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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 6, 2023 – 3:00 PM

J. NEWTON COHEN, SR. ROOM

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PRESENT:

Jim Greene, Vice-Chairman
Craig Pierce, Commissioner
Mike Caskey, 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 3:00 p.m. Chaplain Michael Taylor provided the invocation. The Rowan County Honor Guard lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consider Additions to the Agenda

Vice-Chairman Greene requested the following items be added to the agenda:

1. Veterans Day Presentation (Special Recognitions Item B)
2. Veterans Local Government Management Fellowship (Regular Agenda Item E)
3. Change in Office Hours for Thanksgiving Holiday (Consent Agenda Item II)

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
- B. Sole-Source Information, Inc. - FY24

- C. *Sole-Source Envisionware - FY24*
- D. *Sole-Source HLP Inc. - Chameleon Software - FY24*
- E. *Sole-Source Binti - FY24*
- F. *Change Order #6 - Wharton Smith - WEP*
- G. *Sole-Source Overdrive, Inc. - FY24*
- H. *Award Architectural Services for WEP - ADW Architects*
- I. *Sole-Source Mercury Medical - FY24*
- J. *Sole-Source Priority Dispatch - FY24*
- K. *County Radio Equipment Loan Agreement*
- L. *Authorization of state-regulated services*
- M. *Approve Group Purchasing - NASPO Value Point with Discountcell.*
- N. *Sole-Source Bibliotheca ITG, LLC - FY24*
- O. *Change Order #1 - R&L Glover Enterprises, Inc. - DNP Nature Center Trail*
- P. *Budget Amendments, as follows:*

DSS	<i>To revise budget based on actual Funding Authorizations from the State</i>	<i>\$5,982.00</i>
Tax Assessor	<i>To recognize United Way donations received from Tax Assessor fundraiser</i>	<i>\$850</i>
Airport	<i>To record FY22 and FY23 SCIF Interest</i>	<i>\$184,177</i>
Finance	<i>To budget FY23 ARPA Replacement Funds not spent</i>	<i>\$1,942,651</i>
Finance	<i>To transfer budget for Radio Project from General Government to EMS</i>	<i>\$7,949,883</i>
Airport	<i>To correct FY24 budget for Airport SCIF grant</i>	<i>\$180,513</i>

- Q. *Award Vehicle Upfit & Equipment Repair Master Agreement(s)*
- R. *GRANT APPLICATION: Approve Community Action Agency to apply for 24-25 SCBG grant*
- S. *Schedule November 20, 2023, Public Hearing for Long Ferry Rd Corridor Study*
- T. *Ratify Legislative Actions from the October 2 and October 16, 2023, Meetings RE: Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control Ordinance Amendments and ZTA 03-23 (Satellite Earth Stations)*
- U. *Schedule Legislative Hearing for Z 09-23: Ricky Paquette for November 20, 2023*
- V. *Schedule Legislative Hearing for Z 10-23: Lea Jaunakais (Tiger World) and Internal Road Names, for November 20, 2023*
- W. *Schedule Quasi-judicial Hearing for SUP 03-23: Lea Jaunakais (Tiger World), for November 20, 2023*
- X. *Contract with McGuireWood - State Lobbying Services*
- Y. *Change Order: Contract Renewal with Strategics Consulting - Federal Lobbying Services*
- Z. *Request for Full-Time Internal Auditor*
- AA. *Request to Reclassify One (1) Accountant I to Accountant II*
- BB. *Sole-Source Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc. - FY24*
- CC. *Contract Change - Mid-Carolina Airport Localizer Replacement - RG Tenney Electric, Inc.*
- DD. *Pay for employees of the Sheriff's Office that worked the Autumn Jubilee event*

EE. Sole-Source Securitas Technology (Stanley Convergent) - FY24
FF. Repair of Non-Drivable - Wrecked Vehicles
GG. Request to Reduce Adoption Fees for the Month of December
HH. West Rowan Elementary School-Piedmont Natural Gas Easement
II. Change in Office Hours for Thanksgiving Holiday (Agenda Addition)

Special Recognitions

County Manager Aaron Church and Siobhan Allen, Assistant to the County Manager and Management Analyst, recognized County staff for their assistance in facilitating the Leadership Class. Mr. Church and Ms. Allen recognized participants in the 2023 Leadership Class presented by the County Manager's Office. Each participant was presented with a Certificate and a challenge coin. Leadership Class participant Sharon Main presented her winning speech from a class assignment to the Board.

Justan Mounts, Veterans Services Director, gave a presentation regarding the benefits available to veterans in Rowan County. He explained the origin of Veterans Day, and the difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day. He gave statistical information about veterans in Rowan County. He thanked the Board and Manager for their support in serving veterans.

Commissioner Caskey thanked Mr. Mounts and his staff for their work with veterans. He also thanked the rest of the Board for their support.

Vice-Chairman Greene asked if funds distribution is tracked by Veterans Services and Mr. Mounts explained how the Global Expenditure Report distributed by the national office details relevant data. Vice-Chairman Greene said the Board would like to see funding figures.

Commissioner Pierce thanked Mr. Mounts and his staff for their patience with construction in their building.

Public Comment Period

Vice-Chairman Greene opened the floor for Public Comment and closed it after no one wished to speak.

