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

May 6, 2021 – 10:00 AM

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

County Manager Aaron Church, Clerk to the Board Carolyn Barger, Assistant County Manager/CIO Randy Cress and Assistant Finance Director Lisa Bevis were also present.

Chairman Edds convened the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Chaplain Michael Taylor provided the Invocation.

Chairman Edds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

1. INTRODUCTION

County Manager Aaron Church described the upcoming budget year as “interesting” and dealt with a lot of revenue and a lot of inflation. Mr. Church said the budget was very uncertain and he would provide illustrations as to how the budget would be dealt with as the Board progressed through the meeting.

2. DSS CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Micah Ennis, Director for the Department of Social Services (DSS), provided a power point as she discussed the data relevant to the provisions for Child Protective Services (CPS).

According to North Carolina General Statute § 108A-14, the Director for DSS shall assess reports of child abuse and neglect and take appropriate action to protect such children pursuant to the Child Abuse Reporting Law (Article 3 of Chapter 7B of the General

Statutes). There were specific tasks for which the DSS Director was responsible in the investigative process.

Ms. Ennis reviewed the policy framework and guidelines that helps DSS staff meet the requirements of the law. Ms. Ennis reported the caseload data indicated the Department had not met the standards for the last several years.

Calendar Year	2017	2018	2019	2020
FTEs needed	20	28	27	22
FTEs dedicated	16	16	16	16
Difference	4	12	11	6

Continuing with the power point, Ms. Ennis discussed CPS worker turnover and said a number of those who had resigned indicated the workload was a factor in their decision to leave. Ms. Ennis said when multiple workers left at or near the same time, the workload increased for the remaining workers.

Ms. Ennis discussed temporary solutions and said the management team was being as creative as possible to meet the demands of the current caseloads and support staff members who were discouraged.

As part of the expansion budget, Ms. Ennis requested four (4) CPS Social Workers and one (1) Social Work Supervisor. The estimated cost of the positions included salary benefits and equipment. After federal and state reimbursements, the investment to address the shortfall was approximately \$ 232,000.

In response to inquiries from Commissioner Klusman, Ms. Ennis said she felt other counties were experiencing the same type of crisis and she had not heard any employees say they were leaving because of money. Ms. Ennis said the job was not easy nor attractive. Ms. Ennis did express hope that the recommendations from the pay study would be successful in helping the County be more competitive and retain workers.

Commissioner Klusman referred to the assistance the Board had provided to the Environmental Health Department in the effort to recruit employees. Commissioner Klusman asked if similar actions would help for CPS workers. Ms. Ennis responded a sign on bonus might help bring folks in; however, having adequate caseloads was equally as important.

A lengthy question and answer session followed the presentation. Ms. Ennis answered questions regarding but not limited to the challenges of getting qualified applicants, caseloads, and minimum job requirements.

Commissioner Caskey offered a suggestion for recruiting college students and agreeing to pay off some of their student debt in exchange for employment. Ms. Ennis liked the idea and expressed appreciation for the dialogue.

Ms. Ennis personally felt the NC FAST system had an impact on the Department's understaffing and she added the most relevant question was where DSS was today and what could be done in partnership today. Ms. Ennis said trained social workers were entering information into a system that was inadequate and it was work that could not be assigned to someone else.

Commissioner Greene mentioned that more people seemed to need DSS each year yet the unemployment rate was going down. Ms. Ennis shared that one of the negative issues facing DSS clients was the impacts from having experienced trauma. Ms. Ennis said clients saw trauma as children and now were parents themselves. Ms. Ennis felt poverty was not necessarily the driving force; however, poverty went hand-in-hand with experiencing trauma.

Ms. Ennis said she was asking for four (4) workers and one (1) supervisor creating an additional unit in CPS.

Chairman Edds thanked Ms. Ennis for the information and for the difficult duties she performed in her role as Director.

3. ROWAN TRANSIT

Valerie Steele, Airport and Transit Director, provided a power point and reviewed the route for Rowan Express (RE), which stopped in Salisbury, China Grove, Landis and Kannapolis. RE connected with the Salisbury Transit System, Concord Kannapolis Ride System and AMTRAK in Salisbury and Kannapolis.

