

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 3, 1989

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building on April 3, 1989 at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: J. Newton Cohen, Sr., Chairman
Wilborn S. Swaim, Vice-Chairman
Henry H. Palmer, Member
George C. Knox, Member
Jamima P. DeMarcus, Member

The County Manager, Finance Director, County Attorney and Clerk to the Board were also present as well as various Rowan County citizens and administrative staff.

Chairman Cohen called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 13, 1989:

*Page 3 - "Correspondence" - 7th Paragraph: Commissioner Knox noted a misspelled word "deemed" should be "deeded".

*Page 4 - "Correspondence" - Last Paragraph: Commissioner DeMarcus recommended that the following statement be added for better interpretation: "Centralina Council of Government is able to provide services involving other regions".

*Page 4 - "Correspondence" - 2nd Paragraph: Commissioner Palmer noted that the word "complete" should read "completed".

*Page 4 - "Correspondence" - 7th Paragraph: Commissioner Palmer noted that "Effective July 1, 1989, there may be a \$3.4 million shortfall to federal funds" should read "Effective July 1, 1989, there may be a \$3.4 million shortfall of federal funds".

*Page 5 - "Board Appointments" - "Board of Health": Chairman Cohen noted that Mr. Elmer Lagg and Mr. Charles F. Eddinger should be recognized as being Doctors.

*Page 5 - "Road Petitions": Commissioner Swaim noted that "Commissioner DeMarcus seconded Commissioner DeMarcus' motion with unanimous approval" should read "Commissioner DeMarcus seconded

Commissioner Knox's motion with unanimous approval".

*Page 7 - 2nd Paragraph: Commissioner DeMarcus noted that "Dr. Pyaika" should read "Dr. Pyecha".

*Page 8 - 1st Paragraph: Commissioner Palmer noted that "...evidence of followed..." should read "...evidence of solid...". and "...quality education to all students throughout Rowan County to merge with the School Systems." should read "...quality education to all students throughout Rowan County in a merged School System.".

*Page 10 - "Recognition of Mrs. Myrtis Nicholas": "Mrs. Betty Dan Nicholas Gilland" should read "Mrs. Betty Dan Nicholas Gilliam". Since the guests were listed Commissioner DeMarcus recommended the following to be read as "...Paul Bernhardt and his wife Naomi and daughter, Eva O'Riley". Also, "Ms. Dan" should read "Mrs. Gilliam".

*Page 16 - "Other Business": Commissioner DeMarcus recommended that the date the letter was sent to Mr. Greene from Clarence Kluttz be inserted, which should read as follows: "A survey has been made and has determined that Mr. Greene's junkyard has encroached on Park Property, and the County Attorney has written Mr. Greene a letter dated March 7, 1989 asking him to clean it up and has given him thirty (30) days to do this.

With no further corrections, Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve and Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

*Commissioner DeMarcus suggested discussing School Merger after "Road Petitions".

*Commissioner DeMarcus will bring the Commission up to date on the Library Plans.

*Commissioner DeMarcus will discuss the upcoming County Pic Nic (Appreciation Day).

*Commissioner DeMarcus will bring the Commission up to date on the Tourist Authority.

*The County Manager, Tim Russell, noted two (2) changes that were previously made to the Agenda on Friday afternoon.

1) 3:30 P.M. Rowan County Day Care Association - Week of

Young Child, April 10-16, 1989: Maggie Reid
and Becky Muse

2) 4:00 P.M. Interview Process for Candidate for Veterans
Service Office

CORRESPONDENCE:

The County Manager reported the following Correspondence to
the Commission for their review.

*Letter dated March 20, 1989 from Robeson County Board of
Commissioners--This Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution
asking other County Commissioners to adopt the resolution as
attached to these Minutes. This Resolution asks for the North
Carolina Association of County Commissioners to support the 1989
General Assembly goal to increase the Sales Tax authorization for
Counties during the 1989 Legislative Session. Commissioner
DeMarcus stated that she did not favor this at this time since
there is discussion in Raleigh to increase gas tax. She felt this
was too much for the citizens to bear at this time. Commissioner
Swaim explained that this gives the County the option of raising
Sales Tax in their County. He stated that when it comes time to
raise more revenue in the County, he would favor Sales Tax rather
than increasing Ad Valorem Tax. Commissioner DeMarcus stated that
she would like to see what happens in Raleigh before she endorses
this. She stated that if the tax can truly be taken off food and
medicine, she would like to see this happen. Commissioner Swaim
stated that currently it is not on prescription drugs.
Commissioner DeMarcus stated that she would like to see a study
done on this proposed increase. It was the consensus of the
Commission to take no action at this time.