Public Hearing for Diamondback Drive

Pamela Ealey, Planning Technician, said following road name change has been submitted to the Rowan County Planning Department and is presented for approval by the Board of Commissioners:

Currently Known As: no name driveway
Proposed Name: Diamondback Drive
Location: 500 block of Shinn Farm Rd (SR 1358)
Property Owners: Wayne & Tricia Brickey, Tyler Pegram, McKenzie Brickey
Reason for Change: applied for zoning permit for the 3rd structure accessing this drive, per ordinance the drive must be named. Unanimous petition received, name choice approved by GIS and Emergency Services.

At 3:41 p.m. Vice-Chairman Greene opened the public hearing and closed it after no one wished to speak.

On motion of Pierce, seconded by Klusman, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the road name petition for Diamondback Drive.

Public Hearing for Orange Creek Lane

Aaron Poplin, Planning Technician, said the following road name change has been submitted to the Rowan County Planning Department and are presented for approval by the Board of Commissioners:

Currently Known As: N/A

Proposed Name: Orange Creek Ln.

Location: driveway that connects to Cruse Road in the 600 block

Property Owners: Billy Ray Hudson and Dale Neve

Reason: 3 single family dwellings will share this driveway and therefore it must be named.

At 3:43 p.m. Vice-Chairman Greene opened the public hearing and closed it after no one wished to speak.

On motion of Pierce, seconded by Caskey, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the road name petition for Orange Creek Lane.

Farmland Preservation Ordinance Presentation and Public Hearing

Amy-Lynn Albertson, Cooperative Extension Director, described the proposed changes to the Farmland Preservation ordinance. The changes are minor and align the county's ordinance to that of the State's.

Vice-Chairman Greene clarified the acreage requirements of bona fide farms.

Ms. Albertson noted that farms are noted in the geographic information systems in the voluntary agricultural district.

Commissioner Klusman asked about the income amount of \$1,000 to qualify for a farm and Ms. Albertson said it was a United States Department of Agriculture requirement.

At 3:51 p.m. Vice-Chairman Greene opened the Public Hearing and closed it after no one wished to speak.

On motion of Pierce, seconded by Klusman, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the proposed changes to Chapter 8.5 of the Farmland Preservation Ordinance.

Board Appointments

On motion of Pierce, seconded by Klusman, the Board voted 4-0 to appoint Monica Martin to the At Large seat on the Therapeutic Recreation Board.

On motion of Pierce, seconded by Klusman, the Board voted 4-0 to appoint Leslie Smith to the Alternate seat on the Town of Cleveland Zoning and Planning Extra-territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) Board.

On motion of Pierce, seconded by Klusman, the Board voted 4-0 to appoint Grayson Phillips to the At Large seat on the Town of Cleveland Zoning and Planning (ETJ) Board.

On motion of Pierce, seconded by Klusman, the Board voted 4-0 to appoint Dr. Terral Bryan to the ETJ seat on the Town of Spencer Zoning and Planning ETJ Board.

Agenda Addition - Veterans Local Government Management Fellowship

County Manager Aaron Church said International City/County Management Association (ICMA) is a participant in the skill bridge program through the United States Department of Defense. The Veterans Local Government Management Fellowship program matches transitioning service members with surrounding local government sponsors based on skills, education, experience, and the preference of both parties.

1. There is no cost to the county with the exception of the optional housing.
2. There is no requirement to provide a job offer but the intent is to assist the service member in finding their post military career.
3. There is no commitment to host a fellow, you only participate when you are able to.
4. Once we sign the host agreement, we will be listed on the ICMA Website as a Veterans Local Government Management Fellowship (VLGMF) Location.

According to the Senior Program Manager for Veterans, Coaching and Scholarship program with the ICMA the best results are from doing your own recruiting with the surrounding military installations. The program is designed to take place within driving distance of the military installations and therefore the service member does not receive any additional funding above and beyond their normal salary. However, the ability to provide lodging would definitely promote interest for service members.

Commissioner Klusman asked if appliances would be included and Mr. Church said yes. Utilities would also be included. There is no further intent to publicly rent the property.

Commissioner Pierce asked if multiple people would have to share the facility or if family members could also stay in the house. Mr. Church said he was not sure.

Don Bringle, Facilities Management and Parks Director, said the house has three bedrooms and two bathrooms.

Commissioner Caskey said the number of fellowships would be limited. Mr. Church said the house would be available to the tenant through the fellowship. Commissioner Caskey clarified the timeline of the fellowship as sixteen to twenty-four weeks.

Vice-Chairman Greene clarified that the tenant would still be working through the fellowship program, with the program assisting in job placement after retirement.

Commissioner Pierce asked who would oversee the project. Mr. Church said himself and Siobhan Allen will oversee the project. Mr. Church said fellowship participants are required to have an interest in local government administration.

On motion of Caskey, seconded by Pierce, the Board voted 4-0 to authorize the County Manager to sign the "Intent to Host a Veterans Local Government Management Fellow" with the ICMA, and to authorize the County Manager to remodel and furnish 6620 Bringle Ferry Road in Salisbury North Carolina for the purpose of leasing at no cost to any future Local Government Management Fellow.

Adjournment

At 4:08 p.m., on motion of Pierce, seconded by Klusman, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn.

Sarah Pack, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board