Ms. Steele noted grant funding received was not enough to cover the costs of operating RE. Ms. Steele recommended RE be discontinued for the following reasons:

- Cost: Net expenses for nine (9) months were \$158,816.04 for a total ridership of 6,853. The cost per ride was \$23.17 with only a \$1.00 fare.
- Vehicles: High mileage, CDL endorsement, larger vehicles requirement, increased wear and tear.
- Operating Hours: The route extended required staffing hours.
- Ridership: An average of 25.38 trips per day over the last nine (9) months, or, an average of only 1.69 rides per revenue hour. The average cost of service per hour was \$58.82, adding in the hourly wage to equal \$71.82 (not including insurance or cost of drivers benefits).

Ms. Steele stated the majority of riders used RE to commute to work with other occasional uses. According to Ms. Steele, all users had other options for transportation available and accessible to them.

Continuing with the power point, Ms. Steele highlighted the impacts to staffing and suggested increasing the number of part-time positions as changes occurred.

Ms. Steele reviewed the following for The Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP):

Majority of users have no other option for transportation
Portion of this funding covers the 1 day a week ride based on location within the County

Currently enrolled*

Only Life Sustaining Trips*

Medical (substantial amount going to dialysis)
Grocery

New Applicants

Only Medical Trips

* Terminating currently relied upon transportation would create undue hardship and negatively impact the mental & physical health of our citizen who are reliant on our service

The following information was highlighted for the Home and Community Care Block Grant HCCBG:

Eligibility/Priority Based

1. Need for Adult Protective Services has been substantiated
2. Risk of abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation
3. Extensive impairments in activities of daily living (ADL's), or instrumental activities of daily living (IADL's); at risk of placement or substitute care
4. Older adults with less extensive (1-2) ADL or IADL impairments
5. Well older adults; with limited transport options

Age requirement 60+

With regards to Medicaid, Ms. Steele noted:

Administered by the Department of Social Services (DSS)

RTS will continue to provide transport for clients scheduled through DSS

Ms. Steele noted more changes coming with Medicaid transformation on July 1 and it was unknown whether the numbers would stay similar or drop.

Having outlined the rationale for the recommendation, Ms. Steele said she was focusing on those who needed transit services the most since they had no other options available.

4. AIRPORT HANGARS

Airport and Transit Director Valerie Steele discussed a rendering from Talbert, Bright and Ellington (TBE) Engineering, which provided possible options for future hangar locations. Ms. Steele said the options could be shifted or combined.

Ms. Steele said TBE had found some standard hangars with bi-fold doors that had a 16-week turnaround time; however, she noted the COVID-19 Pandemic could affect the timeframe. A safe estimate provided was \$50.00 per square foot and she noted the price was on the high end to be conservative.

The summary provided by Ms. Steele also included information about door heights, fire suppression systems, and types of preferred environments for protecting aircraft from the elements.

Chairman Edds called for a brief recess at 11:32 a.m.

Chairman Edds reconvened the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

5. JAIL MEDICAL

Sheriff Kevin Auten and Captain Greg Hannold discussed the County's jail medical services. Sheriff Auten said it had become necessary to rebid the jail medical services. According to Sheriff Auten, County staff had been told the medical providers were not able to hire help for what they had paid three (3) years ago. Sheriff Auten said nurses were able to make a lot more money working in special units and overtime. Sheriff Auten said staff understood costs were going to increase regardless of which company was selected to provide the County's jail medical services and he noted the bid had gone up considerably.

Sheriff Auten said when staff was reviewing the department's budget for additional budget cuts, it was noted there was a line item for \$150,000 for jail psychological evaluations. Sheriff Auten reported the \$150,000 was included in the new contract so the line item could be removed from the budget, thus bringing the contract price down to approximately \$880,000.

Discussion ensued regarding jail services administered by registered nurses versus med-techs.

In response to an inquiry from Chairman Edds, a summary was provided regarding the decreased head count in the jail. It was estimated the jail count had been reduced to 195 during the COVID-19 Pandemic; however, the numbers were back up to roughly 255. It was noted the jail population that had been left seemed to have more health issues.

