

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**June 6, 2011 – 3:00 PM**

**J. NEWTON COHEN, SR. ROOM**

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Present: Chad Mitchell, Chairman  
Carl Ford, Vice-Chairman  
Raymond Coltrain, Member  
Jim Sides, Member

Absent: Jon Barber, Member

County Manager Gary Page, Clerk to the Board Carolyn Athey, County Attorney Jay Dees and Finance Director Leslie Heidrick were present.

Chairman Mitchell convened the meeting at 3:00 pm.

Commissioner Coltrain provided the Invocation and also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Commissioner Sides moved, Commissioner Ford seconded and the vote to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2011 Commission Meeting passed unanimously (4-0).

**CONSIDER ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**CONSIDER DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Sides moved to delete item C from the Consent Agenda and to put the item on the June 20, 2011 agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ford.

Commissioner Sides explained that he had several questions regarding the matter and that he had not yet had the opportunity to discuss them with Emergency Services Director Frank Thomason.

The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Coltrain moved, Commissioner Ford seconded and the vote to approve the agenda passed unanimously (4-0).

**1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Sides moved approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ford and passed unanimously (4-0).

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Recommendation from Juvenile Crime Prevention Council for FY 2011-12 Funding
- B. Set Public Hearing for June 20, 2011 for CDBG Scattered Site Housing Project
- C. Equipment Grant Award and MOU For Companion Animal Mobile Equipment Trailers (CAMET) (deleted from the agenda; to be placed on the June 20, 2011 agenda)

**2. RECOGNITION OF SALISBURY HIGH SCHOOL MEN'S GOLF TEAM AS THE 2A STATE CHAMPIONS AND APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION**

Chairman Mitchell read the Proclamation recognizing Salisbury High School Men's Golf Team as the 2A State Champions. A round of applause followed the recognition.

Commissioner Ford moved, Commissioner Sides seconded and the vote to approve the Proclamation as presented passed unanimously (4-0).

Chairman Mitchell called the Coach and team members forward to present them with the Proclamation.

The Proclamation read as follows:

WHEREAS, the Salisbury High School Golf Team, under the direction of Coach Dale Snyder, is to be acknowledged and honored for its superior athletic season; and

WHEREAS, by its outstanding efforts, this team has won the Rowan County Championship and the Central Carolina Conference, both for the third straight year, and the 2A Midwest Regional Championship as it progressed to winning the 2A Men's Golf State Championship; and

WHEREAS, the team, posting a score of 580, becomes the third lowest scoring team in the state history of North Carolina High School Athletic Association golf championships for all classifications.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor the Salisbury High School Golf Team and Coach for their outstanding achievements and commends them for their display of sportsmanship and leadership as they represented Rowan County.

Another round of applause followed the presentation.

### **3. RECOGNITION OF NORTH ROWAN HIGH SCHOOL MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK TEAM AS THE 1A STATE CHAMPIONS AND APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION**

Chairman Mitchell read the Proclamation recognizing North Rowan High School Men's Outdoor Track Team as the 1A State Champions. A round of applause followed the reading.

Commissioner Ford moved, Commissioner Coltrain seconded and the vote to approve the Proclamation as presented passed unanimously (4-0).

Chairman Mitchell called the Coach and team members forward to present the Proclamation.

The Proclamation read as follows:

WHEREAS, the North Rowan High School Cavalier Outdoor Track Team, under Coach Robert Steele and Assistant Coaches James House, Phillip Bush, and Felicia Brannon is to be recognized for its outstanding 2011 track season; and

WHEREAS, by its astonishing efforts, this spectacular team has won the Rowan County Championship, Yadkin Valley Conference and the Western Regional Championship, as it progressed to winning the 1A State Outdoor Track Championship, finishing the competition with an overall score of 116 points in the track and field events; and

WHEREAS, the North Rowan High School Track Team should be commended for the numerous individual honors and for winning seven event titles; and

WHEREAS, the incredible athleticism and commitment of these young men has proven to be a source of admiration and inspiration to the citizens of Rowan County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor the North Rowan High School Outdoor Track Team and Coaching Staff for their astounding achievements and to commend them for their display of sportsmanship and leadership as they represented Rowan County.

