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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 15, 2024 – 6:00 PM

J. NEWTON COHEN, SR. ROOM

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PRESENT:

Greg Edds, Chairman
Jim Greene, Vice-Chairman
Judy Klusman, Commissioner

ABSENT:

Craig Pierce, Commissioner
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

Chairman Edds called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chaplain Michael Taylor provided the invocation. Chairman Edds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consider Additions to the Agenda

Chairman Edds noted that a Special Recognition would be added to the agenda, as well as a Principal Expense Report Form (Consent Agenda Item HH) and a West End Plaza Lease Authorization (Consent Agenda Item II).

On motion of Klusman, seconded by Greene, the Board voted 3-0 to add the suggested items.

Consider Deletions From the Agenda

There were no deletions from the agenda.

Consider Approval of the Agenda

On motion of Klusman, seconded by Greene, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the agenda as amended.

Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

- A. Consider Approval of the Minutes*
- B. Sole Source - Everbridge - FY25-27*

- C. *GRANTS: Approve Nondiscrimination Policy for Compliance with Federal/State Grants*
- D. *Approval of Incentive Agreement for DHL Supply, Inc.*
- E. *Change Order #18 & Clarification on #17 - Wharton Smith - WEP*
- F. *GRANTS: Approve amendment 02-2024 of "Watershed Restoration Project-ETA" grant agreement*
- G. *Addendum #1 - P&G Security Guard Inc.*
- H. *Approval of Incentive Agreement for Amrep*
- I. *Sole Source - Cloud Navigators - FY25*
- J. *Budget Amendments, as follows:*

<i>Health Department</i>	<i>To move funds into TPPPS salary & fringe accounts to balance FY25 budget</i>	<i>\$13,620</i>
<i>Social Services</i>	<i>To move funds to match state authorized amounts received</i>	<i>\$78,080</i>
<i>Health Department</i>	<i>Grant Awarded funds for Healthy Rowan</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>
<i>Senior Services</i>	<i>To bring the original FY25 budget for HCCBG to agree with the approved FY25 funding plan</i>	<i>\$448,756</i>
<i>Sheriffs Department</i>	<i>To transfer funds to cover purchase of ballistic vests that are out of date (every 5 years)</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>
<i>Parks and Recreation</i>	<i>To recognize donated funds from FY24 to be used to purchase memorial bench in FY25</i>	<i>\$1,015</i>
<i>Sheriffs Department</i>	<i>To recognize reserved funds from FY24 to be budgtd for expenditures in FY25</i>	<i>\$537,545</i>
<i>Cooperative Extension</i>	<i>To recognize reserved funds from FY24 to be budgtd for expenditures in FY25</i>	<i>\$43,654</i>
<i>Health Department</i>	<i>To recognize reserved funds from FY24 to be budgtd for expenditures in FY25</i>	<i>\$46,890</i>
<i>Health Department</i>	<i>To recognize reserved funds from FY24 to be budgtd for expenditures in FY25</i>	<i>\$223,901</i>

- K. *Finance Officer Bond*
- L. *Release of RFP for financing of RSS New School*
- M. *Change Order #3 - Randolph & Son Builders, Inc - Transit Building*
- N. *Water Rate Change*
- O. *Release RFP for Financing RSS Roofs Repairs*
- P. *Release RFP Financing KCS Wilson Elementary*
- Q. *Proclamation Designating July as Parks and Recreation Month*
- R. *Opioid Settlement Kroger Resolution and Form Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds*
- S. *Mid-Carolina Regional Airport Runway Approach Surfaces Minimum Clearing Requirement*
- T. *Release RFP Courthouse & Detention Center Security & Change Order #2*
- U. *McLaughlin Young*
- V. *Tax & VTS Refunds for Approval*