Sheriff Auten noted that during the Pandemic the courts were closed to the public; however, the jail cases that had been "on the shelf" were handled since court/judicial staff had more time to process those during the Pandemic. Sheriff Auten noted all jail populations had fallen during the Pandemic for varying reasons.

In conclusion, Sheriff Auten confirmed to Chairman Edds the County was looking at a \$150,000 net increase to the jail medical contract.

6. LUNCH

Chairman Edds called for a recess at 12:00 noon.

Chairman Edds reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

7. EMERGENCY SERVICES (HEART MONITORS)

Allen Cress, Emergency Services Chief, and Division Chief Lennie Cooper presented the report regarding the heart monitors.

Using a power point, Mr. Cress highlighted the current information for the monitors stating the current cache consisted of fifteen (15) devices that were more than six (6) years old. The majority of the units were from a lease that was executed in 2015. The Philips products were discontinued and would no longer be supported beginning February 3, 2022. Philips would support what the County had, with restrictions, until the end of 2022.

Mr. Cress noted there were three (3) primary manufacturers of cardiac monitors in the market. Mr. Cress said the department would like to provide the highest quality diagnostic tool available to extend to the citizens the best care possible. Mr. Cress reviewed the options on the newer devices to be added to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for pricing. The estimated cost was approximately \$880,000.

Commissioner Pierce asked if staff was trained to use the newer monitors. Mr. Cooper responded no and said that staff would need training for the changes. Mr. Cooper explained the training was included in the purchase price.

An in-depth discussion ensued regarding funding and whether to pay for the monitors or finance them. County Manager Aaron Church stated the best deal was to pay cash if possible and the second-best option was to borrow the money. The last and least preferable method was to lease the equipment from the company.

8. TELECOMMUNICATIONS (RADIOS)

County Manager Aaron Church prefaced the presentation by saying the Radio Project (Project) was supposed to happen last year but had been postponed. Mr. Church said the County was initially going to handle the Project in phases; however, the County would now be able to move forward with the entire Project.

Allen Cress, Emergency Services Chief, provided an update on the Project and said conversations were underway with the County's consultant. Mr. Cress said staff was trying to establish a geographically diverse prime site on Young's Mountain in the event there was a failure with the City of Salisbury's site. The estimated cost was \$450,000. Mr. Cress said the site would eliminate a single point of failure for the entire system.

Using a power point, Mr. Cress referred to the Young's Mountain Tower in the Town of Cleveland. Mr. Cress said the County currently leased a spot on the tower from American Towers, which was costing approximately \$3,600/month. Mr. Cress said the County currently owned approximately four (4) acres on Young's Mountain and he shared how the property could be utilized for revenue generation and/or possibly create an opportunity for fixed broadband service by the private sector. The proposal was to build another tower on the County's property at an estimated cost of \$550,000. Mr. Cress said the savings would eventually pay for the changes.

Mr. Cress said the service agreement contract with Motorola ended at the end of December 2021 and the consultant would assist in negotiating the contract with Motorola for ongoing support of the County's portion of radio infrastructure.

Continuing with the power point, Mr. Cress highlighted the radio recommendations.

- Adding GPS/AVL operation for radio equipment
- Enhancing responder safety to be able to locate them when out of their vehicle
- Replace end-of-support Motorola XTS portable radio and the APX series model A (with model B) radios that will be out of support by 2023. Current unverified inventory shows 1460 to be replaced.
- Rowan County Sheriff's Office, Municipal Law, Fire EMS and 911
- The County's consultant, Federal Engineering, will engage in an RFP process tailored to Rowan County specific needs for Law, Fire and public safety personnel.
- Replace existing mobile radios. Originally planned as only as needed; however, budgetary numbers may allow for replacement of the mobile radios. If not, replacements can be as needed as determined by the Emergency Services and IT Chiefs. Currently asking departments to replace them as they can in their budget. Pricing for mobiles will be in the RFP. Current unverified inventory shows 713.

Mr. Allen estimated the budgetary cost was \$10,500,000 for portable and mobile radios. Installation costs were not included in the estimate. The radio lifespan was projected to be 12-15 years.

Mr. Cress shared who received radios and how they were distributed. According to Mr. Cress, some of the radios go on the trucks instead of directly to individuals.

