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## **Rowan County Board of Commissioners**

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

**January 21, 2020 – 6:00 PM**

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

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Present: Greg Edds, Chairman  
Jim Greene, Vice-Chairman  
Mike Caskey, Member  
Craig Pierce, Member

Absent: Judy Klusman, 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.

Chaplain Michael Taylor provided the Invocation.

Chairman Edds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Edds mentioned that Commissioner Klusman was recovering from neck surgery and he expressed hope she would be back soon.

#### **CONSIDER ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Chairman Edds added the following items:

- Request from Planning Staff to schedule public hearing for February 3, 2020 for STA 02-19 – added as Consent Agenda item M
- Change Order for the Rowan Public Library West Branch – added as Consent Agenda item N
- Change Order from Morgan Architecture for Ellis Park Kitchen – added as Consent Agenda item O

#### **CONSIDER DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA**

There were no deletions from the agenda.

## **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Pierce moved, Commissioner Greene seconded and the vote to approve the agenda passed unanimously (4-0).

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

Commissioner Pierce moved approval of the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Greene and passed unanimously (4-0).

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. 2020 NCPLDA Scholarship Grant Application
- B. Affidavit to Cure Title Issues Related to Former Belk and JC Penney at West End Plaza
- C. 2020 Margaret C. Woodson Foundation Grant Submission Request
- D. 2020 Robertson Family Foundation Grant
- E. Tax Refunds for Approval
- F. 2020 Update for The Jail Medical Plan
- G. Consider Task Order With McGill & Associates For Sewer Inspection At West End Plaza
- H. Language Access Plan
- I. Administrator for Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
- J. Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency's Community Services Block Grant for FY 2020-21
- K. Services Agreement For Survey Work for Animal Control and New Convenience Center
- L. Cleveland EMS Station – Change Order #1
- M. Request from Planning Staff to schedule public hearing for February 3, 2020 for STA 02-19 (Addition to the Consent Agenda)
- N. Change Order for the Rowan Public Library West Branch (Addition to the Consent Agenda)
- O. Change Order from Morgan Architecture for Ellis Park Kitchen (Addition to the Consent Agenda)

### **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:

- Alvin Merritt of West Ridge Road shared transportation issues he had encountered. Mr. Merritt asked whether it was illegal to ride a powered chair on the street. Sheriff Kevin Auten was in the audience and said he would speak with Mr. Merritt to address his questions.

With no one else coming forward, Chairman Edds closed the Public Comment Period.

### **3. DISCUSSION OF SHELTER GUARDIAN PROJECT AND SOLID WASTE CONVENIENCE RE-LOCATION TIMELINE**

County Manager Aaron Church discussed the timeline for a new facility to be constructed at Animal Services, as well as the timeline for a new road and the relocation of a new Convenience/Recycling Center off Julian Road.

Mr. Church stated the facility proposed at Animal Services was for a new dog wing that would be constructed and paid for by Shelter Guardians. According to Mr. Church, Shelter Guardians had raised quite a bit of money to build the new dog wing where the existing Convenience Center was located. Mr. Church said Shelter Guardians was getting close to being ready to proceed; however once construction for the dog wing began, the Convenience/Recycling Center would not be able to operate in its current location at 1455 Julian Road.

Mr. Church said there were two (2) main options for the Board's consideration. The first option was to go ahead and start construction for the new road and new Convenience Center, leaving the current Convenience Center in operation so there would not be any disruption of services to the citizens. The issue with the first option was that construction costs for the new dog wing could potentially go up.

The second option presented by Mr. Church was to close the current Convenience Center during construction of the new center and the new road. The construction was estimated to take approximately nine (9) months. The second option allowed for the construction of all three (3) projects at the same time but would cause a disruption to the citizens who utilized the Julian Road Convenience Center.

Caleb Sinclair, Director of Environmental Management, provided a power point that included a map of the existing Convenience Center sites around the County. Mr. Sinclair pointed out the Julian Road location was the busiest and most frequented site.

To take help with the burden of the Julian Road displacement Mr. Sinclair recommended the Board consider extending the days and hours of operations at other sites, and to utilize existing staff as outlined below:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Current Schedule</b>	<b>Proposed Schedule</b>	<b>Service Increase</b>
Rock Grove Church Rd.	Mon, Fri, Sat 7AM-7PM	Mon through Sat 7AM-7PM	3 Days
Providence Church Rd.	Mon. 7AM-7PM	Mon, Fri, Sat 7AM-7PM	2 Days
Woodleaf Rd.	Mon, Fri, Sat 7AM-7PM	Mon through Sat 7AM-7PM	3 Days
Stokes Ferry Rd.	Fri, Sat 7AM-7PM	Mon, Fri, Sat 7AM-7PM	1 Day

Mr. Church pointed out that while there would be an inconvenience for a small time period, it was important to remember the County was building a state-of-the-art Convenience Center in the middle of the County with a brand new road to the site.


Commissioner Pierce felt the Board should agree on a date for Shelter Guardians to be able to plan to start construction. Mr. Sinclair said April 1, 2020 should allow ample time to notify the public of the changes that were forthcoming.

Commissioner Pierce moved to accept plan (option) #2, which would move the Convenience Center and extend the hours at the other convenience centers; and give Shelter Guardians a date to start construction of April 1, 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Caskey and passed unanimously (4-0).

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Pierce moved to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Greene and passed unanimously (4-0).

Respectfully Submitted,



Carolyn Barger, MMC, NCMCC  
Clerk to the Board