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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 3, 2024 – 3:00 PM

J. NEWTON COHEN, SR. ROOM

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PRESENT:

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

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

Call to Order

Chairman Edds called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Chaplain Michael Taylor provided the invocation. Chairman Edds lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consider Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

Consider Deletions From the Agenda

There were no deletions from the agenda.

Consider Approval of the Agenda

On motion of Pierce, seconded by Greene, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the agenda as presented.

Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda

On motion of Pierce, seconded by Klusman, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, as follows:

- A. Consider Approval of the Minutes*
- B. Proclamation Establishing Men's Health Week*
- C. Change Order #1 - NJR Group - Phase V Landfill Project*
- D. Sole-Source - ILS Technical Services - FY24-25; Contract Approval*
- E. Change Order #1 - KMD Construction, LLC - New Corporate & Box Hangars*
- F. Nazareth Fireworks Permit Application*
- G. GRANTS: Approve plumbing grant*
- H. Sole-Source - Idemia - FY25*

- I. *Sole-Source - Securitas Tec (Stanley Convergent) - FY25*
- J. *GRANTS: TrAMS designation of authority forms (Rowan Transit)*
- K. *GRANT AGREEMENT: Approve 2022 Byrne JAG grant funding for Sheriff's Office*
- L. *Change Order #3 - G.W. Liles-DNP Red Wolf Habitat*
- M. *GRANTS: Accept OUR funding for Sheriff's Office - GrayKey*
- N. *Change Order #17 - Wharton Smith - WEP*
- O. *Change Order #3 - ADW - Health Department*
- P. *GRANTS: Approve Interlocal Agreement with City of Salisbury - HOME-ARP grant administration*
- Q. *Budget Amendments, as follows:*

<i>Health Department</i>	<i>To transfer new funds for the PDO Grant and funding will be used to purchase med supplies and other small equip</i>	<i>\$9,500</i>
<i>Fire Districts</i>	<i>To transfer funds to cover fire district tax for FY24</i>	<i>\$32,846</i>
<i>Finance/Soil & Water</i>	<i>To recognize donation for Conservation Farm Family Event</i>	<i>\$500</i>
<i>Finance</i>	<i>"To transfer funds from claims to EMS for ambulance remount Fund 51 to Fund 11</i>	<i>\$163,558</i>
<i>Finance</i>	<i>To transfer funds to cover contract change #3 for the utility designation services and CCTV inspections for ADW building - "</i>	<i>\$25,000</i>
<i>Finance</i>	<i>To transfer funds to for change order #1 hardship for airport hangar project for KMD contract #24015</i>	<i>\$55,984</i>

- R. *Project Light Lease - Space Improvements*
- S. *Schofield Lease - State Paperwork*
- T. *Sole Source FY25 - ES&S Maintenance*

Public Comment Period

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

Jonathan Barbee, 101 Polo Drive, discussed the differences between policing and public safety. He advocated for investment in mental health resources.

Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Proposed Budget

Chairman Edds said a public hearing is statutorily required before the Board can adopt the annual budget. There will be a special called meeting on June 24, 2024, to vote on the budget.

At 3:08 p.m. Chairman Edds opened the public hearing and closed it after no one wished to speak.

Fire District Changes

Deborah Horne, Fire Division Chief, said a request was received for Rowan County Emergency Services to explore the East Rowan Service District and the Richfield-Misenheimer Service District. In order to comply with NC G.S. 153A-304.3, once a request is made a report will be prepared for the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners shall set a date and time for a public hearing on the request prior to taking action.

The report shall be available for public inspection in the office of the clerk of the board for at least two weeks before the date of the public hearing. The board shall hold a public hearing before adopting any resolution relocating the boundaries of a service district. Notice of the hearing shall state the date, hour, and place of the hearing and its subject, and shall include a statement that the report required by subsection (b) is available for inspection in the office of the clerk to the board. The notice shall be published at least once not less than one week before the date of the hearing.

Any resolution changing the boundaries of the districts shall take effect at the beginning of a fiscal year commencing after its passage as determined by the board. The proposed boundary relocation meets all state and local requirements for Rowan County departments to cover all area within their 5-mile districts. The plan for providing service and expanding the current East Rowan Service District would be for Pooletown Fire Department and East Gold Hill Fire Department to cover all area currently covered by Richfield-Misenheimer Fire Department from Stanly County.

Commissioner Pierce asked if Pooletown and Gold Hill will receive taxes based on the structures in these districts and what would happen to Richfield. Ms. Horne said yes, and Richfield would be located in Cabarrus and Stanly counties.

Vice-Chairman Greene asked for an estimate of tax fund differences and Ms. Horne referred to a map and discussed the changes.

Commissioner Caskey asked if the map would be distributed to affected fire departments and Ms. Horne said yes.

Commissioner Klusman said it's important for the public to be aware of this change.

On motion of Edds, seconded by Pierce, the Board voted 5-0 to set a public hearing for June 17, 2024, at a meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. and publish the required notice.

Board Appointments

On motion of Pierce, seconded by Klusman, the Board voted 5-0 to make the following appointments:

- Ryan Bravo to the Youth Seat on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
- Carla Johnston to the Youth Under the Age of 21, or Member of the Public Representing Interests of Families of At-Risk Juveniles Seat on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

- Crystal Ryerson to the Business Community Seat on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
- Jocelyn Williams to the Mental Health Seat on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Commissioner Klusman said she had resigned from the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) but moved to be reappointed.

On motion of Klusman, seconded by Pierce, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Judith Klusman to the County Commissioner Seat on the JCPC.

County Attorney Jay Dees entered at 3:17 p.m.

Closed Session

At 3:17 p.m. on motion of Edds, seconded by Pierce, the Board voted 5-0 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 May 6, 2024, as described by NCGS 143- 318.10(e), and pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11(a)(5)(i) to establish or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease.

Regular Session

At 3:24 p.m. regular session resumed.

Adjournment

At 3:24 p.m., on motion of Pierce, seconded by Greene, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn.

Sarah Pack, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board