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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 17, 2024 – 6:00 PM

J. NEWTON COHEN, SR. ROOM

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PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Greg Edds, Chairman
Mike Caskey, Commissioner

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

Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Greene called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chaplain Michael Taylor provided the invocation. Vice-Chairman Greene led 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 Klusman, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the agenda as presented.

Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda

On motion of Pierce, seconded by Klusman, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, as follows:

- A. Consider Approval of the Minutes*
- B. Sole-Source - Binti - FY25*
- C. Sole-Source - MCCi - FY25*
- D. Sole-Source - Northwoods Compass - FY25*
- E. Budget Amendments, as follows:*

<i>Finance</i>	<i>Transfer funds for FY21 Home Program grant revenue to expense</i>	<i>\$43</i>
<i>Social Services</i>	<i>Transfer funds to record donations from revenue account to expense 1 church 1 child & Foster Child Reinvestment</i>	<i>\$454,124</i>
<i>Finance</i>	<i>Transfer funds to cover occupancy tax for FY 24 May & June payments</i>	<i>\$115,000</i>
<i>Finance</i>	<i>Transfer funds to increase the DJJDP program revenue and expense to match funding plan</i>	<i>\$91</i>
<i>Finance</i>	<i>Transfer funds from revenue to expense account to cover ambulance fees for Q3 & Q4 FY24</i>	<i>\$65,179</i>
<i>Health Department</i>	<i>Transfer funds from revenue to expense accounts to cover supplies/office chairs/uniforms</i>	<i>\$6,265</i>
<i>Sheriff</i>	<i>Transfer funds to allocate direct grant funds to correct accounts based on scope of the state</i>	<i>\$280,000</i>
<i>Finance</i>	<i>Transfer funds to correct miskeyed BA 11-816 R to E accounts</i>	<i>\$163,558</i>
<i>Finance</i>	<i>Transfer funds from fund balance to R&M capital projects for the demo of cinema</i>	<i>\$63,785</i>
<i>Finance</i>	<i>Transfer funds to correct miskeyed BA 10-803</i>	<i>\$10,580</i>
<i>Finance</i>	<i>Transfer funds from revenue to expense accounts to cover overtime salaries</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>
<i>Finance</i>	<i>Transfer funds to cover FY24 lease for GASB 87</i>	<i>\$5,436</i>
<i>Finance/Landfill</i>	<i>Transfer funds to cover landfill gas expansion project</i>	<i>\$577,430</i>
<i>Finance</i>	<i>Transfer funds for the WEP capital project fund for the Health Department relocation</i>	<i>\$1,326,397</i>
<i>Finance</i>	<i>To reduce state/grant funding related to communication issues with the Strap grant</i>	<i>\$19,920</i>
<i>Finance</i>	<i>To reduce state/grant funding related to communication issues with the Tropical ETA debris grant</i>	<i>\$14,562</i>

- F. Cancellation of the July 1, 2024, Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting*
- G. Award and Approve Purchase - BMW Motorcycles - Eurosport Asheville*
- H. Award - Gas Control System - SCS Field Services*
- I. Sole-Source Clearwater Packaging, Inc. d/b/a CPI/Guardian - FY25*
- J. Award Inmate Medical Services - CBH Medical*
- K. Award Inmate Food Services - Skillet Kitchen*
- L. Resolution allowing retiring officer to purchase service sidearm*
- M. Award Boat Purchase - Phoenix Trading Inc. - Sheriff's Office*
- N. GRANTS: Approve Emergency Services to apply for EPA Clean Heavy-duty Vehicle Grant*
- O. Donation of Surplus Property to Rowan County Rescue Squad*
- P. Sole-Source Vulcan Material, Toysmith, & Aurora - FY25*
- Q. Sole-Source Auvik Networks, Inc. - FY25*