Chairman Edds noted three (3) of the current Commissioners were not on the Board when the last radios were purchased in 2012-13. Mr. Cress said the purchase was made when the one-quarter cent sales tax was implemented.

9. AMERICAN RECOVERY PLAN

(This topic and agenda item #10 were combined in the way of presentation/discussion).

County Manager Aaron Church provided a handout and power point regarding the County's proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 budget. Mr. Church noted the presentation was being provided prior to completion of the recommended budget. Mr. Church also noted the Board would see inflation and he gave an example projecting the County could experience over a 100% increase in gasoline prices from last year.

Mr. Church highlighted the FY 2022 budget requests versus the adopted budget for FY 2021. Mr. Church pointed out that prices were already increasing and the County had not yet started the new fiscal year.

Continuing with the power point, Mr. Church discussed the debt analysis, which included figures for public schools, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College (RCCC), Rowan County

Government, and items paid from the one-quarter cent sales tax. Mr. Church pointed out the debt for the satellite jail and communications from 2010 would be paid off in 2022.

It was projected for Article 46 (sales tax) in the coming year there would be a revenue stream of approximately \$3.9 million. Mr. Church highlighted the public safety capital expenditures that could be paid from the \$3.9 million that would still result in an ending balance of approximately \$1.3 million.

Mr. Church stated the Board had not been balancing the budget with restricted funds.

Mr. Church was recommending the County pay cash for the public safety capital projects listed in the power point totaling \$5,758,204.

In response to Commissioner Klusman, Mr. Church said the vehicles taken out of service by the Sheriff's Department could be used by the Department of Social Services. Commissioner Pierce said the Environmental Health Inspectors could also use the vehicles, as opposed to putting mileage on their personal vehicles. Mr. Church stated Environmental Health had already been notified they could use the vehicles, too.

The health insurance for general government was projected to decrease \$30,745.

Next, Mr. Church discussed the requests for education. Mr. Church said RCCC had requested a 1,740% increase. The large portion of the increase was for the new building the bond had been passed for. Mr. Church said he had spoken with the President of RCCC, Dr. Carol Spalding, and explained the County was still under a State of Emergency due to the Pandemic. Mr. Church did not feel it was the right year to raise taxes for a \$45 million building and he said Dr. Spalding had been receptive to his recommendation. Mr. Church said staff had put \$1 million in the budget to pay for the architect fees to get the project started. Mr. Church noted there might also be funds from the American Recovery Plan (ARP) to go towards the project, as well (possibly an additional \$3 to \$5 million).

Commissioner Pierce asked if the \$1 million for architect fees would be reimbursed to the County once the bond was taken down. Mr. Church said \$44 million of bonds would be sold as opposed to \$45 million "if there was no inflation." Commissioner Pierce said he did not want to see the County on the hook for the \$1 million and Mr. Church said the County could borrow the funds and pay itself back. Mr. Church since the County was selling bonds and the rates would be lower, it would probably make more sense to do that. It was an option and the \$1 million would be identified for the specific purpose with invoices to show the expenditures.

The Rowan-Salisbury School System (RSSS) requested a 300% increase and Kannapolis City Schools requested a 550.6% increase. Mr. Church reviewed the Average Daily Membership (ADM) from 2013 through the estimated 2022 ADM for RSSS, Kannapolis and Charter Schools. Mr. Church pointed out the drop in ADM for public schools and the increase for Charter Schools.

Reading from a letter submitted by RSSS Superintendent Dr. Tony Watlington, Mr. Church said RSSS requested \$2.2 million for continuation budget needs; \$500,000 for salary increases; and \$1.7 for fund expenditures deferred due to the Pandemic or funded by state and federal COVID relief monies in 2020-21; \$81.5 million to address some of the District's priority capital needs. RSSS designated around 70% of those funds to HVAC replacement and the construction of a new K-8 school to replace Knox Middle and Overton Elementary Schools, leaving approximately \$25 million to cover other current capital needs. Due to the Pandemic, \$75 million of the funding had been "on hold" for the past year; however, the District moved forward with the HVAC replacement projects totaling \$6.5 million. RSSS requested the historical annual capital outlay appropriation of around \$2.5 million to supplement the funding.