- W. GRANTS: First amendment to Wayfinding Signage Interlocal Agreement with TDA*
- X. GRANTS: Approve Report Submission: Hexagon/Agility*
- Y. Clerical Correction to General Fund Budget Ordinance*
- Z. Schedule Public Hearing for August 5, 2024 - Road Naming - Compton Dr, Friendship Lane*
- AA. Approve Fifteen (15) Vehicle Purchase - Sheriff's Office*
- BB. 1/3rd Study Memorandum Corrections*
- CC. Schedule Legislative Hearing for Z 07-24: Perand USA, for August 19, 2024*
- DD. Schedule Legislative Hearing for Z 08-24: Sunwest Business Park, for August 19, 2024*
- EE. Schedule Legislative Hearing for Z 09-24: Red Rock Development, for August 19, 2024*
- FF. Citrix Software - XenTegra*
- GG. Sole-Source - Rowan-Salisbury School System FY25*
- HH. Principal Expense Report Form (**Agenda Addition**)*
- II. West End Plaza Lease Authorization (**Agenda Addition**)*

Public Comment

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

Bobby Kemp, 250 Chalk Maple Road, said times are hard. He shared the amounts he pays in taxes, which he feels are too high. People don't have the money to pay all of the taxes required of them. He doesn't understand why everything is taxed. He suggested a program to help senior, veteran, and disabled citizens. The Commissioners can make changes.

Gilbert Painter, 8711 Cloverfield Drive, shared how paying taxes affects him. He discussed ways in which he felt money had been wasted in the county. Increasing taxes benefits no one. He asked why taxes can't be cut.

Special Recognitions

Chairman Edds recognized Terry Osborne, Rowan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Chair. Mr. Osborne congratulated Emma Clarke for being named Athlete of the Year. Congressman Dan Bishop's aid Garrett Hamilton recognized Ms. Clarke for her achievements. Vice-Chairman Greene read a Proclamation Honoring Athlete of the Year Emma Clarke into record.

On motion of Greene, seconded by Edds, the Board voted 3-0 to approve a Proclamation Honoring the 2023-2024 West Rowan High School Girls Basketball Team, as follows:

PROCLAMATION HONORING ATHLETE OF THE YEAR EMMA CLARKE

WHEREAS, the Rowan County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes Emma Clarke as an outstanding multi-discipline athlete in Rowan County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clarke plays volleyball and was named All-State her junior and Senior years and was named the Rowan County and South Piedmont 3A Conference Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, in her basketball career, Ms. Clarke was named All-South Piedmont Conference and All-Rowan County and was a member of the two-time 3A North Carolina High School Athletic Association State Champion Team where she earned the

Sportsmanship Award two consecutive years, and the West Most Outstanding Player Award in 2024; and

WHEREAS, in softball Ms. Clarke was named All-State in 2022 and 2023 and holds the single season and career home run records for Rowan County, and will continue her softball career at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clarke is a back to back recipient of the Rowan County Female Athlete of the Year and was awarded the Tracy Connor Award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clarke was awarded the 2023-2024 North Carolina High School Athletic Association Pat Best Memorial Female Athlete of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, the NCHSAA has announced male and female athlete of the year awards since the 1985-1986 school year, and Ms. Clarke is the first Rowan County female recipient and the second recipient of the award from Rowan County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Emma Clarke for her outstanding high school athletic career and her dedication to sportsmanship, making her a role model for the citizens, athletes and sports fans in Rowan County.

Quasi-judicial Hearing SUP 03-24

Chairman Edds called the hearing for consideration of SUP 02-24 to order and said it would focus on an application submitted by Mark Jeroszko to build a residential storage facility on Tax Parcel 612 258 located at the 200 block of Mainsail Rd. He asked that if any member of the Board may have a conflict of interest in hearing the case, please address the Board now prior to any testimony or information being presented. When the Board enters into deliberations to decide the case, no further testimony may be presented. The Board will render one of the following three decisions:

1. Approve the permit as requested or with additional conditions;
2. Continue the request; or
3. Deny the request.

Chairman Edds said all parties who plan to testify in this case may come forward and be sworn in. Those who testify must state their name and address at the podium for the benefit of the Board's Clerk. All material presented must be given to the Clerk and will become part of the record. This Board can only accept sworn testimony. No hearsay evidence is admissible.

Clerk to the Board Sarah Pack swore in all those who wished to testify.

Aaron Poplin, Planning Technician, presented the case for the County and said Mark Jeroszko is requesting a special use permit to accommodate a 1040 Sq Ft residential storage facility on Tax Parcel 612 258. The lot is located in Anchor Downs off of Mainsail Rd and the owner lives in Anchor Downs off of Skysail Rd. The applicant is proposing the building to be used for storage of their boats. Residential storage facilities can be permitted administratively in the RS district up to 3,000 Sq Ft if they are under 3% of the lot size. Residential storage facilities greater than 3% of the lot size can be permitted with a special use permit up to 3,000 Sq Ft. The proposed building is approximately 5% of the lot size.