*Letter dated March 14, 1989 from Davie County regarding
information on the MRS Public Hearing in Atlanta dealing with a
potential site in Davie County.

*Information regarding a Seminar held by Congressman Bill
Hefner--The County Manager requested any who would like to attend
to notify him.

*Reprint from "Recycling News" dealing with Rowan County and
Catawba County recycling. It is apparent through this article that
Catawba County has similar situations as Rowan with their green
boxes and are planning to consolidate these as well. The County
Manager then made reference to the last paragraph of this article
as attached to these Minutes.

*Reprint from "Waste Management" in regards to "The Mecklenburg County Experience" dealing with their program and their story on recycling and solid waste.

*Letter dated March 22, 1989 from Representative Charlotte Gardner--This letters gives her position on Representative Ligon's bill.

*Letter dated March 28, 1989 from Representative Joe Hege, Jr.--This letters deals with proposed hearings regarding House Bill 404 on School Merger. A public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 1989 in Room 1425 of the Legislative Building.

ROAD PETITIONS:

Commissioner Knox reported the following two (2) Road Petitions requesting that the following roads be added to the Secondary Road System of North Carolina. The following have been approved by the District Engineer, Mr. Don L. Honeycutt, and therefore need to be approved by the County Commissioners:

- 1) Sapona Drive in the Morgan Township (1,885 Feet)
- 2) Samuel Spencer Drive in Salisbury Township (997 Feet)

Commissioner Knox made a motion to approve this request and Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

SCHOOL MERGER:

Commissioner DeMarcus expressed her disappointment in the end result of the merger process and stated that she believed merger is the right answer in order to ensure the quality of education for all the students in Salisbury and Rowan County. She still believes merger is the right answer and feels the time has arrived for Commissioners to intervene. The Commission recognizes the fact that the two (2) school boards have been subjected to a great deal of pressure; nevertheless, it is important to all to ensure the quality of our schools and the welfare of our children to keep on with merger. Those two (2) boards brought a resolution to merger to the County Commissioners in November, 1987 and the Commission approved. The Boards have already done some good things together. All has gone well except for the redistricting, which has been the hardest task of all and the difficulties came as no surprise. The Commission has received letters concerning redistricting as well as School Board members, members of Rowan's Raleigh delegation and even to Congressman Bill Hefner. However, no one has written "Stop the Merger"! Instead, they have written most very thoughtfully

expressing concerns about their own children's travel and where they will be going to School. She stated that they all may have to put some trust in each other to do the things most conducive to offering every child the opportunity to reach their highest potential through the educational system provided. County Commissioners must be willing to compromise as well. She stated that she does not wish to threaten the withdrawal of financial support to the schools because all guidelines cannot be met initially. Instead, she encouraged them to put aside their differences, to be sensitive to each other's concerns, to put in place and action all the things that they have already worked out so well, and to develop long range goals to address those they are unable to meet at the present time. In an effort to be helpful, Commissioner DeMarcus offered the following suggestions:

- 1) That the Commission meet with members of both School Boards for dialogue concerning ways they might help to resolve the stalemate.
- 2) That they suggest to the School Boards an arbitrator be brought in to help resolve some of their differences.
- 3) That a rally, hearing, or public gathering or any other gathering by any other name be scheduled and held bringing citizens together who are in favor of merger.

Commissioner DeMarcus believes the majority of Rowan County citizens favor this move but they have been silent. Now is the time to hear from school teachers, staff persons, and parents who believe in and support merger. This would be a real affirmation for the school boards and this Commission.

Commissioner Swaim stated that he agreed with Commissioner DeMarcus' statement. He then proposed that the Commission go one step further and adopt a Resolution as attached to these minutes to reflect Commissioner DeMarcus' statement. Commissioner Swaim made a motion to approve and was seconded by the remainder of the Commission.

Commissioner DeMarcus asked the County Attorney, Clarence Kluttz, about Item #IV stating "That The Rowan County Board of Commissioners will fund only one Merged School System beginning July 1, 1989, subject to any legal interpretation different from that expressed in this Resolution" if there would be any problem with this. The County Attorney stated that he would have to research this but felt there would be a problem. Commissioner Palmer suggested that it read that the Commission will fund the merged school system. Commissioner DeMarcus stated that this can be accepted as it is and if there are any legal entanglements, the Commission could then amend it.

