James W. Basinger for reappointment
- Phillip R. Dwiggin

Commissioner Pierce nominated James Basinger for reappointment and Phillip Dwiggin. The nominations passed unanimously.

POOLETOWN VFD

- Gary Lee Basinger for reappointment
- Mike Morgan for reappointment
- Larry C. Shaver

Commissioner Pierce nominated Gary Basinger and Larry Shaver. The nominations carried unanimously.

ROCKWELL RURAL VFD

- Bonnie Simerson Cress for reappointment
- David Adam Dunn for reappointment

By acclamation, Bonnie Simerson Cress and David Adam Dunn were appointed by acclamation.

SOUTH SALISBURY VFD

- Gary E. Gaskey

- Michael W. Goodman

Gary E. Gaskey and Michael Goodman were appointed by acclamation.

UNION VFD

- Rick Waller for reappointment
- Kevin Kesler for reappointment

By acclamation, Rick Waller and Kevin Kesler were reappointed.

WEST ROWAN VFD

- Eddie Mills for reappointment
- Philip Sloop for reappointment

Eddie Mills and Philip Sloop were reappointed by acclamation.

WOODLEAF VFD

- J. Artie Watson for reappointment
- Joseph B. Gregory for reappointment

J. Artie Watson and Joseph Gregory were reappointed by acclamation.

12a. FAIRGROUNDS PROPERTY

(This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion).

Commissioner Pierce said he had asked to pull the issue from the Consent Agenda to clarify the date in the memorandum in the agenda packet should be listed as November 24, 2014.

Commissioner Greene moved, Commissioner Pierce seconded and the vote to correct the date passed unanimously.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Caskey moved to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Klusman and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Clerk to the Board/
Assistant to the County Manager