Mr. Poplin noted the following Special Use Requirements (**Requirements in bold**, *applicant response in italics*):

- **The parcel shall be in fee simple ownership.** *Yes, owned exclusively by Mark Jeroszko and his wife Belinda Jeroszko.*
- **The structure shall be of compatible construction with surrounding area.** *The applicant proposes a metal building with earth color tones to help blend it in with the tree coverage.*
- **The maximum size allowed is three thousand (3,000) square feet.** *The proposed building totals 1,040 sq.ft.*
- **No outdoor storage is allowed except as specifically provided otherwise.** *None proposed.*
- **Minimum lot size shall be the same as for a single-family residence.** *Lot size is 0.47 acres vs. minimum lot size of .46 acres (20,000 sq.ft.).*
- **Storage of vehicles shall not be in the front yard.** *None proposed.*
- **Outside lighting shall be designed to prevent direct glare on adjoining residences.** *None proposed.*
- **Setbacks shall be at a minimum the same as single family dwellings.** *The proposed structure complies with the required 50' front, 10' side, and 20' rear setback.*

As provided in Section 21-59, the applicant has provided responses to the evaluation criteria with staff comments indicated below.

1. **Adequate transportation access to the site exists.** *The structure would be accessible from Mainsail Rd.*
2. **The use will not significantly detract from the character of the surrounding area.** *The proposed structure will be under both the allowed 3,000 sq.ft. limit for residential storage facilities and the 10% limit for accessory structures on residentially developed lots (2,056 sq.ft.).*
3. **Hazardous safety conditions will not result.** *No hazardous safety conditions are envisioned based on the proposed use.*
4. **The use will not generate significant noise, odor, glare, or dust.** *Any associated impacts would be similar to that found on properties containing a residence.*
5. **Excessive traffic or parking problems will not result.** *This will generate less traffic than a single family residence.*
6. **The use will not create significant visual impacts for adjoining properties or passersby.** *The structure will be on a wooded lot that does not have any adjoining residentially developed properties.*

Mr. Poplin noted that the proposed building is approximately 400 sq ft larger than what could be permitted without a special use permit. He distributed example findings of fact (Attachment A) and a letter from a real estate professional stating that property values would not be injured (Attachment B).

Commissioner Klusman asked if the property changed hands, does the County have the ability to prevent future commercial use. Mr. Poplin said yes, the property is not zoned for commercial use.

Vice-Chairman Greene said properties are required to be revaluated every four years by the State.

Mark Jeroszko, 425 Skysail Road, said this building will protect the value of his assets and will be completed in a tasteful way.

Chairman Edds lives in this subdivision and said what the property owner is trying to do is common. He has not heard complaints.

Chairman Edds opened the Public Hearing at 6:49 p.m. and closed it after no one wished to speak.

The Board made the following Findings of Fact:

On motion of Klusman, seconded by Edds, the Board voted 3-0 that the development of the property in accordance with the proposed conditions will not materially endanger the public health or safety.

FACT: This request complies with all seven (7) specific requirements identified in section 21-56 (10) for residential storage facilities.

FACT: The proposed structure is subject to compliance with applicable building code standards.

On motion of Klusman, seconded by Edds, the Board voted 3-0 that the development of the property in accordance with the proposed conditions will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property, or that the development is a public necessity, and;

FACT: No material evidence was presented suggesting this request would injure property values.

On motion of Klusman, seconded by Edds, the Board voted 3-0 that the location and character of the development in accordance with the proposed conditions will be in general harmony with the area in which it is located and in general conformity with any adopted county plans.

FACT: The proposed building will be made of similar materials to other storage buildings in the county.

On motion of Greene, seconded by Klusman, the Board voted 3-0 to approve SUP 03-24.

Consider PE 02-24: Dragon Boat Festival

Aaron Poplin, Planning Technician, said the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce is requesting a Permit to Exceed for the tenth annual Rowan Chamber Dragon Boat Festival on July 27th, 2024, at the Shrine Club, 6480 Long Ferry Rd, on High Rock Lake. The Dragon boat races are part of a day-long lakeside festival that will raise money for small business programs here in Rowan County. The applicant expects the festival to attract around 3,500 people.