Mr. Church noted Kannapolis had a list of capital requests with the largest being the A.L. Brown study recommendations at \$26 million. The overall total for the list of projects was \$45,605,214.

The Rowan County COVID-19 Funding was broken down as follows:

Education	\$87,672,804
County	\$32,819,455
Municipal	\$14,672,800

Mr. Church said the County figure was inflated. It was anticipated the County would receive \$135 million and Mr. Church said there were restrictions on how the County could spend the funds.

The dollars were broken down for education as follows:

RSSS	\$76,239,103.00
Kannapolis	\$ 4,338,791.00
RCCC	\$ 7,095,000.00

It was noted the funds for RSSS was almost double the County's annual appropriation to the District.

Commissioner Pierce questioned the restrictions for the funds and Mr. Church said he was having a difficult time getting the answer. Mr. Church said there was a rule that says 20% was required to be spent on lost learning through the Pandemic but it was unclear about remainder. The federal guidance stated the funds could be used for: repairing and improving school facilities to reduce risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards. Mr. Church said he was still pursuing an answer.

Commissioner Klusman expressed hope the schools could spend some of the money on mental health services. Commissioner Klusman stated childhood trauma holds children back for later years in life and she felt the funds would go a long way in helping the schools.

With regards to the County's ARP funds, Mr. Church provided a breakdown and discussed the items for the Board to consider using the funding for. The list totaled \$27.5 million.

In conclusion, Mr. Church said the breakdown was the first draft of ideas the Board may or may not wish to consider.

10. BUDGET OVERVIEW

(This topic and agenda item #9 were combined in the way of presentation/discussion).

11. CAPITAL (WEST END PLAZA – AG CENTER/VETERANS - PARKS)

Before moving into the discussion on Capital Projects, a brief discussion ensued regarding the hiring freeze that was implemented in April 2020. Mr. Church said the Board could move to lift the freeze or it could be handled via the next agenda. Mr. Church said for a director to fill a position, they had to obtain his approval and he had not turned anyone down since the freeze was implemented.

Commissioner Pierce asked that in order to avoid confusion, the issue be placed on the next agenda to remove the hiring freeze. Commissioner Caskey stated that lifting the freeze would only be for positions already created and not new positions.

Next, Mr. Church discussed the freeze on capital spending, which included the West End Plaza (WEP) / Ag Center Project (Project). Mr. Church said prior to the Pandemic, the Board had voted to move forward with the Project.

Chairman Edds asked the County Manager to re-engage ADW Architects and ask the firm come back to speak with the Board. Chairman Edds said the information would help the community see where the Project stood.

Commissioner Pierce said the Sheriff had approached both he and Commissioner Caskey about upfitting the former Cinema facility at WEP for use as a training center for his staff. Commissioner Pierce said the Sheriff's Department spent a significant amount of money sending staff to trainings and the Sheriff felt having a training center would ultimately result in a savings. Commissioner Pierce said the Sheriff had several uses in mind for the facility and the next step would be to put out an RFP for the design.

Commissioner Klusman referred to previous conversations about using the new Ag Center as a place for trainings for RSSS and others to use. Commissioner Klusman said the Health Department and DSS staff also needed room.

Commissioner Pierce noted the training for the Sheriff was a specialized training.

Commissioner Caskey described the specialized law enforcement training set up and how it could possibly be utilized.

Commissioner Caskey mentioned that he also liked the way the COVID-19 mass vaccination clinics had taken place at WEP and perhaps there could be future uses for other departments at the WEP.

Commissioner Klusman said she had thought the Health Department and DSS were supposed to eventually be moved to the WEP.

Commissioner Caskey said the Board had not made the plan to move those departments but the idea had been discussed. Commissioner Caskey said since Commissioner Klusman served on both the Health Board and DSS Board she would better understand how closely the two (2) departments would need to be located to one another. (Commissioner Klusman's microphone appeared to be turned off and the remainder of the conversation was inaudible).

Chairman Edds asked the County Manager if he would contact the architect and request a "road map of where to go from here".

