

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

**June 1, 2015 – 3:00 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/Assistant to the County Manager Carolyn Barger, County Attorney Jay Dees and Assistant County Manager/Finance Director Leslie Heidrick were present.

Chairman Edds convened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Chaplain Michael Taylor provided the Invocation.

Chairman Edds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSIDER ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- Commissioner Pierce requested to add an item to the Consent Agenda regarding Chapter 3 of the Rowan County Code of Ordinances and setting a public hearing for June 15, 2015.

Chairman Edds added the issue to the Consent Agenda as item M.

- Commissioner Caskey moved to add a discussion regarding the prayer issue. The motion was followed by a second from Commissioner Pierce and passed unanimously.

Chairman Edds added the issue as agenda item #2a following the Public Comment Period.

**CONSIDER DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Pierce moved to pull item L (Qualified-Based Selection Process for Airport Design for New Hangar) from the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Caskey and passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Commissioner Pierce moved, Commissioner Klusman seconded and the vote to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2015 Commission Meeting passed unanimously.

**1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Greene moved approval of the Consent Agenda (as amended). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Klusman and passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Acceptance of Grant Award for Local Emergency Planning Committee
- B. Approval to Accept Robertson Foundation Grant
- C. Contract for Food Service at the Rowan County Detention Center
- D. Approval of Home Annual Agreement, Budget Amendment and Contract with Salisbury CDC
- E. Approval of Professional Engineering Services for the Rowan County Health Services Building Emergency Generator Replacement
- F. Donation of Vehicle to Enochville Fire and Rescue
- G. FBO and Skydiving Center Lease and Operating Agreement
- H. Renewal of Lease for K&W Cafeterias, Inc.
- I. Final Settlement with LaFave’s Construction
- J. Qualified-Based Selection Process for West End Plaza Renovations
- K. Qualified-Based Selection Process for Airport Design for Office Construction
- L. Qualified-Based Selection Process for Airport Design for New Hangar (this item was deleted from the Consent Agenda).
- M. Set Public Hearing for June 15, 2015 to Consider Text Amendments to Chapter 3 of the Rowan County Code of Ordinances

**2. 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:

- William Luke Hamaty spoke in opposition to sectarian prayers at Commission Meetings.
- Jim Sides spoke in support of sectarian prayers at Commission Meetings.

- Edward Holder, Jr. asked the Board to review the spending of several Volunteer Fire Departments (VFD). Mr. Holder felt some of the VFD needed help. Mr. Holder said he was very impressed with the service and ability of the local VFD's.
- Will McCubbins spoke in support of sectarian prayers at Commission Meetings.
- Chuck Hughes spoke in support of sectarian prayers at Commission Meetings.
- Dr. Carol Spalding, President of Rowan Cabarrus Community College (RCCC), spoke in support of the reappointment of Carl "Chip" Short to the RCCC Board of Trustees.
- Ronald Young spoke in support of sectarian prayers at Commission Meetings.
- Larry Wright spoke in support of sectarian prayers at Commission Meetings.
- Dean Hunter spoke in support of sectarian prayers at Commission Meetings.
- Ricky Williams spoke in support of sectarian prayers at Commission Meetings.
- Lisa Rudisill spoke in support of sectarian prayers at Commission Meetings.
- Geoffrey Hoy spoke in opposition to sectarian prayers at Commission Meetings.
- Reverend Joel Ervin spoke in support of sectarian prayers at Commission Meetings.
- John Burke spoke in opposition to sectarian prayer at Commission Meetings.

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

### **ADDITION**

#### **2a. PENDING ACLU LITIGATION REGARDING SECTARIAN PRAYER AT BOARD MEETINGS**

Chairman Edds discussed the recent decision against Rowan County by United States District Court Judge Beaty of the Fourth Circuit. Chairman Edds read prepared comments relating to the history of prayers provided at legislative meetings and by governing bodies. Chairman Edds also cited several lawsuits concerning prayer by governing bodies and he emphasized the right to freedom of speech. At the conclusion of his prepared comments, Chairman Edds said he would vote to appeal Rowan County's case to Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Commissioner Caskey agreed with Chairman Edds' comments. Commissioner Caskey likewise discussed free speech. Commissioner Caskey felt it his duty to appeal such an important issue, explaining that the decision should not rest upon

one judge. Commissioner Caskey expressed his belief that God puts individuals in certain places for specific reasons and he stated that it was time to make a stand for freedom for citizens and for generations to come.