According to Section 14-10 of the Noise Ordinance, "It shall be unlawful for any person, group, event or business to play, use or otherwise operate any sound amplification equipment (to include radio, tape player, stereos, etc.) emitting sound that is unreasonable, frequent and continued with such volume at any time on any given day of the week, in a manner which may annoy or disturb

the quiet, comfort or repose of the general public. This provision is applicable when the source of the noise is plainly audible to the responding law enforcement officer at a distance of one hundred (100) feet.”

However, Section 14-12 provides an opportunity to exceed the amplified sound standards in the form of a “permit to exceed” when the event is open to the public. As provided in Section 14-12 (c) of the Rowan County Noise Ordinance, the following criteria shall be considered in issuing or denying an application for a permit to exceed:

1. The timeliness of the application

Finding: Planning Staff received this application on June 19th well in advance for consideration on July 15th.

2. The nature of the requested activity

Finding: This event is a lakeside festival with boat races, games, and food vendors.

3. Previous experience with the applicant.

Finding: This is the tenth annual Dragon Boat festival hosted by the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce. The only issues in years past are an increase in vehicle traffic in the area. In 2015 an additional parking area, with trolley shuttle, was added at the corner of Long Ferry Rd and Hedrick Lambe Drive to alleviate parking issues.

4. The time of the event.

Finding: The event will begin on Saturday July 27th at 8:00am, and end at 5:00pm the same day.

5. Other activities in the vicinity of the proposed event.

Finding: None to knowledge.

6. Frequency of the event.

Finding: Annually.

7. Cultural or social benefits of the proposed event.

Finding: The applicant expects to attract an estimated 3,500 people in hopes of raising money for Rowan County Chamber of Commerce small business programs.

8. The effect of the activity on any adjacent residential area.

Finding: see attached map of area properties.

9. Previous violations, if any, by the applicant.

Finding: None.

10. Adjoining property owners surrounding the location are notified by the Planning Department or applicant at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to consideration by the Board of Commissioners.

Finding: The Planning Department provided mailed notice to property owners within 100 feet of the event and posted a sign on July 1st regarding this application (14 days' notice before the Board of Commissioners meeting and four weeks before the event).

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

Elaine Spalding, President of the Rowan Chamber, invited elected officials and citizens to participate in the Dragon Boat Festival.

Chairman Edds invited the public to attend this event.

On motion of Klusman, seconded by Greene, the Board voted 3-0 to approve PE 02-24.

Consider PE 03-24: High Rock Lake Summer Concert Series

Aaron Poplin, Planning Technician, said the High Rock Lake Association is requesting a Permit to Exceed (PE) for a summer concert series featuring three concerts at three different locations on High Rock Lake. Each concert will take place between 1 PM and 6 PM and is expected to attract around 500 people. The applicant anticipates music to be played for around 2-3 hours and is requesting a 1 PM to 6 PM time period for flexibility.

The first concert is proposed off a stationary pier located at 870 Deer Lake Run (parcel 614 112). The PE requested time is July 28, 2024, from 1 PM to 6PM with the music scheduled from 2PM to 5PM. The land that the pier is on will only be used by the band, organizers, and vendors. The concert goers will watch from the lake and will not be on the property.

The second concert is proposed on a floating stage to be anchored near, "Goat Island" on High Rock Lake. The PE requested time is from 1 PM to 6PM on August 18th, 2024, with rain dates of 8/17, 8/24 and 8/25.

The third concert is proposed at 257 Boat Club Ln in an empty field next to Water's Edge Restaurant (Parcel 614 008). The PE requested time is from 1PM to 6PM on September 8th, 2024, with a rain day of September 7th. This concert will have people attending both on land and in the lake.

According to Section 14-10 of the Noise Ordinance, "It shall be unlawful for any person, group, event or business to play, use or otherwise operate any sound amplification equipment (to include radio, tape player, stereos, etc.) emitting sound that is unreasonable, frequent and continued with such volume at any time on any given day of the week, in a manner which may annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of the general public. This provision is applicable when the source of the noise is plainly audible to the responding law enforcement officer at a distance of one hundred (100) feet."

