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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS September 15, 2025 – 6:00 PM

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

Jim Greene, Vice-Chairman
Mike Caskey, Commissioner
Craig Pierce, Commissioner
Judy Klusman, Commissioner

ABSENT:

Greg Edds, Chairman

County Manager Aaron Church, Clerk to the Board Sarah Pack, County Attorney Jay Dees, and Finance Director Anna Bumgarner were also present.

Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Greene called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chaplain Michael Taylor provided a solemnizing prayer. Vice-Chairman Greene lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consider Additions to the Agenda

Vice-Chairman Greene noted the following additions to the agenda:

- School Construction Redistricting Study Requirement (Regular Agenda Item 3C)
- Call a Special Meeting and set a Public Hearing for September 29 at 3:00 PM (Consent Agenda Item Z)
- Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-3.18.11(a)(1)

On motion of Pierce, seconded by Caskey, the Board voted 4-0 to add the presented three items.

Consider Deletions From the Agenda

There were no deletions from the agenda.

Consider Approval of the Agenda

On motion of Pierce, seconded by Klusman, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the agenda as amended.

Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda

On motion of Pierce, seconded by Klusman, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, as follows:

A. Consider Approval of the Minutes - 09/02/2025 Regular Meeting

B. Budget Amendments, as follows:

5100- Health Department	Appropriate funds to budget AA546 Communicable Disease Pandemic Recovery	\$39,320
5100- Health Department	Appropriate funds to budget for AA121 ARPA TSF Public Health Services	\$6,403
6400- Animal Services	Appropriate donation funds to purchase heartworm vaccines	\$3,635
5300- Social Services	Appropriate funds for emergency placement & family reunification Grants	\$13,390
Fund 603- Airport	Appropriate funds to roll over contract 25453	\$116,088
4135- Court Facilities	Appropriate funds to cover emergency restoration for mold issue in Crawford building	\$107,473
6100- Library	Appropriate funds to budget for FY25 NC-LSTA grant with local match	\$53,820
4400- Sheriff	Appropriate funds to carry over purchase orders for body armor	\$25,820
4330- Emergency Services	Appropriate funds to cover IGT payments from Ambulance fees	\$100,000
4805-	Appropriate funds to carry over contract for TDA Railwalk Project	\$475,154
6200- Parks & Rec	Appropriate funds for reserves for FY25-Parks & rec& RCC	\$32,201
4330- Emergency Services	Appropriate funds for reserves for FY25-emergency services	\$69,109
5300- Social Services	Adjust budget for HCCBG	\$36,056
4125- Finance	Adjust budget to true up RSS repairs & renovations	\$50,035
4125- Finance	Appropriate funds to adjust budget for change order on contract 25483 with ADW and city of Salisbury	\$7,680
Fund 603- Airport	Appropriate funds to cover contract change order for 25377	\$59,400

C. Award Master Agreement for Property Selection & Design for Emergency Services - ADW Architects

D. Change Order #7 -Holden Building Co. - RCC-Health Department

E. Sole-Source - Citrix FY26-30

F. Schedule Legislative Hearing for October 6, 2025 RE: Noise Ordinance Amendments [TA 02-25]

- G. *Approval of Purchase - NCDOT IMD Vehicle Order (3-Raised Roof w/Wheelchair Lift) - Rowan Transit System*
- H. *GRANTS: Closeout Certification Forms - Rowan Wild*
- I. *Approve a Proclamation recognizing Constitution Week*
- J. *GRANTS: Request to Approve General Grants Management Policy*
- K. *HCCBG Revised Funding Report for FY25-26*
- L. *Mt. Mitchell Fire Department IRS147(f) approval*
- M. *TAX & VTS REFUNDS FOR APPROVAL*
- N. *Ratification of ZTA 01-25*
- O. *Emergency Abatement - Facilities - Crawford Building*
- P. *Award Glideslope Replacement - RG Tenney Electric, Inc.*
- Q. *Ratify TA 01-25: Planning Staff Proposed Text Changes*
- R. *Schedule Legislative Hearing for Z 06-25: White, Barbee, Graham, for October 6, 2025*
- S. *Sewer Easement - Facilities Management*
- T. *Change Order #1-RCC Renovations-Phase VI-Relocation of County Department-ADW Additional Services to include the City of Salisbury*
- U. *Approval of Opioid Settlement "Group 8" Participation*
- V. *Rowan County Veterans Honor Guard Sign*
- W. *Set a Public Hearing - US-29 Temporary Lane Closure Ordinance*
- X. *Change Order #1-Central Piedmont Builders Inc-Contract 25377*
- Y. *Addition of Two Seats to the Therapeutic Recreation Board*
- Z. *Call a Special Meeting and set a Public Hearing for September 29 at 3:00 PM (**Agenda Addition**)*

Public Comment Period

Vice-Chairman Greene opened the floor for Public Comment and closed it after everyone wishing to speak had done so.

Gabriel Parker asked questions about sewer systems.

Vice-Chairman Greene said the County does not handle sewer systems; the City handles those inquiries.

Commissioner Pierce suggested that Ms. Parker attend a City Council meeting.

Z 11-24: Jeremy Good

Attorney Jay Dees said the public hearing for this matter is closed. Because there are only four Board members present, a second reading will be required. He asked if the Board wanted to table the item until all Board members are present.

On motion of Caskey, seconded by Pierce, the Board voted 4-0 to table Z 11-24 to the October 20, 2025 meeting.

****Agenda Addition** School Construction Redistricting Study Requirement**

Vice-Chairman Greene moved this item forward in the agenda.

Commissioner Pierce said when he was first elected, a school redistricting plan had been requested. Eleven years later, we still don't know where population growth is and where new schools are needed. If there is going to be millions of dollars invested in schools, there needs to be more information provided. He requested a study be required and be provided to the Board.

Commissioner Caskey agreed. This information is needed for that amount of investment.

Commissioner Pierce said the State plans for money to follow students rather than following schools. More information is needed to determine where students will attend.

Commissioner Klusman agreed as well.

On motion of Pierce, seconded by Caskey, the Board voted 4-0 to require a redistricting study for school construction projects.

Clerk's note: this motion was amended at the October 6, 2025 meeting.

Financial Report

Finance Director Anna Bumgarner presented the financial reports. She compared annual cumulative expenditures, with FY 2026 equaling \$32,267,233 in August. Annual cumulative revenue is at \$68,774,659. The annual cumulative property tax was \$64,082,044 in July. In May, the annual cumulative sales tax was \$40,593,059. Ms. Bumgarner compared monthly sales taxes from 2022 to 2025, with May totalling \$3,708,897.

Commissioner Caskey confirmed that the budget that was passed for this fiscal year was considerably less than last year and Ms. Bumgarner said yes.

Closed Session

On motion of Greene, seconded by Pierce, the Board voted 4-0 to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1) to consider approval of the minutes of the Closed Session held on September 2, 2025, as described by NCGS 143-318.10(e), pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3), to consult with an attorney, and pursuant to and NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1), to prevent the disclosure of information that is not considered public record.

Resume Open Session

At 6:55 p.m. Open Session resumed.

Adjournment

At 6:56 p.m., on motion of Pierce, seconded by Klusman, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn.

Sarah Pack, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board