Commissioner Greene said he would vote to appeal the decision of Judge Beaty. Commissioner Greene noted the United States President is sworn into office by laying his hand on The Bible. Commissioner Greene read from a previous lawsuit verdict and said he believed the decision by Judge Beaty would be overturned. Commissioner Greene pointed out Judge Beaty's ruling was in direct conflict with the Supreme Court decision.

Commissioner Klusman likewise said she would support an appeal. Commissioner Klusman said after much soul searching and following a discussion with her Pastor, she recognized the issue at risk was the right to free speech. Commissioner Klusman emphasized Chairman Edds' comments in that the decision was not just for practicing Christians but rather a decision to include all faith traditions.

Commissioner Pierce briefly stated he still supported allowing prayers at the meetings and he supported an appeal.

Commissioner Pierce then moved to appeal the ruling by Judge Beaty. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Greene and passed unanimously.

A round of applause from the audience followed the vote.

Chairman Edds called for a recess at 4:32 p.m.

Chairman Edds reconvened the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

### **3. PUBLIC HEARING FOR Z 05-15**

Senior Planner Shane Stewart presented the staff report for Z 05-15. Mr. Stewart said Wade Evans was requesting the rezoning of approximately 2.02 acres identified as tax parcel 426-003 located at 4780 E. NC 152 Hwy from Rural Agricultural (RA) to Neighborhood Business (NB).

Using a power point presentation, Mr. Stewart showed the site in question, as well as the surrounding properties. Mr. Stewart reviewed the zoning criteria and procedures for the Board. Mr. Stewart said since the request could be considered a small-scale rezoning, the Board should develop a state of reasonableness before approving or denying the request to address any claims of spot zoning. Mr. Stewart reported that a statement of consistency was also necessary to address the relationship between the request and any applicable county adopted plans prior to making a decision to approve or deny the request.

Mr. Stewart said the Planning Board met April 27, 2015 and the applicant was the only interested party in attendance. The Planning Board voted unanimously (6-0) to recommend approval based on the following statements:

Statement of Consistency:

- 1) Z 05-15 is consistent with the Eastern Land Use Plan and the NB zoning designation is consistent with the surrounding properties which are zoned RA;
- 2) Established business site located along a major corridor; and
- 3) No problems with utilities, schools, etc.

Statement of Reasonableness

- 1) Z 05-15 is compatible with the Eastern Land Use Plan;
- 2) The NB business district is reasonable with the surrounding area and adjacent lots; and
- 3) Benefits to the community include establishment of a business that benefits the county and residents with no detrimental impacts from traffic, environmental, schools, etc.

Chairman Edds opened the public hearing for Z 05-15. With no one wishing to address the Board, Chairman Edds closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Pierce moved approval of the Statement of Reasonableness and Statement of Consistency as recommended (above). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Greene and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pierce moved, Commissioner Klusman seconded and the vote to approve Z 05-15 passed unanimously.

#### **4. QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING FOR CUP 02-15**

Chairman Edds read the Chairman's Speech (Exhibit A) and declared the public hearing for CUP 02-15 to be in session. Chairman Edds said the hearing would focus on an application submitted by Jeff and Debra Shook to construct a horse riding stable facility on Tax Parcel 238-055 located at the 600 Block of Mayberry Lane.

The Clerk swore in those wishing to provide testimony in the case.

Senior Planner Shane Stewart presented the Staff Report (Exhibit B), as well as a power point presentation (Exhibit C) as he discussed the application. Mr. Stewart reported that Jeff and Debra Shook are currently under contract to purchase a 10 acre parcel located at the 600 Block of Mayberry Lane identified as tax parcel 238-055 and currently owned by Ms. Lisa Fisher. Mr. Stewart said the Shook's have plans to use the existing barn and pasture area for their personal horses, contract boarding of other horses, and constructing a residence

in the future all of which are permitted by right in the Rural Agricultural (RA) district.

