

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

**October 5, 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.

Assistant Chaplain Michael Taylor provided the Invocation.

Chairman Edds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSIDER ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Chairman Edds added a Proclamation Honoring David Setzer to the Consent Agenda as item M.

**CONSIDER DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Pierce pulled item J from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Chairman Edds added the issue as agenda item #6a.

Commissioner Klusman requested to add an issue to the Consent Agenda as item N, noting it is Mental Health Awareness Week.

**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 Klusman moved, Commissioner Greene seconded and the vote to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2015 Commission Meeting passed unanimously.

## **1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

### **A. Proclamation Recognizing Fire Prevention Week for 2015**

WHEREAS, the County of Rowan is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our county; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep; and

WHEREAS, Rowan County's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Rowan's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Hear the Beep, When you Sleep" focuses on the importance to have a working smoke detector inside every bedroom and outside every sleeping area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2015 as Fire Prevention Week throughout the County, and urges all the people of Rowan County to protect their homes and families by heeding the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2015, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the emergency services agencies in the County.

- B. Acceptance of Homeland Security Grant Award**
- C. State Request to Add Prospective Drive (To Be Renamed Chamandy Drive) to State Secondary Road System for Maintenance**
- D. Uwharrie District Missional Engagement Funds Application**
- E. Schedule Public Hearing for October 19, 2015 for Text Amendment in Personnel Ordinance**
- F. Purchase of Two Ambulances**
- G. Proclamation for Young Marines Red Ribbon Week**

WHEREAS, communities across America have been plagued by the numerous problems associated with illicit drug use and those that traffic in them; and

WHEREAS, there is hope in winning the war on drugs, and that hope lies in education and drug demand reduction, coupled with the hard work and determination of organizations such as the Young Marines and the Marine Corps League to foster a healthy, drug-free lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, governments and community leaders know that citizen support is one of the most effective tools in the effort to reduce the use of illicit drugs in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the red ribbon has been chosen as a symbol commemorating the work of Enriqu e "Kiki" Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent who was murdered in the line of duty, and represents the belief that one person can make a difference; and

WHEREAS, the Red Ribbon Campaign was established by Congress in 1988 to encourage a drug-free lifestyle and involvement in drug prevention and reduction efforts; and

WHEREAS, October 23-31 has been designated National Red Ribbon Week, which encourages Americans to wear a red ribbon to show their support for a drug-free environment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 23-31, 2015 as RED RIBBON WEEK in Rowan County, and urges all citizens to join in this special observance.

- H. Preventative Dental Project
- I. Thanksgiving Office Hours
- J. Authorize Changes to Rental Policy for West End Plaza Events Center
- K. Reschedule Z 08-15 Public Hearing to November 16, 2015
- L. Proclamation For Substance Abuse Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the Center for Prevention Services promotes healthy living through the combined efforts of the Rowan County community; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of interested citizens, organizations and agencies whose common bond is the promotion of healthy lifestyles and uplifting of the quality of life for all citizens of Rowan County have continued to collaborate; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Prevention Services will sponsor and highlight an entire month of activities to raise the consciousness of all residents of Rowan County about alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention, intervention and treatment programs; encourage community empowerment and development of safe alternatives to all addiction and over use behavior; and will deliver educational services, materials and activities which will unite churches, schools, families, adults and youth in an effort to create a healthier and vitalized community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim OCTOBER 2015 as "SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH" in Rowan County and asks that all of our citizens become more active in promoting alcohol free, tobacco free, and drug free life-styles.

#### M. Proclamation Honoring David Setzer (addition)

WHEREAS, David Setzer has served as the first and only Executive Director of the Blanche and Julian Robertson Foundation since its opening in 1998; and

WHEREAS, David Setzer developed and ran the internal operations of the Blanche and Julian Robertson Foundation including the publication of monthly newsletters highlighting the wonderful organizations and outstanding projects supported by the Foundation; and

WHEREAS, David Setzer has worked diligently to remain informed about the work of Salisbury and Rowan County's many non-profit and educational institutions, and he has developed an in-depth knowledge of the community, its leaders, and its businesses; and

WHEREAS, David Setzer understood the power of partnerships and served as a true ambassador of the Blanche and Julian Robertson Foundation by individually meeting with non-profit groups and regularly attending public events and annual meetings; and

WHEREAS, David Setzer's passion for the arts and his personal understanding of the challenges of the disadvantaged were always highlighted in his leadership to the Blanche and Julian Robertson Foundation and in turn, to the citizens of Salisbury and Rowan County.

NOW, THEREFORE, in honor of his remarkable contributions to our community, the Rowan County Board of Commissioners and the Salisbury City Council DO HEREBY PROCLAIM October 14, 2015 as DAVID E. SETZER DAY and encourage all citizens to recognize the contributions of David E. Setzer through his work with the Blanche and Julian Robertson Foundation as we express our heartfelt gratitude for his commitment to our community.

N. Recognize October 4-10, 2015 As Mental Health Awareness Week  
(addition; no handouts)

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Chairman Edds opened the Public Comment Period to entertain comments from any citizens wishing to address the Board. With no one wishing to address the Board, Chairman Edds closed the Public Comment Period.