Commissioner Knox stated that "you can judge a community and its people by the quality of this educational system--Education is the key to the quality of life for anyone in that particular County." He felt we have a good County School System but the dropout and literacy rate is too high in Rowan and if the merged school system is the key then he thinks the Commission need to step forward and address it as responsible citizens. He felt that both Boards of Education need to equate what they have done very seriously.

Commissioner DeMarcus stated that she hoped the Commission would consider doing the three (3) suggestions offered. Commissioner Swaim felt it may be best to wait on the arbitrator until after July 1, 1989 because he felt that time is of the essence and does not believe any redrawing can be in place by July 1, 1989. Commissioner DeMarcus clarified that she did not want to put a time on this but to discuss with the two Boards to see if they would be willing to do this. It was the consensus of the Commission to appear in Raleigh for the hearing as mentioned above.

Chairman Cohen stated that he would hope that this Commission, showing its interest in doing what's best for the children of Rowan, would receive the support of both the School Boards. It was suggested that correspondence be sent to the Chairman of both School Boards and to the four (4) legislators describing the action taken by the Commission this morning as well as a copy to each member of the School Boards. It was the consensus of the Commission to meet with the School Boards on Saturday morning around 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - PETITION TO RENAME HAWKINS STREET (SR2068) TO GWYNN STREET:

Chairman Cohen then adjourned the Regular Meeting and opened a Public Hearing allowing anyone to speak in favor or against the change of Hawkins Street to Gwynn Street. The County Manager stated that all property owners' names on the petition as attached to these Minutes, were sent a special notice. The County Manager made reference to a letter dated March 28, 1989 from Mr. Wayne Ashworth indicating that there is a Guinn Avenue in the Kannapolis area, but this should not pose a problem due to the spelling difference of each name.

Chairman Cohen then adjourned the Public Hearing and reopened the Regular Meeting to take action. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the request and Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval. A Resolution was then signed by the Clerk to

the Board representing approval of this request by the Commission as attached to these Minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDERATION TO EXPAND PLANNING BOARD FROM 7 TO 11 MEMBERS:

Chairman Cohen then adjourned the Regular Meeting and opened a Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing consideration to expand the Planning Board from 7 to and 11 Members. Chairman Cohen stated the purpose for this consideration is to expand the Board as the Commission anticipates breaking the Board into subcommittees and working on subcommittee levels as they do Planning in the County. Chairman Cohen then adjourned the Public Hearing and reopened the Regular Meeting to take action. With no further discussion, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve and Commissioner Swaim seconded with unanimous approval.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Rowan County Planning Board: At the present time, there are five (5) members on the Board and two (2) vacancies. The five (5) remaining on the Board are as follows:

Mr. Dave Roberts	Civil Engineer/Landis	12/31/90
Mr. William Russell	Businessman/Cleveland	12/31/90
Mr. Tom Harrell	Radio/Salisbury	12/31/90
Mr. Robert Saunders	Attorney/Salisbury	02/02/90
Mr. Joe Sides	Lumberman/Rockwell	02/02/90

It is the intent to have all terms to expire on December 31. Commissioner DeMarcus expressed the fact that this is a very important Board and people are needed with experience as well as people who are geographically scattered around the County. They also need people who will bring certain expertise in certain fields to this Board. She stated that she would like to have female representation on this Board as well as some minority on it so it will be inclusive. She then nominated the following:

Ms. Elaine China, housewife and has a realtor's license. She has served two (2) terms on the Salisbury Planning Board and has been told that she is an excellent member.

Mr. Ed Hammill, Rowan County Farmer in Gold Hill and has previously discussed with the Commission Farmland Preservation Laws as well as being very knowledgeable concerning soil conservation.

Mr. Alfred Wilson, Carpenter by trade with a great deal of

knowledge of historical buildings and renovation and preservation as well as having a great interest in the environment. He comes from the Western part of the County.

Commissioner Swaim nominated two (2) farmers as follows:

Mr. Karl Corriher and Mr. David Knox.

Commissioner Palmer nominated a local businessman, Mr. Paul Carter as well as Mr. Ross Giles who has recently retired from the Salisbury Planning Board with an excellent record.