Mr. Stewart said the applicant was requesting a conditional use permit to offer riding lessons for children along with occasional summer camps, birthday parties, horse shows, and similar special events.

Mr. Stewart reviewed the conditional use requirements and evaluation criteria as contained in the Staff Report (Exhibit B).

Mr. Stewart provided the Board with example Findings of Fact (Exhibit D). Mr. Stewart said staff did receive two (2) inquiries regarding the application and they had been encouraged to attend the public hearing.

Eleanor Whitehouse, 240 Vineyard Drive, Salisbury, asked for clarification concerning the alcohol issue at the location.

The applicant, Jeff Shook, answered by stating the camp was the exact opposite of an alcohol situation as the primary participants were children and parents coming to learn horsemanship. Mr. Shook read a letter written by a student to his wife praising the camps offered. Mr. Shook said they have two (2) students who just made the equestrian team at the state level. Mr. Shook went on to talk about life lessons learned at the facility.

With no one else sworn to provide testimony, Chairman Edds closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Pierce moved that the development of the property in accordance with the proposed conditions will not materially endanger the public health or safety.

FACT: The approved NCDOT commercial driveway permit suggests this property has adequate access for the proposed use when developed under the applicable terms and conditions.

FACT: The proposed parking area and driveway connections to Mayberry Lane should provide sufficient space for customers to avoid both parking on-street and backing out into the street.

FACT: Site construction will be in accordance with applicable standards of the Rowan County Offices of Inspections and Environmental Health.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Klusman and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pierce moved that the development of the property in accordance with the proposed conditions will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property, or that the development is a public necessity, and;

FACT: No material evidence was presented suggesting this request would injure property values.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Klusman and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pierce moved that the location and character of the development in accordance with the proposed conditions will be in general harmony with the area in which it is located and in general conformity with any adopted county plans.

FACT: All proposed physical improvements to the property and use as a boarding facility are permitted by right in all residential districts.

FACT: Based on the staff report, use of the facility to include riding lessons, summer camps, horse shows, and other special events should provide only minimal impacts.

FACT: Based on the proposed infrequent special events, lighting plan, and practice of wetting the riding arena as identified in section 4 of the staff report, impacts associated with noise, glare, and dust should not be significant.

FACT: Odor levels should be similar to that found in rural areas of the county containing livestock and farming operations.

FACT: The Land Use Plan for areas West of I-85 encourages agri-business uses in rural areas as a means to preserve Western Rowan's rural heritage and agricultural land use.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Klusman and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pierce moved, Commissioner Klusman seconded and the vote to approve CUP 02-15 passed unanimously.

##### **5. PUBLIC HEARING FOR Z 04-15**

Planner Franklin Gover presented the staff report for Z 04-15. Mr. Gover said Nash Isenhower Realtor on behalf of Tina E. Davis and Judy A. Edmiston was requesting the rezoning of 2.26 acres identified as tax parcel 402 023/0231 located at 2604 Heilig Road from Rural Residential (RR) to Commercial, Business, Industrial (CBI).

Using a power point presentation, Mr. Gover showed the site in question as well as the surrounding areas. Mr. Gover reviewed the zoning criteria and procedures for the Board. Mr. Gover said that a statement of consistency was necessary to address the relationship between the request and any applicable county adopted plans prior to making a decision to approve or deny the request. Mr. Gover also said a statement of reasonableness was not necessary because the rezoning would join a 400 acre CBI district and there was no issue of spot zoning.

Mr. Gover said the Planning Board met April 27, 2015 and voted unanimously to recommend approval based on the following Statement of Consistency:

#### Statement of Consistency

- 1) The rezoning request from RR to CBI is consistent with the Eastern Land Use Plan, Area 2 and is consistent with the proximity of the Land Use Plan East of I-85;
- 2) The adjacent properties are zoned CBI and the rezoning of these two parcels will add to the consistency and allow greater flexibility for the growth and development of the area; and
- 3) Supportive of this, is the availability of water and sewer already present in the area and the fact that according to the 2012 NCDOT traffic counts and existing capacities of the roads, there are no issues that will have to be met as the 2012 counts are no more than about one half of the NCDOT capacities.