Commissioner Caskey inquired whether Chairman Edds was referring specifically to what had already been planned, or, if he was including the items just raised by Commissioner Klusman. Commissioner Caskey questioned if the next step was to try to engage an architect concerning the possibility of the training center. Commissioner Caskey felt the Board was not ready to vote on the training center but should see what information should be gathered and presented to the Board

Commissioner Klusman referred to the space needs study and plans for moving DSS and Health to WEP. Commissioner Klusman said the County had the money to start developing the plans to move the two (2) departments.

Chairman Edds asked the County Manager to speak with the architects.

(Note: Commissioner Greene left the meeting at 3:48 p.m.).

Commissioner Pierce said he would ask the Sheriff to prepare a presentation for the Board regarding the training center request.

12. FIRE TAX / CONSULTANT

County Manager Aaron Church said there had been a lot of discussion about various volunteer fire departments (VFD) and their requests for tax increases. Mr. Church said the Clerk to the Board had kept the Board and himself informed as to when the public hearings would be held by the departments that were asking for an increase.

Mr. Church said a Commissioner had requested the Board discuss the proposed tax increases. The departments requesting an increase were: Atwell, Bostian Heights, Franklin, Locke Township, Miller Ferry, South Rowan and West Rowan.

Chairman Edds shared that he and Commissioner Caskey had gone to most of the meetings. The common factor was most of the VFD volunteers were dropping off. The requests were about having someone on staff at the department in order to get the vehicles on the road and to have the team meet them at the site. Chairman Edds noted volunteer activities were dwindling and a lot of it was attributed to regulations and required trainings (i.e., to drive the trucks).

Commissioner Pierce asked if it was time for the County to have a study performed to see if there should be a countywide fire department. Commissioner Pierce said the County was growing and a plan should be developed for consolidation over a ten (10) year period.

Commissioner Pierce felt it was time to take the next step and have the study performed. Commissioner Pierce said the County would continue to grow with the industry locating in the County, as well as the number of homes being built.

Commissioner Caskey said several counties had done a study and suggested the County obtain copies of those studies. Commissioner Caskey said the Board could review those studies before taking the next step.

Commissioner Caskey said the way things were going, the situation was not going to get any better. Commissioner Caskey suggested engaging the Fire Chiefs Association in the conversations and obtain their input before hiring someone to perform the study. Commissioner Caskey said the VFD's were doing a great service to the County and he did not want them to feel the Board was trying to undermine them.

Mr. Church was asked to have the Emergency Services Chief get copies of several VFD consolidation studies for the Board to review.

Chairman Edds emphasized the Board wanted the VFD staff to know how much they were respected, prayed for and appreciated. Chairman Edds said the discussions could result in finding out the Board was wrong or even that the departments wanted the County to pursue the consolidation.

13. ANIMAL SERVICES / WATER AND SEWER

County Manager Aaron Church provided a view of the entrance to the Animal Shelter. Mr. Church said the road had been put on hold; however, he commented the delay had worked out for the better. Mr. Church said the County had made a verbal understanding it was going to build the road to a certain point and have a water/sewer line to serve the new and the old Animal Shelter wings. Mr. Church said when the County put a freeze on capital spending, the County told Shelter Guardians (SG) the County was not going forward with the road. However, SG moved forward with building the new dog wing at the Shelter and also moved forward with designing their own water line to the road. In order to get a permit, Mr. Church explained there must be a water connection.

Mr. Church felt ARP funds would pay for the road project, which would provide additional infrastructure. Mr. Church pointed out the woods would also be cleared in the process and create a site for a potential business location in the future.

Mr. Church said if the Board was agreeable with the concepts mentioned, he could ask the engineering firm to resurrect the project and put it out to bid in the next budget year (if the capital spending freeze was lifted). Mr. Church said the road was needed at least to the Animal Shelter and asked if the Board was okay with him looking into the concept and giving a verbal agreement that the County was looking into the matter.

Commissioner Pierce referred to the existing cat wing at the Animal Shelter and stated the well was going out. Commissioner Pierce said the County would have to either put a new well in or act to tap onto the water line. Commissioner Pierce felt the value of the County's vacant property would be increased if there was a water line to tap into.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Klusman moved to adjourn at 4:17 p.m. The motion was seconded by Chairman Edds and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carolyn Barger, MMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board