However, Section 14-12 provides an opportunity to exceed the amplified sound standards in the form of a "permit to exceed" when the event is open to the public. As provided in Section 14-

12 (c) of the Rowan County Noise Ordinance, the following criteria shall be considered in issuing or denying an application for a permit to exceed:

1. The timeliness of the application

Finding: Planning Staff received this application on June 21st well in advance for consideration on July 15th.

2. The nature of the requested activity

Finding: This event is a concert series with live music for spectators to enjoy while on the waters of High Rock Lake.

3. Previous experience with the applicant.

Finding: The organizers of the concerts are the same people that organized the “Float the Goat” concert the last few years. Staff have not received any complaints from the previous events.

4. The time of the event.

Finding: The concerts will take place at the following dates and times:

- July 28 from 1PM to 6PM
- August 18 from 1 PM to 6 PM (Rain dates 8/17, 8/24/, 8/25)
- September 8th from 1 PM to 6 PM (Rain date 9/7)

5. Other activities in the vicinity of the proposed event.

Finding: None to knowledge.

6. Frequency of the event.

Finding: Annually.

7. Cultural or social benefits of the proposed event.

Finding: The applicant expects to attract an estimated 500 people to enjoy music on the lake.

8. The effect of the activity on any adjacent residential area.

Finding: see attached map of area properties.

9. Previous violations, if any, by the applicant.

Finding: None.

10. Adjoining property owners surrounding the location are notified by the Planning Department or applicant at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to consideration by the Board of Commissioners.

Finding: The Planning Department provided mailed notice to property owners within 100 feet of the event and posted a sign on July 1st regarding this application (14 days’ notice before the Board of Commissioners meeting and three weeks before the event).

Chairman Edds shared the history of the event and some of the community partners involved.

Chairman Edds opened the floor for public comment and closed it after no one wished to speak.

On motion of Klusman, seconded by Greene, the Board voted 3-0 to approve PE 03-24.

Consider FSW 02-24

Aaron Poplin, Planning Technician, said Marty Wall is requesting a family subdivision waiver to allow a family subdivision to be conveyed to a family member that does not meet the definition of an immediate family member. The property for the proposed subdivision is 2818 Old Union Church Rd. further referenced as tax parcel 607 010. Marty Wall plans to deed the new lot to his niece Kimberly Wall. It is not possible to divide parcel 607 010 with a minor subdivision. The only remaining option to divide the parcel is via family subdivision. A family subdivision will allow a 20' access easement to a new lot behind the house.

One of the reasons Rowan County adopted a Subdivision Ordinance was in response to maintenance issues often created by private roads, especially those providing access to a significant number of residences. Requirements specified new divisions could only be established on property containing sufficient public road frontage for both the new and residual lot and where new roads were constructed to meet NCDOT standards. In lieu of these options, the ordinance established a process where a property owner could convey parcels to their immediate family members for the purpose of establishing new residences.

The family subdivision waiver process provides the BoC an option to consider relaxing one or more of the family subdivision requirements in a legislative process rather than quasi-judicial (variance through the Board of Adjustment) when undue hardship may result from strict compliance. Traditionally, the BoC have considered waivers for families seeking more than three (3) new lots, or conveyance to family members outside the "immediate family". Requests are considered based on the below four (4) criteria with a simple majority needed to approve or deny.

In accordance with Section 22-54 of the Subdivision Ordinance, the BoC Should Consider the following (4) criteria and ensure the waiver "shall not be detrimental to the county and the area surrounding the subdivision". Staff provides the following comments:

- Nature of the proposed subdivision: The proposed subdivision is a family subdivision resulting in one (1) new parcel, for a total of two (2) parcels.
- Existing use of the land in the vicinity: The surrounding land uses are residential and agricultural.
- Number of persons to reside or work in the proposed subdivision: The two lots will be occupied by extended family. Each lot will be deeded as follows: Lot 1. Kimberly Wall. Residual. Marty Wall.
- Probable effect of the proposed subdivision upon traffic conditions in the vicinity: Traffic count information provided by NCDOT's Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) estimates a carrying capacity of 13,600 average vehicles per day. Staff does not anticipate the addition of one lot affecting traffic on Old Union Church Rd.