Chairman Edds opened the public hearing for Z 04-15.

Eleanor Whitehouse, 240 Vineyard Drive in Salisbury, said there was no objection to the zoning change; however, she had a question. Ms. Whitehouse said the property borders the easement used by the bus garage (Rowan Salisbury School System) and Gildan Yarns. Ms. Whitehouse asked what recourse would there be if someone put in a business the neighbors would not want after the zoning change was approved. Ms. Whitehouse said most of the land around the site was agricultural. Commissioner Pierce responded there would be no recourse if the other uses are allowable in the CBI district.

With no one else wishing to address the Board, Chairman Edds closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Pierce moved approval of the Statement of Consistency as recommended (above). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Klusman and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pierce moved, Commissioner Greene seconded and the vote to approve Z 04-15 passed unanimously.

## **6. DISCUSSION REGARDING JULY MEETING SCHEDULE**

Chairman Edds said the Board has typically voted in the past to hold one (1) Commission Meeting during the month of July. Chairman Edds asked the Board for their preferences for this year.

Commissioner Pierce moved to hold one (1) meeting in the month of July, on July 6, 2015, and to cancel the July 20, 2015 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Klusman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## **7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

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

- Cooperative Extension – To budget additional revenues and expenditures for fees received for Horticulture programs at Cooperative Extension - \$7,000
- Cooperative Extension – To budget additional revenues and expenditures for fees received for Agriculture/Local Foods at Cooperative Extension - \$1,325
- Finance – To budget for additional property and professional liability claims - \$45,000
- Finance – To budget additional revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2015. To appropriate restricted fund balance and transfer to the Public Safety Capital Projects Fund for the Rockwell EMS Station as approved by the Board on May 18, 2015 - \$1,870,000
- Finance – To budget revenues received from sale of Industrial Park property for payment to RowanWorks approved by the Board on May 4, 2015 and for a transfer to the Airport Fund for an office addition and hangars - \$3,900,000

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

## **8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

### **ADULT CARE HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

There are ten (10) vacancies and the following have submitted applications:

- Flora White for reappointment

The term is for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2015 and expiring June 30, 2018.

Commissioner Pierce nominated Flora White for reappointment. Commissioner Greene seconded and the nomination carried unanimously.

- James Gadsby Emmett
- Michael Allen Vorherr

- Cathy Ryerson

The terms are for one (1) year beginning July 1, 2015 and expiring June 30, 2016.

Commissioner Klusman moved to appoint James Emmett, Michael Vorherr, and Cathy Ryerson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed unanimously.

### **AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD**

There are two (2) vacancies, one (1) for a pilot and one (1) for a business representative. The following applications have been received:

- Thomas Greene for reappointment as a pilot representative – Please note Mr. Greene has served two (2) terms to date and is not eligible for reappointment. In order to reappoint Mr. Greene, the Board would need to waive the term limits set forth in the September 2012 Resolution.
- Randy Lawrence Baker as a pilot representative
- David Post as a representative from the business community. Please note Mr. Post has also applied for the Rowan Public Library Board and the Centralina Economic Development Committee.
- Dink James Safriet as a representative from the business community. Please note Mr. Safriet has also applied for the Rowan-Cabarrus Community College Board of Trustees
- Henry Baxter Alexander as a representative from the business community.

The terms are for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2015 and expiring June 30, 2018.

Commissioner Pierce nominated Randy Baker as a pilot representative.

Chairman Edds nominated Tom Greene for reappointment.

Upon being put to a vote, Randy Baker was appointed, 3-2 with Commissioners Edds and Klusman dissenting.

Commissioner Klusman nominated David Post as the business representative.

Commissioner Pierce nominated Dink Safriet as the business representative and explained that Mr. Safriet had been a valuable member of the AAB when it was initially created.

Upon being put to a vote, the nomination for Dink Safriet passed unanimously.