## **3. PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2017 COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (CTP) GRANT**

Rowan Transit System Director Gary Price reported the North Carolina Public Transportation Division was accepting Community Transportation Program applications for Fiscal Year 2017. The CTP is the principal source of funding for the RTS operations. Using a power point presentation, Mr. Price outlined the use of the funds as follows:

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

Capital Equipment: Requesting \$347,000:  
\$312,300 or 90% grant and \$34,700 or 10% County match

Chairman Edds opened the public hearing to receive citizen input regarding the CTP application. With no one coming forward to address the Board, Chairman Edds closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Pierce moved to adopt the CTP Resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Klusman and passed unanimously.

#### **4. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Using several graphs, Assistant County Manager/Finance Director Leslie Heidrick highlighted the County's monthly sales tax comparisons, annual cumulative revenue comparisons, and annual cumulative expenditure comparisons.

With regards to the sales tax comparisons, Ms. Heidrick reported there was a 5.5% increase for 2015 when compared to 2014. Ms. Heidrick said the auditors would be coming October 19, 2015 and the final numbers for general fund revenues would not be known until that time. Ms. Heidrick estimated the revenues to be \$133,500,000. Ms. Heidrick said expenditures were in line with past years.

After a brief question and answer period, Chairman Edds thanked Ms. Heidrick for the report.

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

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

- Animal Control – To recognize revenues collected from adoptions to be used for vaccine fees - \$21,600
- Health – To reduce funds for the Robertson Grant/Healthy Link - \$2,000
- Library – Rowan Public Library has received some additional revenue this year for gifts. The funds will be used to purchase books and materials for the library. In addition, funds will be transferred to cover a shortage in the periodical budget. \$7,000

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

#### **6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS** **DANGEROUS DOG APPEALS BOARD**

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

- Nina Dix for reappointment

The term is for three (3) years beginning November 1, 2015 and expiring October 31, 2018.

Commissioner Pierce nominated Ms. Dix for reappointment and the nomination passed unanimously.

#### **CARDINAL INNOVATIONS HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS**

These appointments were postponed from September 8, 2015. There are two (2) vacancies and the following applications have been received:

- William Beilfuss for reappointment as a community stakeholder

- William McCubbins, III for reappointment as a family member

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

Commissioner Klusman said she would like to add an application from Nina Oliver and she then nominated Ms. Oliver and William Beilfuss.

Commissioner Pierce said Ms. Oliver's application was received after the September 25, 2015 agenda deadline. Commissioner Pierce said the board appointments for Cardinal Innovations had already been extended and the application from Ms. Oliver was received today. Commissioner Pierce felt it would be unfair to the other applicants to allow the late application.

Commissioner Pierce nominated William McCubbins for reappointment.

Commissioner Klusman stated the lateness of the application was her fault as she had forgotten the appointments were on the agenda for this meeting.

After being put to a vote, William Beilfuss and William McCubbins were reappointed.

### **ENOCHVILLE VFD FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

There are three (3) vacancies and the following five (5) applications have been submitted:

- Lois D. McCorkle for reappointment. Ms. McCorkle has served two (2) terms as a commissioner and is not eligible for reappointment.
- Lisa Griggs Joines for reappointment. Ms. Joines is not eligible for reappointment as her term was waived in August of 2013 in order to serve a third term.
- John Baxter Sims for reappointment. Mr. Sims is not eligible for reappointment as his term was waived in August of 2013 in order to serve a third term.
- Debra McCorkle Currie
- Kevin Dwayne Joines

In order to reappoint Lois McCorkle, Lisa Joines, and John Sims the Board would need to waive the term limits set forth in the Resolution adopted by the Board in 2012.

The terms are for two (2) years beginning September 1, 2015 and expiring August 31, 2017.

Commissioner Caskey nominated John Sims, Debra Currie, and Kevin Joines.

The nominations passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pierce moved to waive the term limits for John Simms.  
Commissioner Greene seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**6a. AUTHORIZE CHANGES TO RENTAL POLICY FOR WEST END PLAZA  
EVENTS CENTER**

(This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda).

Commissioner Pierce said there was no problem with the information in the agenda packet and he would support the proposed changes. Commissioner Pierce explained that his concern was the misinformation being reported with regards to the Master Plan for the West End Plaza (Plaza). Commissioner Pierce said the media had reported there was a Convention Center as part of the Master Plan and he clarified the report was not true.

Using a power point, Commissioner Pierce referenced Option A1 and Option A2 from the Master Plan and highlighted different areas in each option for conference/public assembly space. Commissioner Pierce reiterated there was nothing in the Master Plan identifying a convention center. Commissioner Pierce said he merely wanted to make the taxpayers aware and have the media correct their statement, as no convention center had been included in the Master Plan.

Commissioner Pierce moved to pass the changes for the West End Plaza Events Center. Commissioner Klusman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Chairman Edds introduced Kellie Cartwright, the newly hired Grant Writer for the County. Chairman Edds said Ms. Cartwright had hit the ground running and he wished her good luck on behalf of all. Chairman Edds thanked Ms. Cartwright for her hard work so far.

Chairman Edds took a moment to publically thank Frank Thomason, Emergency Services Chief, for the recent weather updates during Hurricane Joaquin. Chairman Edds said the updates were an indicator the organization was ready for any event. Chairman Edds expressed appreciation for the organization and that the Board was kept apprised of what was happening.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Greene moved to adjourn at 3:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Caskey and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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