Commissioner Knox nominated Dr. George Hill who is a veterinarian.

Commissioner DeMarcus stated that Mr. Ross Giles is a very fine person but he is chairing the Parks and Recreation this year and was told that they plan to nominate him for that position next year. Commissioner Palmer stated that Mr. Giles interested.

The following votes were taken:

Ms. Elaine China - Unanimous
Mr. Ed Hammill - Unanimous
Mr. Alfred Wilson- (2) Voted by Commissioners DeMarcus and Knox
Dr. George Hill - Unanimous
Mr. Karl Corriher- 4- Voted by all except Commissioner DeMarcus
Mr. David Knox - Unanimous
Mr. Paul Carter - 4- Voted by all except Commissioner Knox
Mr. Ross Giles - 0 Votes

Therefore, Mr. Alfred Wilson and Ross Giles were made alternates. Commissioner DeMarcus suggested allowing the Planning Board set the mechanics of the terms.

Complete Count Committee: Commissioner DeMarcus suggested each Commissioner submitting four (4) names to be discussed at the next meeting.

Nursing Home Committee (Centralina Council of Governments): Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the reappointment of Aundrea Vickers and Jim Duncan and Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval.

City of Salisbury - Zoning Board of Adjustment: Commissioner Knox made a motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Bryant Norman as an extraterritorial alternate to this Board and Commissioner Palmer seconded with unanimous approval.

City of Salisbury - Planning Board: Commissioner Knox made a motion to approve Ms. Wendy Jessen be appointed as an extraterritorial alternate to the Planning Board and Commissioner Swaim seconded with unanimous approval.

Establishment of County Study Committee on Waste Stream: Commissioner DeMarcus stated that the Commission should first decide what they want the Committee to do before appointments are made.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT - WAYNE SIMPSON:

Mr. Wayne Simpson, Tax Collector, provided the Commission with the Tax Collector's Report for the month of March, 1989 as attached to these Minutes. After all was reported to the Commission, the Tax Collector then requested approval by the Commission to bill for annual Beer and Wine licenses in April for collection in May. Commissioner Swaim made a motion to approve and Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval.

PRESENTATION OF KEEP NORTH CAROLINA BEAUTIFUL AWARD:

Commissioner DeMarcus presented an award to the Chairman and other Commissioners. She stated that both her and Commissioner Knox travelled to Raleigh for the awards presentation on Keep North Carolina Beautiful and even though they were not the top winners, they were a runner up. She then accepted the award for the Commissioners. Mr. Bob Timberlake and Mrs. Dan Moore did the presentations.

Commissioner DeMarcus also reported that her and Commissioner Knox went to Bakers Creek Park on Saturday and worked from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in cleaning the creek, planting flowers, dogwood trees, and spreading mulch. They had 150 people present for this event. As a result, they may do this again at another County Park.

SHERIFF BOB MARTIN - PROPOSAL TO SEEK STATE GRANT FOR JAIL OVERCROWDING/ALTERNATIVES TO PRETRIAL DETENTION PROJECT:

Sheriff Martin stated that they have been approved for the pre-application for a drug task force along with the City of Salisbury, City of Concord, Cabarrus County Sheriff's Department and the City of Kannapolis. Surprisingly there are no matching funds. The only thing that they have to supply is one person, and hope to open the office in the Jackson Park area. It is critical

that there be one from each of the departments in working totally with drug problems in the two Counties. This is in addition to the Speical Investigative Unit. They will work strictly on drugs and most of the funding will come from the State from this Grant. The pre-application has been approved and feels sure the application will be approved.

Their number one problem appears to be jail overcrowding. The Governor's Crime Commission had \$491,250 available for system implementation funds for jail overcrowding alternatives for the pre-trial detention project. They have made an application and this was approved for \$20,000 for the first year and \$40,000 for the second year. They have to have 25 percent matching funds. The first year would cost \$6,667 and the other year \$13,333. This is to study the overcrowding situation with the jail and alternatives and work closely with the District Attorney's Office and with the Courts to hopefully solve their problems prior to building a new jail. A final application must be in by the 17th of April, 1989. Therefore, it was requested that approval be granted by the Commission. This first year would be for 1989-1990. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve and Commissioner Swaim seconded with unanimous approval.

The State is still discussing Satellite Jails and have passed it to help the Counties but they did not fund any money for it. Therefore, anything done with this will be funded strictly by the County. At this time, this is not desirable to do.