### **CENTRALINA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

There is one (1) vacancy and the following has submitted an application for consideration:

- Stan Wilson for reappointment as the representative from a community based organization. Please note Mr. Wilson resides in Mecklenburg County but is the Director of the Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency.

The term is for two (2) years beginning July 1, 2015 and expiring June 30, 2017.

Commissioner Pierce moved to appoint Stan Wilson and Commissioner Caskey seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **ROWAN TRANSIT SYSTEM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

There are three (3) vacancies and the following has submitted an application:

- Christina S. Joyce representing a human service agency

The term is for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2015 and expiring June 30, 2018.

Commissioner Pierce nominated Christina Joyce, Commissioner Greene seconded and the nomination carried unanimously.

### **HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

There are two (2) vacancies and the following application has been received:

- Holden Brent Sides

The term is for three (3) years beginning June 1, 2015 and expiring May 30, 2018.

Commissioner Pierce nominated Holden Sides. Commissioner Caskey seconded and the nomination passed unanimously.

### **NURSING HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

There are four (4) vacancies and the following application has been submitted:

- Sylvia Fosha for reappointment

The term is for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2015 and expiring June 30, 2018.

Commissioner Pierce moved approval of Sylvia Fosha. Commissioner Klusman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **ROWAN CABARRUS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

There is one (1) vacancy and the following applications have been submitted:

- Dink James Safriet
- William Ronald Hash
- Carl M. Short, Jr. for reappointment
- John Alfred Daniels

The term is for four (4) years beginning July 1, 2015 and expiring June 30, 2019.

Commissioner Greene nominated Carl Short, Jr. Commissioner Pierce seconded and the nomination carried unanimously.

### **ROWAN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

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

- David B. Post
- Carol Ann Cody

The term is for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2015 and expiring June 30, 2018.

Commissioner Klusman nominated David Post. Commissioner Caskey seconded and the nomination passed unanimously.

### **JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL**

- Kathy Shelton-Riek has submitted her resignation as the representative from the business community.

Commissioner Pierce moved to accept Ms. Shelton-Riek's resignation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Greene and passed unanimously.

There are six (6) vacancies, three (3) At Large, one (1) representative of the faith community, one (1) business community representative and one (1) substance abuse professional. The following applications have been received:

- Lynn Marsh for reappointment – At Large
- Constance Johnson – At Large
- Karen Elaine Barton – At Large
- William Ryan Walker for reappointment – At Large

The terms are for two (2) years beginning July 1, 2015 and expiring June 30, 2017.

Commissioner Greene nominated Lynn Marsh for reappointment. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pierce nominated Ryan Walker for reappointment. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Caskey and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pierce nominated Karen Barton followed by a second from Commissioner Klusman. The nomination carried unanimously.

### **CENTRALINA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- John Pruitt has submitted his resignation.

- David Post has submitted an application to fill the vacancy expiring February 28, 2016.

Commissioner Pierce moved approval of Mr. Pruitt's resignation. Commissioner Greene seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pierce nominated David Post and Commissioner Klusman seconded. The nomination carried unanimously.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

The following have submitted applications to fill an unexpired term:

- Robert Lee Bruce
- Mark Alan Lyerly

The term expires December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Pierce moved to appoint Robert Lee Bruce. Commissioner Greene seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **HOME AND COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE**

- Kathy Shelton-Reik has submitted her resignation as an at large representative.

Commissioner Greene moved to accept Ms. Shelton-Riek's resignation. Commissioner Klusman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AND POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCE AUTHORITY**

The following has submitted an application to fill an unexpired term ending July 31, 2019:

- Dustin James Meacham

Commissioner Pierce moved approval of Dustin Meacham. Commissioner Greene seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Applications have been received from the following to fill one (1) unexpired term ending December 31, 2016:

- Norman Grey Ribelin
- Pete Bogle
- Dennis Lunsford

Commissioner Klusman nominated Pete Bogle.

Commissioner Pierce nominated Norman Grey Ribelin.

Upon being put to a vote, the nomination for Pete Bogle carried 4-1 with Commissioner Pierce dissenting.