Another round of applause followed the presentation.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Chairman Mitchell opened the Public Comment Period to entertain comments from any citizens wishing to address the Board. The following individuals came forward:

- Craig Pierce spoke regarding the upcoming budget for education and asked the Board to provide more oversight for the spending of the school system. Mr. Pierce had concerns in particular with the lack of funds for North Rowan High School.
- James Rollans discussed a fire that had occurred at his residence and he praised the volunteer firefighters that had responded. Mr. Rollans asked

the Board to remember the volunteer fire departments when allocating funds, in order to ensure the departments were provided with adequate materials and resources to do their job well.

With no one else wishing to address the Board, Chairman Mitchell closed the Public Comment Period.

##### **5. PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROJECT POLAR EXPRESS**

Rowan County Economic Development Director Robert Van Geons discussed a \$10 million proposed establishment for Granite Cold Storage, LLC that would create possibly more than 70 new jobs in Rowan County.

Mr. Van Geons said company representatives were in attendance to address any questions the Board might have.

Mr. Van Geons said the company was established in 2010 and was asking to purchase 22 acres of the 114 acre county-owned tract on Heilig Road for the project. The company planned to build a 100,000 square foot cold storage facility. The project would require extending water and sewer service to the site and construction of a new access road.

Mr. Van Geons reported that the Town of Granite Quarry had expressed an interest in applying for a CDBG grant to fund the improvements. The grant could potentially pay for as much as 75% of a total \$1 million project. The remaining 25% would be required in a local match. Mr. Van Geons stated the infrastructure would ultimately improve the remaining parcel the County would own.

Mr. Van Geons reported that the average wages paid would be \$35,000 per year.

Mr. Van Geons highlighted the initial cost estimates that had been prepared using Pease Engineering. Mr. Van Geons said the County was being asked to commit only to the sale of the land at this time and that the request to contribute for the grant's local match would be made at a later date.

The County was asked to consider selling 21.76 acres at \$15,000 per acre; the current assessed value was \$17,159 per acre. Mr. Van Geons said the company would not be able to utilize the entire tract and was requesting the right of first refusal for the adjacent 23 acres.

In response to a query from Commissioner Sides, Mr. Van Geons said the Board would decide the fair price for the remaining acreage and the company was asking to be given the right of first refusal if the County wanted to sell the property.

Due to the grant timeline, Mr. Van Geons said the company requested to be given until June 12, 2012 to close on the property to accommodate the CDBG

application process. As a condition of the sale, if the property was not developed for two (2) years, Rowan County would be given the option to buy back the land at the same price the company had paid.

Mr. Van Geons said without the County's assistance, the project would not be feasible and he then reviewed the summary of findings as listed in the agenda packet. Mr. Van Geons said Rowan County's share of the 25% CDBG local match with Granite Quarry would be \$125,000.

Commissioner Sides pointed out the company would receive a direct incentive in the amount of \$46,979 based on the current value of approximately \$17,000/acre (if the County sold the land as requested for \$15,000). Commissioner Sides said the property would be even more valuable with the improved infrastructure, which he considered an additional incentive.

Mr. Van Geons confirmed for Commissioner Sides that with the CDBG grant, the company would be liable to repay the cost of the infrastructure improvements should the company not create the jobs; however, the County would still benefit since the infrastructure would be in place.

Commissioner Sides said he wanted the company to be successful; however, he felt there should be a clawback provision in the agreement if the jobs were not created.

Commissioner Coltrain called company representative Joseph Emmons forward and asked if the company already had commitments from customers. Mr. Emmons said there were customers waiting for the company to build the facility and he confirmed that if the facility was not built, those customers would be lost. Mr. Emmons said he preferred to have the facility built by the end of 2011.

Chairman Mitchell opened the public hearing to receive citizen input regarding the project. The following individuals came forward:

- Bill Godair spoke in support of the project and expressed hope that the Board would vote to for the project to move forward.
- Brian Duncan spoke in support of the project, the benefits from job creation and the tax base. Mr. Duncan asked board to accept the proposal.

