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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 2, 2021 – 3:00 PM

J. NEWTON COHEN, SR. ROOM

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

County Manager Aaron Church, Clerk to the Board Carolyn Barger, County Attorney Jay Dees, Assistant County Manager/CIO Randy Cress and Finance Director James Howden were also present and/or participating remotely.

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

- Chairman Edds added a request to the Consent Agenda to authorize the County Manager to move \$5,000 from Contingency to Rowan Little League for the Rowan Softball World Series. The issue was added as Consent Agenda Item T.
- Chairman Edds added a request to the Closed Session an attorney-client privileged communication regarding a lease at West End Plaza.

Commissioner Klusman moved, Commissioner Greene seconded and the vote to accept the changes passed unanimously.

CONSIDER DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

There were no deletions from the agenda.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Klusman moved, Commissioner Caskey seconded and the vote to approve the agenda as amended passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Klusman moved, Commissioner Greene seconded and the vote to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2021 Commission Meeting passed unanimously.

1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Permission for Cheerwine to Promote the Use of Two (2) County-Owned Parking Lots as Free Parking for 2021 Cheerwine Festival
- B. Lease Renewal for Rowan Museum at West End Plaza
- C. River Park Request for Funding for Gatehouse
- D. Contract Between the Health Department and Carolinas Womens Health Services
- E. Contract Between DSS and Florence Crittenton Services
- F. Contract Between DSS and Abundant Living Adult Day Services
- G. Contract Between DSS and Fresh Start Today
- H. Contract Between DSS and The Church of God Children's Home of NC, Inc.
- I. Cheerwine Festival - Use of Parking Lots
- J. Contract Between DSS and Boys and Girls Homes of NC, Inc.
- K. Contract Between DSS and Baptists Children's Homes of NC, Inc.
- L. Contract Between DSS and Coltrane L.I.F.E. Center, Inc.
- M. Contract Between DSS and Miracle Houses, Inc.
- N. Airport Rental Uniform Service Contract
- O. Revised Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Landis
- P. Medicaid Revenue Contracts
- Q. Bi-weekly Environmental Health Report
- R. Schedule August 16, 2021 Public Hearing for Z 05-21: Reaper's Realm
- S. Contract Between the Health Department and Rowan-Salisbury School System
- T. Grant \$5,000 From Contingency For Rowan Regional Little League Softball World Series (addition to the Consent Agenda)

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

3. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Finance Director James Howden presented the following budget amendments for the Board's consideration:

- Health Department – Increase revenue and expense accounts per awarded funds for FY '22. \$171,296
- Finance – Recognize reserved funds from FY 2021 for Environmental Management. Reserved funds represent money received by a department for a restricted purpose. The funds not spent by year-end are budgeted for expenditures in the new fiscal year. \$67,649
- Health Department – Increase revenue and expense accounts per awarded funds from Delta Dental Grant. \$5,000
- Health Department - Increase revenue and expense accounts per awarded funds from COVID-19 AA716. \$427,187
- Finance – Recognize reserved funds from FY 2021 for Library. Reserved funds represent money received by a Department for a restricted purpose. The funds that have not been spent by year-end are budgeted for expenditure in the new fiscal year. \$29,913
- Health Department – Disperse awarded funding received from the Cardinal Innovation Grant for the PORT Program. \$60,000
- Finance – Appropriate fund balance and expenditures for expenditures approved in FY 2021 for Environmental Management. \$215,300
- Finance – To appropriate fund balance and expenditures for several fiscal year 2021 General Fund encumbrances. \$521,909

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

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS **AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD**

There are two (2) vacant seats on this Board. The first seat is for a member of the **Business Community**; the second seat is for a **Pilot**. The term for both seats will be for three (3) years and expire on July 31, 2024.

The following applications were received:

1. John R. Muth (Occupation listed: Flight Training and Standard; Employer AA)
2. Garry Dale Perry (Occupation listed: Corporate Pilot for Retail Business Services)
3. William Edward Lucey (Occupation listed: Manager, WEL Aviation, LLC)
4. James Javurek (Occupation listed: Captain with American Airlines)

Commissioner Klusman moved approval of Mr. Muth for the Pilot's seat. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pierce moved approval of Mr. Lucey to fill the seat for the Business Community member. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Greene and carried unanimously.

ENOCHVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Debra Currie, Kevin Joines and Mitchel Rousey applied for reappointment. If approved their terms would be for two (2) years and expire August 31, 2023.

Commissioner Caskey moved the reappointment of Ms. Currie, Mr. Joines and Mr. Rousey. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed unanimously.

LIBERTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Timothy Shaver, Mark Stiller and Alan King applied for reappointment. Their terms would be for two (2) years, expiring June 30, 2021.

Commissioner Pierce moved the reappointment of Mr. Shaver, Mr. Stiller and Mr. King. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Caskey and passed unanimously.

NURSING HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ashley Bell has completed the required training for this Committee and is now eligible for appointment. If approved, the term would expire December 31, 2023.

Commissioner Klusman moved the appointment of Ms. Bell followed by a second from Commissioner Pierce. The motion passed unanimously.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

John Ketner and Michelle Patterson have applied for reappointment. Their terms would be for two (2) years and expire August 31, 2023.

Commissioner Pierce moved the reappointment of Mr. Ketner and Ms. Patterson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Klusman and carried unanimously.

CITY OF SALISBURY REQUEST FOR ETJ APPOINTMENT

The City requested the County appoint an ETJ representative to its joint Planning Board/Board of Adjustment. The City has one (1) vacant ETJ seat and to date, no one has applied to fill this seat.

Overall, the County currently has approximately 60 vacancies on various advisory boards.

Chairman Edds encouraged citizens to become involved in the community and to apply for an advisory board of interest.

Chairman Edds took a moment to mention several upcoming community events. The events included:

- East Spencer – Community Yard Sale on Augusts 28, 2021 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- East Spencer – Community Day on August 14, 2021 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- Cleveland – First Annual National Night Out on August 28 at 4:30 pm

Commissioner Klusman encouraged citizens to get their COVID-19 vaccination.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Edds moved at 3:10 p.m. for the Board to enter into Closed Session in accordance with North Carolina General Statute § 143-318.11(a)(1) to consider approval of the minutes of the Closed Session held on May 17, 2021 and in accordance with North Carolina General Statute § 143-318.11(a)(3) for attorney-client privileged communication to discuss the rent deferral program and a lease at West End Plaza and to receive an update regarding the opioid litigation settlement. Commissioner Greene seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board returned to Open Session at 4:03 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Pierce. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Caskey and passed unanimously (4-0; Commissioner Klusman had left the room).

Chairman Edds moved to accept the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation and to also approve the Resolution Approving the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments On Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed unanimously (4-0; Commissioner Klusman had left the room).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Pierce moved to adjourn at 4:05 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Greene and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carolyn Barger, MMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board