The County Manager reported that someone has introduced a Bill that would allow Counties to charge a recipient along with judgement for medical expenses. This is a provision that counties could enforce. This would then give the counties authority to charge defendants with whatever it costs for medical expenses.

Sheriff Martin reported that last week, they received a sizeable amount from the Federal Government, which was funds from the repo of a house belonging to a large drug dealer. Therefore, their undercover work is kept going by the funds received by drug dealers. If a case goes to the Federal Government, all participating agencies get a portion of this. If it goes through the court and is a condition, then all goes to school funds. A motion was set to approve this quarter's matching funds and was voted on with unanimous approval.

UPDATE ON POST OFFICE RENOVATION - DOUG TENNENT:

Mr. Tennent feels they will be finished in a couple weeks time. The heating is hooked up and ready to go and it is just a

matter of minor details and coordination with the Post Office. They have been in touch with the Post Office and they are going back to coordinating the moving of the boxes, installation of stamp machines, which should be done in the middle of the month. The general construction work must be complete before this is done. They are looking towards the middle of the month for the move. The County Manager will be notified ahead of time (couple weeks notice) if the Commission should decide to have an opening. The only basic problem they had with heating was a little over a week ago, they had temporary service and could not turn the heating on until they had the permanent services.

UPDATE ON LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT - BILL BURGIN:

The interior of the library renovation is just about complete. It is just a matter of cleaning up. The exterior is now being concentrated on. They did get the rail up but it is not painted yet. They are making progress in those areas. The other items of interest is that they took landscape bids on Friday and the couple thousand dollars to landscape seems to be within their budget of \$25,000. This is for basic landscaping. Some of the funds were used for interior landscaping that they had hoped would reduce the exterior landscaping to cover. This will be approximately 3-4,000 dollars. The apparent low bidder at this point is Mr. Tim Kluttz.

Mr. Barton stated that they are still in a talking stage regarding the lights. He has recently met with one of the members of the review committee who has been watching over their project. Mr. Barton is trying to come up with some cost figures regarding this solution. There is some indication that there is not going to be any satisfaction with the solutions that they are proposing. They are in the process now of considering the alternatives that they talked about which are the three options including reduction wattage, smoked lens on the pole lights, and a cap over the actual bulbs in the pole lights. Each of these options are in place right now. However, some of the landscaping will have some impact on the light and if this is done quickly this will help to resolve the situation. Commissioner DeMarcus commended them for their sensitivity to the neighbors and to the organizations that have taken issue with the lights, but on the other hand she reminded them that it is a public building although it is on the edge of a neighborhood and that they have some liability as there must be enough light to see people safely to their cars.

Mr. Barton stated that they are proceeding plans for a grand opening ceremony for the entire library facility. This will be Sunday, May 7, 1989 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The nature of their celebration has changed. This will be very informal. There

will be a ribbon cutting ceremony involving the Trustees and the Commissioners and following that they will offer tours throughout the library. They plan to have things going on in the way of music and refreshments, and activities for children. They are also in the process of trying to complete their fund-raising effort.

Commissioner DeMarcus noted to the Commission that at their last meeting, they voted and approved a service objective, which is a guideline for the Book Mobile stops. This was then provided to the Commission for their review.

UPDATE ON LANDFILL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT - DON CONNER:

They have moved about 170,000 yards of dirt which is less than half of the 450,000 that they have to move. Erosion Control measures are all in place. The first truckload of the liner material was delivered this morning and right now it looks as though it will be about the end of this month when they start installing the liner. They have it scheduled for the 24th of this month. They are a few days behind this at the present time. Dewberry and Davis is still working on the design of the leachate treatment system and this should be completed sometime this week. This will then have to be approved by the State and should not delay the contractor at all. The contractor has been told that this will be issued as a separate contract. Installation for the liner will take approximately six (6) weeks. They are trying to get half of the cell dug down to the final level so that the liner contractor can begin installing the liner in half of the cell while they are still digging the other half.

UPDATE ON RECYCLING PROGRAM - PAUL CANUP:

Mr. Paul Canup provided the Commission with a copy of "Carolinas Glass Recycling Program" as well as copy of the monthly recycling report for March 31, 1989 as attached to these Minutes. Mr. Canup stated that they have received a lot of inquiries about flat glass and noted that this will not be accepted--just bottles and jars. The reason for not taking flat glass is because it must melt at a different temperature. There are also some impurities in flat glass.