With no one else wishing to address the Board, Chairman Mitchell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Sides said the County needed nothing more than jobs and that he wanted to see the business, as well as every other business in Rowan County, be successful. Commissioner Sides said he felt incentives were wrong and that

it was not right to give incentives to some and not to all. Commissioner Sides said he could not support the incentive request.

Commissioner Coltrain moved to approve the request for the project to move forward. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ford.

Commissioner Ford said he supported the request since it would not only create jobs but also increase the value of the land and the long term tax revenue.

Upon being put to a vote, the motion on the floor passed 3-1 with Commissioner Sides dissenting.

#### **6. CONSIDER REQUEST TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 20, 2011 FOR PROJECT TREE**

Rowan County Economic Development Director Robert Van Geons asked the Board to schedule a public hearing for June 20, 2011 to consider an investment grant request from Project Tree. The proposed project would create 49 new jobs, paying an average salary exceeding \$37,000. The company would invest more than \$2.6 million in real-estate and new equipment.

Mr. Van Geons said Project Tree was an existing employer in Rowan County with approximately 200 workers at an existing location. The proposed project would be a new, separate and additional operation for the company. The company proposed to purchase, refurbish and occupy a vacant industrial building in Rowan County.

Mr. Van Geons asked the County to consider providing a performance based grant of \$765.31 per job created with a maximum grant of \$37,500.

Commissioner Coltrain moved to grant the request to set a public hearing for June 20, 2011. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ford and passed unanimously (4-0).

#### **7. CONSIDER REQUEST TO SCHEDULE QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING FOR DAVIDSON COUNTY BROADCASTING, INC.**

Chairman Mitchell said the Board had received a request to schedule a public hearing for a conditional use permit for Davidson County Broadcasting, Inc. (DCBI). The suggested action was to set the public hearing for Tuesday, July 19, 2011. Chairman Mitchell recalled the length of the public hearing in 2005 when the DCBI request was submitted and he recommended the Board hold off on setting the hearing until several issues were resolved. First, Chairman Mitchell said it had been indicated to the attorneys and parties involved that the Board would like to see a timeframe set for the public hearing. Secondly, Chairman Mitchell said both parties had hired a court reporter in 2005 to prepare verbatim minutes and that he would also like to see this as part of the agreement before the Board set the public hearing.

Commissioner Sides commented that the Board typically held one (1) meeting in the month of July. Commissioner Sides said he realized the Board was required to set the public hearing within forty-five days; however, he preferred to set the public hearing in August.

Chairman Mitchell supported setting the public hearing in August.

Commissioner Sides moved that the Board wait until word was received back from the two (2) parties before setting the public hearing.

Chairman Mitchell said Attorney Anthony Fox (legal counsel for the DCBI request) would be attending the Board's meeting on June 20, 2011. Chairman Mitchell mentioned also that the Board had received correspondence from one of the parties just prior to the current meeting and that the Clerk would be forwarding the information to the Board as soon as possible.

#### **8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MOU WITH RUFTY HOLMES SENIOR CENTER**

County Manager Gary Page said he had been working with Ruffy Holmes Senior Center (RHSC) Executive Director Rick Eldridge since December in an effort to merge services for seniors. Mr. Page said the basic terms were listed in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in the agenda packets and if approved, would become effective July 1, 2011.

Mr. Page said Commissioner Sides had questioned item #7 in regards to providing an advance of \$100,000 to RHSC. Mr. Page said the advance was strictly for cash flow and after further discussions with Mr. Eldridge and Rowan County Finance Director Leslie Heidrick, he now felt item #7 could be stricken from the MOU.

Ms. Heidrick explained that the County pays a little over \$238,000 with the \$60,000 county appropriation, plus rent. Ms. Heidrick said instead of giving RHSC one-twelfth of the \$238,000 each month, the County could give RHSC \$100,000 in advance and pay one-twelfth of the remaining amount each month.

Commissioner Sides felt the option described by Ms. Heidrick was a better alternative since the County would be using funds that would be available to RHSC anyway.

Commissioner Sides moved approval of the MOU with the deletion of item #7. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ford.