This waiver process was established to give the Board of Commissioners (BoC) the ability to waive certain requirements of the family subdivision standards in special situations. The subdivision ordinance allows for up to three new lots to be conveyed in a family subdivision

administratively, which generally addresses most circumstances in the county. Historically the BoC has only received a handful of requests for large families, but the waiver process give the BoC an opportunity to consider potential impacts and conditions of approval, if warranted.

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

Tom Brook said he represents the petitioner and said this is family land and fits within the acceptable use.

On motion of Greene, seconded by Klusman, the Board voted 3-0 to approve FSW 02-24.

Board Appointments

On motion of Greene, seconded by Klusman, the Board voted 3-0 to appoint Maurice “Marny” Hendrick to a County seat on the ABC Board.

On motion of Klusman, seconded by Greene, the Board voted 3-0 to appoint William Lucey to a Business Community seat and John Muth to a Pilot seat on the Airport Advisory Board.

On motion of Greene, seconded by Klusman, the Board voted 3-0 to appoint Michael McClain to an ETJ seat on the Kannapolis Planning Board.

On motion of Klusman, seconded by Greene, the Board voted 3-0 to appoint Jenny Salyers to an At Large seat on the Dangerous Dog Appeals Board.

On motion of Greene, seconded by Klusman, the Board voted 3-0 to appoint Charlie Ashby and Cletus Hill, Jr., to County seats on the East Gold Hill Volunteer Fire Department Fire Commission.

On motion of Klusman, seconded by Greene, the Board voted 3-0 to appoint Greg Lowe to an ETJ seat on the Granite Quarry Zoning Board - ETJ.

On motion of Klusman, seconded by Greene, the Board voted 3-0 to appoint Micah Ennis, Cindy Fink, Beth Huber, and Valerie Steele to Funded Provider seats on the Home Care and Community Block Grant Advisory Committee.

On motion of Klusman, seconded by Greene, the Board voted 3-0 to make the following appointments on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council:

- *Carol Houpe – School Superintendent seat*
- *Don Bringle – Parks and Recreation seat*
- *Jenny Lee – Non-profit Agency seat*
- *John Basinger – Juvenile Defense Attorney seat*
- *Jason Hinson – General Public seat*
- *Sara Rodriguez – General Public seat*
- *R. Todd Wyrick – General Public seat*
- *Alisa Russell – General Public seat*

- *Christian Wilson – General Public seat*

On motion of Klusman, seconded by Greene, the Board voted 3-0 to appoint Laurel Harry to an At Large seat on the Library Board.

On motion of Greene, seconded by Klusman, the Board voted 3-0 to appoint Arnold Aldridge to a County seat on the Locke Volunteer Fire Department Fire Commission.

On motion of Klusman, seconded by Greene, the Board voted 3-0 to appoint Jordan Dulaney to an At Large seat on the Rowan Transit System Advisory Board.

On motion of Klusman, seconded by Greene, the Board voted 3-0 to appoint Rodney Crider to an At Large seat on the Rowan-Cabarrus Community College Board of Trustees.

Financial Reports

Finance Director Anna Bumgarner presented the financial reports as of June 30, 2024. She compared annual cumulative expenditures, with FY 2024 equaling \$181,017,488 in June. Annual cumulative revenue is at \$197,492,522. The annual cumulative property tax was \$112,561,876 in May. In March, the annual cumulative sales tax was \$31,377,559. She compared monthly sales taxes from 2021 to 2024.

Ms. Bumgarner explained the Medicaid Hold Harmless. She described how Medicaid worked before 2008. The Medicaid Swap occurred in 2007 and was funded by counties giving up the Article 44 sales tax. She explained the changes to the Article 44 tax and the City Hold Harmless. She described the effects on counties of the County Hold Harmless. She showed a graph comparing the County's foregone sales tax and Medicaid costs paid on the County's behalf. In 2020, the sales tax was greater than what we owed, which is changing back now in 2024. Now we owe more than the sales tax we receive.

County Manager Aaron Church pointed out that changes started occurring at the same time as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms. Bumgarner explained how the Rowan County Hold Harmless amounts are calculated.

Chairman Edds said there have been many changes due to Medicaid expansion.

Adjournment

At 7:22 p.m., on motion of Greene, seconded by Klusman, the Board voted 3-0 to adjourn.

Sarah Pack, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board