They began the school pick-up today, and it has been reported that they have already received 9,000 pounds from the three (3) schools. The recycling site in North Kannapolis ran into a problem in putting the containers where they wanted to, so Mr. Canup has met with George Shuler, and they will move the fence over about eighteen (18) feet. It has already been graded by the Highway

Department. It is just a matter of getting the fence put up and getting recycling containers installed. George Shuler said it would be about three (3) weeks before he can get the fence put up.

The recycling site at Rock Grove Church Road is twenty-five percent complete. They do have the walls poured at the present time. It is a matter of getting the pans in and moving the dirt against the walls as well as getting the parking area fenced in. The compactor is on order. They have tentatively set May 15, 1989 as the opening date for this site. They will have to get signs put up at I-85 and 152 site as well as the Shuping Mills site to notify the Public that they will be closing and opening the other site.

They now receive 25 cents per 100 pounds for mixed. However, paper may not be accepted since the warehouse is full. Mr. Canup has received video tapes from Owen Illinois on glass recycling. At this point there is not a video available for paper.

It appears that the glass program is working very well in the County as people are separating glass as well as cleaning it.

SECOND READING ON PROPOSED CABLE VISION FRANCHISE ORDINANCE FOR FRIENDSHIP CABLE OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC. - NAT BARFIELD:

Mr. Eddie Ruff, General Manager for North and South Carolina of Friendship Cable Operations, was also in attendance of this meeting. He would be in direct contact with both the Commission and the County Manager as far as progress of construction.

The County Manager provided the Commission with copies of the map representing the areas they wish to serve in the County. The County Manager reported that Ms. Kay Monigold of Tower of Texas contacted him, and in reviewing the County's present ordinance, had identified a couple concerns. They would hope that the Commission would review their ordinance sometime in the near future to look at revising some of the issues. As an example, the County's ordinance provides under Section 5.4 "Revocation of License" stating under certain conditions, the County can revoke the license or franchise of the company that fails to live up to their expectations; however, the provision of this says that once the license is revoked, that the County shall have the right of first refusal to purchase the system at a price not to exceed its depreciated book value of the system. This could very well be nothing. It is not the market value of the system, it is what the system is worth in their accounting for their IRS purposes. It also states that the County is not required to pay anything for goodwill. The County Manager stated that this is an outdated requirement. It was the consensus of the Commission to adjust this to some extent but not

to market value. Therefore, it is the understanding of Friendship Cable, that the ordinance could not be amended at the present time, but that it would be amended sometime in the future to reflect the requested change. With this in mind, Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve and Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner Palmer suggested looking at ways to amend the ordinance in order to come up with something more reasonable. The County Manager stated that he would hope that Friendship Cable would give consideration to tie smaller roads together so that others are served as well. Mr. Barfield replied that they will look at the expansion involved. He stated that there is a strong possibility of moving into the Cleveland area. It is their understanding that they do not have to come back before the Commission to expand as this is a non-exclusive franchise.

REQUEST TO ESTABLISH RESERVE ACCOUNT - PHIL BARTON:

Ms. Melody Moxley presented to the Commission guidelines for the Jan Beyer Safrit Staff Development Fund as attached to these Minutes. These guidelines have previously been approved by the Trustees. The fund was established with memorials to a former staff member and is set up as an interest-bearing reserve account with investment earnings to be used for staff development purposes. They anticipate this being used for educational activities which the Library and the County would not otherwise be able to assist staff members in attending. They feel the guidelines, as attached to these Minutes, will enable them to use the Staff Development Fund to assist staff with educational activities which cannot be funded by the Regular Budget which will enhance their job skills and knowledge of library science and will enable the funds to be disbursed adequately.

Mr. Barton requested approval by the Commission to establish the Fund because essentially the Library has reserved approximately \$1,000 in memorials to Jan and they see this as an ongoing memorial in which donations can be made for years to come. Commissioner Swaim made a motion to approve and Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval.