- R. *Sole-Source Tyler Technologies EnerGov - FY25*
- S. *Sole-Source Zoom - FY25*
- T. *Sole-Source Tyler Technologies ERP - FY25-28*
- U. *Sole-Source Avineon - FY25*
- V. *Sole Source - Freshworks - FY25*
- W. *Sole-Source Civicplus – FY25*
- X. *Sole-Source Bluebeam Inc. - FY25*
- Y. *Sole Source - Tenika Reddick, Breastfeeding Peer Counselor - FY25*
- Z. *Sole-Source Library Corp - FY25*
- AA. *FAA Advanced Systems Design Service Non-federal Program Operation and Maintenance Manual*
- BB. *Sole-Source Thomson Reuters - FY25*
- CC. *Sole-Source - Axon - FY25*
- DD. *Sole Source - Carolina Women's Health Associates, Inc. FY25*
- EE. *State Regulated Exception - DSS/Health Dept.*
- FF. *Sole-Source - Nutrition Plus - FY25*
- GG. *Mark III Brokerage, Inc.*
- HH. *Clarification - Change Order #1 - KMD Construction, LLC - New Corporate & Box Hangars*
- II. *VTs & TAX REFUNDS FOR APPROVAL*
- JJ. *Capital Project Ordinance for Health Department Relocation to WEP*
- KK. *Award Abatement & Demolition Services - Multiple Properties including Salisbury Mall Cinema*
- LL. *Ambulance Franchise Agreements*
- MM. *Change Order #1 - W. Brown Construction (C23540)*
- NN. *Change Order #1 - Geosyntec Consultants (24467)*
- OO. *Change Order #1 - Geosyntec Consultants (24469)*
- PP. *Sole Source - Patagonia Health Subscription - FY25*
- QQ. *Sole Source and Purchase -Central Square Unify Hub for CAD Operations - Emergency Services*
- RR. *Schedule Quasi-judicial hearing for SUP 03-24*
- SS. *Fireworks: Bible Missionary Baptist Church*
- TT. *NCACC Renewal Agreements for Liability & Property Pool and Workers' Compensation Pool*
- UU. *Blue Cross Blue Shield of America Agreement Renewal*
- VV. *Sole Source - Microsoft Store w/ Azure Services - FY25-28*
- WW. *WEP Use Agreement*
- XX. *Approve HCCBG Proposed Funding Plan - HCCGB Grant*
- YY. *HDR Work Authorization - Rowan County Landfill Gas to Energy RFP*
- ZZ. *Sole Source - ESRI - FY25*
- AAA. *Sole Source Piedmont Pharmaceutical - FY25-28*
- BBB. *Proclamation in Celebration of Rowan-Cabarrus Community College's 60th Anniversary*

Public Comment

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

Connie Byrne, 216 Goldston St., Kannapolis, thanked the Board for not trying to reach revenue neutral on the tax rate. She urged citizens to be aware of taxes and learn why rates change. The Commissioners try to do the best they can for everyone in the county.

Cindy Fink, 105 Yorkshire Dr., Salisbury, thanked the Board for considering Meals on Wheels in the budget, but said there was no line item in the budget and questioned whether or not it was an oversight. Last year, over 105,000 meals were served to seniors in the community. Often, these meals open the doors to interaction with isolated seniors. Last year, over \$1.2 million was raised to continue feeding seniors. The budget for Meals on Wheels is \$1.6 million. It is through community partnerships and donors that the budget was met. This year, the request is for 10% of the total budget.

Special Recognitions

Vice-Chairman Greene recognized former Sheriff Kevin Auten and formally introduced the “Kevin L. Auten Justice Center.” He read into record a Resolution naming the Kevin L. Auten Justice Center. Mr. Auten spoke briefly about his parents and their influence on his career.