### **REGION F ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

There are two (2) vacancies, one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate. The following have submitted applications:

- Manie Richardson for reappointment as a delegate with a two (2) year term beginning July 1, 2015 and expiring June 30, 2017.
- Juanita Woods for reappointment as an alternate with a one (1) year term beginning July 1, 2015 and expiring June 30, 2016.

\* Please note according to the Rules of Organization for the Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee (HCCBG), members appointed to serve on the Region F Committee are also appointed to serve on the HCCBG.

Commissioner Greene nominated Manie Richardson as the delegate and Juanita Woods as the alternate. Commissioner Pierce seconded and the nominations passed unanimously.

### **MILLERS FERRY VFD FIRE COMMISSIONER**

There are three (3) vacancies and the following applications have been submitted:

- Dawn Correll Alexander
- Donald Ray Gobble
- Marvin Nay Feezor
- Larry Dean Gobble – Please note Mr. Gobble also serves as a Millers Ferry VFD Relief Fund Trustee
- Rick F. Froneberger for reappointment

The terms are for two (2) years beginning July 1, 2015 and expiring June 30, 2017.

Commissioner Pierce nominated Don Gobble. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Greene and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pierce nominated Larry Dean Gobble. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Greene and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pierce nominated Marvin Nay Feezor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Greene and passed unanimously.

### **ROCKWELL RURAL VFD FIRE COMMISSIONER**

There are three (3) vacancies and the following have submitted applications:

- Jimmy Sifford for reappointment
- William T. Baucom for reappointment
- Gene Johnson for reappointment

The terms are for two (2) years beginning July 1, 2015 and expiring June 30, 2017.

Commissioner Klusman nominated Jimmy Sifford, William Baucom, and Gene Johnson for reappointment. Commissioner Pierce seconded and the nominations carried unanimously.

#### **ROWAN IREDELL VFD FIRE COMMISSIONER**

There are two (2) vacancies and the following have submitted an application:

- John Livengood
- John L. Wilson
- Todd Shue

The terms are for two (2) years beginning June 1, 2015 and expiring February 28, 2017.

Commissioner Pierce nominated John Livengood followed by a second from Commissioner Caskey. The nominations passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pierce nominated Todd Shue. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Caskey and passed unanimously.

#### **ATWELL TOWNSHIP VFD FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

There are three (3) vacancies and the following applications have been submitted:

- Gary Goodman
- Wanda Watts
- Clement Bost

The terms are for two (2) years beginning July 1, 2015 and expiring June 30, 2017.

Commissioner Klusman nominated Gary Goodman, Wanda Watts, and Clement Bost. The nominations were seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed unanimously.

#### **UNION VFD FIRE COMMISSIONER**

There are three (3) vacancies and the applications have been submitted:

- Allan Rouzer
- Tony B. Waller
- Thomas David Kerns

The terms are for two (2) years beginning July 1, 2015 and expiring June 30, 2017.

Commissioner Klusman nominated Allan Rouzer, Tony Waller, and Thomas Kerns. Commissioner Greene seconded and the nominations carried unanimously.

Chairman Edds called for a recess at 5:35 p.m.

Chairman Edds reconvened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

#### **9. PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2015-16 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Chairman Edds explained that the Board must adopt a budget by July 1, 2015. Chairman Edds said the Board would take into account any feedback from the public hearing when considering adoption of the budget. Chairman Edds then opened the public hearing to receive input from the citizens regarding the proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-16. The following individuals came forward to address the Board:

- Don Gobble thanked the Board for its vote on the prayer issue and he also expressed appreciation for the fire commissioners that had been appointed to serve the Millers Ferry Volunteer Fire Department (VFD). Mr. Gobble said the VFD was asking for a one cent fire tax increase. Mr. Gobble said the VFD had given the chief a raise and also purchased a fire boat. Mr. Gobble asked the Commissioners to keep the rate at revenue neutral.
- Geoffrey Hoy asked Board to increase supplements to teachers as he felt they were worth the increases.

With no one else wishing to address the Board, Chairman Edds closed the public hearing.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Pierce moved to adjourn at 6:07 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Klusman and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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