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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 2, 2024 – 3:00 PM
J. NEWTON COHEN, SR. ROOM
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PRESENT:
Greg Edds, Chairman
Jim Greene, Vice-Chairman
Craig Pierce, Commissioner
Judy Klusman, Commissioner

ABSENT:
Mike Caskey, Commissioner

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

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

Swearing In of New Commissioner

The Honorable Judge Michael Adkins administered the Oath of Office to newly-elected Commissioner Craig Pierce.

Commissioner Pierce was joined by his wife and was presented with a commemorative pin. Commissioner Pierce asked constituents to please pray for newly elected Commissioner Mike Caskey, who is deployed.

Clerk's note: Commissioner Caskey was deployed before he could be sworn in and will be sworn upon his return.

Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair

Attorney Jay Dees opened the floor for nominations for Board Chairman.

Commissioner Klusman nominated Commissioner Greg Edds for Board Chairman.

On motion of Pierce, seconded by Greene, the Board voted 4-0 to close nominations and select Greg Edds as Board Chairman.

Chairman Edds nominated Commissioner Jim Greene for Vice-Chairman.

On motion of Pierce, seconded by Greene, the Board voted 4-0 to close nominations and select Jim Greene as Vice-Chairman.

<u>Consider Additions to the Agenda</u>

There were no additions to the agenda.

<u>Consider Deletions From the Agenda</u>

There were no deletions from the agenda.

<u>Consider Approval of the Agenda</u>

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

<u>Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda</u>

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

A. *Consider Approval of the Minutes - 11/18/24 Regular Meeting*

B. *Budget Amendments, as follows:*

5300- Social Services	Transfer funds to reflect donations to provide goods and services	$382,425
4125- Finance	Transfer funds for GASB 96 for contract 25048	$6,496
4125-Finance	Transfer funds to reflect funding from ADFP Grant to replace VAD signs- with donation and local match	$11,050
6100- Library	Transfer funds to reflect actual revenue from State Aide Grant funding	$2,033
4500- Rowan Area Transit	Transfer funds to record surplus vehicle sales revenue to reimburse as required by FTA Cir 9040	$105,149
4125- Finance	Transfer funds to cover purchase of vehicle for Soil & water- taxes/fees- Bed liner- vector & fuel	$5,310

C. *Authorize Satisfaction for HOME Deed of Trust*

D. *Inmate Medical Services - CBH Medical - MAT Program*

E. *GOV'T RELATIONS: Consider Renewing Federal Lobbying Contract with Strategics Consulting, LLC*

F. *Fuel Card Policy & Procedures*

G. *GRANTS: Approve ADFP Trust Fund Grant - County Extension*

H. *GRANTS: Approval for 2024 Salisbury-Rowan Community Foundation Grant awarded to ROCOC*

I. *Sole Source - Diversified Dental Staffing*

J. *Annual Bond Report*

K. Policy Revisions: 7.2 and 7.12
L. Health Department: DSO and DWO for FY23-24
M. Retire K-9
N. Second Reading for ZTA 02-24
O. Second Reading for ZTA 03-24
P. Fire Department Staffing Grants
Q. First Tryon Advisor Contract for Capital Improvement Plan
R. Lease Renewal FY25 - NC Quarter Midget Association - Revenue
S. GOV'T RELATIONS: Consider Renewal of State Lobbying Contract with McGuireWoods LLP
T. Approve Military Leave of Absence for Commissioner Mike Caskey
U. Sole Source - Care Management - Cabarrus Health Alliance

<u>Public Comment Period</u>

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, referenced a prior presentation by a Vaya Health representative and said a 10-year waiting period for services is unacceptable. He said too many injections for kids is not good. There are people in the county that need help and they may not have ten years to wait. He asked the Board to help the people.

<u>Board Appointments</u>

On motion of Greene, seconded by Pierce, the Board voted 4-0 to make the following appointments:

- *Lindsey Ward to the At Large seat on the Dangerous Dog Appeals Board*
- *Corrie Connolly to the Veterinarian Seat on the Health Board*
- *Melanie Dombrowski to the Optometrist Seat on the Health Board*
- *James Fuller to the Pharmacist Seat on the Health Board*
- *Carla Rose to the General Public Seat on the Health Board*

On motion of Klusman, seconded by Pierce, the Board voted 4-0 to make the following appointments to the Library Board:

- *Mark Helms, At Large Seat*
- *Karen Puckett, At Large Seat*
- *Anthony Sharum, At Large Seat*
- *Amanda Truell, At Large Seat*

On motion of Greene, seconded by Klusman, the Board voted 4-0 to appoint Craig Pierce to the County Commissioner seat on the Tourism Development Authority.

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

<u>Closed Session</u>

At 3:16 p.m., on motion of Pierce, seconded by Klusman, 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 November 18, 2024, as described by NCGS 143-318.10(e), NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) to consider real estate negotiations at the Mid-Carolina Regional Airport, and NCGS 143-318(a)(6) for personnel.

Resume Open Session

At 3:56 p.m. Open Session resumed.

On motion of Edds, seconded by Pierce, the Board voted to make the following personnel changes, effective as of December 8, 2024:

1. *Eliminate the Facilities Management/Parks Director position*
2. *Reclassify the Director of Environmental Services/County Engineer position at Grade 34 to Engineering Director at Grade 34 at a salary of $140,779*
3. *Reclassify the Project Manager position at Grade 25 to Parks and Recreation Director at Grade 28 at a salary of $123,115*
4. *Create a the new position of Assistant Director of Engineering at Grade 25*
5. *Reclassify the Senior Internal Auditor position at Grade 26 to Audit and Fleet Director at Grade 28 at a salary of $129,693*
6. *Reclassify the Internal Auditor position at Grade 22 to Fleet Manager at Grade 26 at a salary of $90,220*

Adjournment

At 4:02 p.m., on motion of Pierce, seconded by Greene, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn.

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Sarah Pack, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board