On motion of Greene, seconded by Klusman, the Board voted 3-0 to approve a Resolution Naming the Kevin L. Auten Justice Center, as follows:

RESOLUTION NAMING THE KEVIN L. AUTEN JUSTICE CENTER

WHEREAS, Kevin L. Auten commenced his service in law enforcement in the Rowan County Sheriff’s Office on November 23, 1987; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Auten’s dedication and commitment to protect and serve the people earned him a promotion to the rank of Sergeant on August 1, 1998; the assignment of Lieutenant on January 1, 2002; Captain on November 5, 2006; and the eventual promotion to Chief Deputy on August 2, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Auten was appointed as Rowan County Sheriff on March 22, 2010, by the Rowan County Board of Commissioners to complete the remainder of the previous Sheriff’s term; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Auten won the General Election for Sheriff in 2010 where he admirably and faithfully led the men and women under his command for twelve years until his retirement in 2022; and

WHEREAS, throughout his law enforcement career, Kevin Auten has performed a myriad of tasks important to the administration and success of the Rowan County Sheriff’s Department; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Auten has unselfishly devoted his time not only to law enforcement but through civic involvement and given of himself to ensure that community needs are not only heard but addressed and resolved.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize Kevin Auten for his outstanding service by naming the Kevin L. Auten Justice Center in his honor and providing appropriate signage for the building designating such naming.

Laura Allen, Rowan County 4-H Agent, introduced teen 4-Her Lucas Weeder. Mr. Weeder will represent Rowan County at the annual NCACC conference. Mr. Weeder addressed the Board

on behalf of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Youth Voice. He shared his experiences in 4-H and how it impacted his life. He also shared some of his 4-H projects and other involvement. He thanked the Board for supporting the 4-H program.

Award Fire Suppression Sprinkler System Renovation

Don Bringle, Facilities Management and Parks Director, said Rowan County worked with S.E. Collins and received proposals for the Fire Suppression Sprinkler System Renovation Project at the West End Plaza (RFP 2024-039). Mr. Bringle explained the need for the fire suppression system and the associated process. Two (2) bid responses were received. After careful evaluation, completion of scoring and verification, it is suggested to award the bid to Elite Fire Control who submitted the lowest responsive, responsible bid, not to exceed \$92,075.00. The County has funds included for this project within the FY24 budget from local funds. This process is required in order to obtain a certificate of occupancy for the building.

Vice-Chairman Greene said this is a local company.

On motion of Pierce, seconded by Klusman, the Board voted 3-0 to award the bid to Elite Fire Control and authorize the County Manager to approve the contract with Elite Fire Control in the amount of \$92,075.00.

Public Hearing: Proposed Fire District Changes

Vice-Chairman Greene said a hearing is required regarding the previously presented changes to Pooletown and Gold Hill fire districts.

At 6:30 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 3-0 to approve the proposed changes to Pooletown and Gold Hill fire districts.

Presentation of Health Department Renderings

Phillip Steele of ADW Architects introduced interior designer Lucinda Sexton and explained some of the design ideas for the new Health Department space. The project needs to be bid out and put under contract by December 2024.

Ms. Sexton presented a floor plan detailing the various departments in the Health Department. She explained the location and specific details of each internal department and the ingress/egress for each area.

Vice-Chairman Greene asked if the proposed canopy was permanent, and Ms. Sexton said yes.

Ms. Sexton showed photographic renderings of design features in each of the areas. Color schemes would act as wayfinding markers for each department. Materials will be easily cleanable and durable. LED lighting will be used throughout the building. She described options for adding natural light to the space. Frosted glass will help to retain patient privacy and add a feeling of openness. Bringing nature indoors helps to unite the space and bring peaceful feelings to patients.

Vice-Chairman Greene said he toured the facility and is excited for the public to be able to utilize it.

On motion of Pierce, seconded by Klusman, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the floor plan as presented and authorize the County Manager to move forward with the bid process.

Financial Reports

Finance Director Anna Bumgarner presented the financial reports. She compared annual cumulative expenditures, with FY 2024 equaling \$165,968,262 in May. Annual cumulative revenue is at \$187,340,321. The annual cumulative property tax was \$111,013,167 in April. In February, the annual cumulative sales tax was \$27,504,908. She compared monthly sales taxes from 2021 to 2024.

Adjournment

At 6:49 p.m., on motion of Pierce, seconded by Klusman, the Board voted 3-0 to adjourn.

Sarah Pack, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board