ROWAN COUNTY DAY CARE ASSOCIATION - WEEK OF YOUNG CHILD
(APRIL 10-16) - MAGGIE REID AND BECKY MUSE:

In attendance of this presentation to the Commission was Ms. Maggie Reid, President of the Rowan County Day Care Association and Ms. Agnes Boyd, former President of the Association. Ms. Becky Muse is the Chairperson for the Week of the Young Child. Their goals is to celebrate young children and encourage civic awareness

of child care opportunities in Rowan County. On behalf of their membership, they invited the Commission to visit their local daycares in Salisbury-Rowan County next week. Ms. Boyd provided the Commission information on "Quality Child Care" as well as a map with an explanation of services renders as attached to these Minutes. There are also activities scheduled in the Salisbury Mall on April 14, 15, and 16. They have a total of 144 members of the Day Care Association and affiliates of the North Carolina Day Care Association. All day cares in Rowan County that are licensed will have to go by the State Rules. Commissioner Knox made a motion to approve and Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

MANAGER'S REPORT - TIM RUSSELL:

Interest: The County Manager reported that the total amount of interest earned through March, 1989 amounted to \$374,985.

Refunds: Commissioner Swaim made a motion to approve refunds as attached to these Minutes and Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Surplus County Equipment for Public Auction (4/22/89): Sheriff Martin indicated that the cars that would be auctioned off would be last year's cars. In addition to this, parts have been taken off of these cars that they feel they can use. A list of surplus property was provided to the Commission as attached to these Minutes. It was requested that this be authorized by the Commission in conformance with GS 160A that the Commission declare these items surplus and note that these be sold by Public Auction. Commissioner Knox made a motion to approve the sale of Surplus Items and Commissioner Swaim seconded with unanimous approval. It is the understanding of the Commission to allow the Tourist Authority go through this first before anything is sold. The County Manager concurred and stated that any of these items can be withdrawn before the date of the sale. The Auction will be held at the Fairgrounds.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner DeMarcus reported that the County Pic Nic has been scheduled for Saturday, May 6, 1989 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Food will be served at 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Dan Nicholas Park at the Company Shelter. Spouses and children are invited to this event.

In regards to the Tourist Authority, negotiations are still going on. The Chamber of Commerce felt that they might have to

charge the Tourist Authority rent if they occupy the office being vacated by EDC when it moves to the Bank. It was recommended that this be taken back to the Chamber of Commerce for consideration of the Tourist Authority occupying the space for free. If not, there is a room in the old Library with an outside entrance that they can use without paying any rent and with the same kind of understanding that they will be able to use the Library's copy machine, etc. At this point, they are still waiting for a response from the Chamber of Commerce to see if this was finalized. The person has not yet been finalized for the Tourist Authority; however a person has been interviewed and selected.

There is a new addition to Sloan Park which is a 14 feet and 10 inch in diameter water wheel with a flume. This was constructed and donated by Mr. Keith Younts, who built the Kerr Bridge as well as his son-in-law, Mr. Jeff Moore, and Randy Bingham and Curtis Graham. They went to Mabry Mill in West Virginia and obtained a pattern to use.

Commissioner DeMarcus gave the following report:

Ellis Park has started their Pee Wee League. They had 500 children participating in their Easter Egg Hunt. The attendance for the month of March was 3,500.

Dan Nicholas--Steven Brown has designed a new front entrance in planting which will make it more attractive. Their activities have included Kite Day, and Good Friday Fishing Tournament for Children. 1000 children from ages 1-10 enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt and McDonald's provided the Easter Bunny. Several churches held a sunrise service at the Outdoor Theater with 200 people attending services and having breakfast there. They estimated their attendance for the month was 17,500. The Nature Center had 2,200 people to attend. The Stand-Up Barn had 1,448 visitors who paid attendance so their attendance for the month was 4,500. Almost 7,500 people participated during Park activities during that week. Eleven (11) members of the Parks Staff completed 27 hours of landscaping in ten (10) weeks at the Rowan-Cabarrus Community College. They feel this will be very helpful in the maintenance of the Parks.

In regards to the Health Board, the staff will be working on the Animal Control Ordinance for the Commission to approve next month.

Commissioner Knox stated that Bakers Creek is very beautiful after the clean-up that took place there. They also had an Easter Egg hunt and had 150 volunteers cleaning up Saturday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Knox made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Acquisition of Property and Personnel. Commissioner Palmer seconded with unanimous approval. The following action was taken in Executive Session. Commissioner Swaim made a motion to amend the Hazardous Waste Ordinance by increasing the application fee from \$100,000 to \$10 Million and prohibiting a site within fifteen (15) miles of a Municipal Water Intake Source. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

With no further action, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy S. Powell
Clerk to the Board