Commissioner Coltrain said he would vote in favor of the MOU with gratitude to RHSC and staff. Commissioner Coltrain expressed hope that in the future the County would allow their staff to participate in the County's health insurance at their expense.

Upon being put to a vote, the motion on the floor passed unanimously (4-0).

### **9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF STADIUM TRANSFER DOCUMENTS**

County Attorney Jay Dees reported that since he had sent the stadium transfer documents to the Board, he had heard back from Wally Safrit, Attorney for the City of Kannapolis regarding several minor changes. Mr. Dees said he would resubmit the final redline version reflecting the changes back to the Board. Mr. Dees said one of the changes would reflect the first year's payment to be \$1800 instead of \$1600. Mr. Dees said the documents were acceptable to Kannapolis, subject to minor revisions.

Commissioner Coltrain moved to approve the documents with the necessary changes and move forward with the project.

Commissioner Sides outlined several changes that should be made and Mr. Dees said he would clear up the language.

Commissioner Sides seconded the motion based on the two (2) changes he had mentioned, and the other changes the Attorney had in mind.

Commissioner Coltrain agreed to the changes.

Upon being put to a vote, the motion on the floor passed unanimously (4-0).

### **10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Finance Director Leslie Heidrick presented the following budget amendments for the Board's consideration:

- Finance – To budget the Homeland Security Grant for a training exercise - \$2700
- Finance – Increase ambulance fee revenues and expenditures based upon additional collections - \$87,250
- Emergency Services – Donation from citizen - \$25
- Library – Additional revenue for gifts (to be used for Teen Programming) - \$1,000
- Social Services – Budget the value of Surplus Commodities received from the Department of Agriculture - \$132,553
- Finance – Revise fire department budget to allow for increased collections - \$16,000

Commissioner Sides moved approval of the budget amendments as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ford and passed unanimously (4-0).



## **11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

### **Charlotte Regional Partnership Board**

Steve Fisher completed his allowable terms and Hayes Smith submitted an application for consideration. The term would be for one (1) year beginning, July 1, 2011 and expiring June 30, 2012.

Commissioner Ford nominated Hayes Smith and the nomination carried unanimously (4-0).

### **Board of Social Services**

In accordance with North Carolina General Statute § 108A-4, Carl Ford sought reappointment to this Board. The term would be for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2011 and expiring June 30, 2014.

Commissioner Sides nominated Commissioner Ford and the nomination passed unanimously (4-0).

### **Airport Advisory Board**

There are two (2) vacancies and the following applications were received:

- Ronald Steelman for reappointment
- Lawrence Macon

The terms would be for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2011 and expiring June 30, 2014.

Commissioner Sides said he would like to delay the Airport Advisory Board appointment to June 20, 2011. Commissioner Sides said the appointment was not critical and there would be no ramifications for waiting.

Commissioner Coltrain said he wanted to ensure the Commissioners would not be putting either of the applicants at a disadvantage by waiting and Chairman Mitchell responded that their applications would still be considered.

### **Juvenile Crime Prevention Council**

Lynn Richards submitted an application for reappointment. The term would be for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2011, expiring June 30, 2014.

Commissioner Sides nominated Lynn Richards and the nomination carried unanimously (4-0).

### **Region F Aging Advisory Committee**

Leah McFee, who had been serving as an alternate, submitted an application to serve as a delegate. The term would be for two (2) years, beginning July 1, 2011 and expiring June 30, 2013.

Barbara Gaul submitted an application to serve as an alternate. The term would be for one (1) year, beginning July 1, 2011 and expiring June 30, 2012.

Commissioner Sides nominated Leah McFee as a delegate and Barbara Gaul as an alternate. The nominations passed unanimously (4-0).

### **PBH**

William (Bill) Burgin submitted an application for reappointment. The term would be for three (3) years, beginning July 1, 2011 and expiring June 30, 2014.

Commissioner Coltrain nominated Bill Burgin and the nomination failed 2-2, with Commissioners Ford and Sides dissenting.

Chairman Mitchell said the appointment would be brought back to the Board when there could be a tie-breaking vote.

### **Rowan County Tourism Development Authority**

Jarrett Chandler completed his allowable number of terms and Jeanie Moore submitted an application for consideration. The term would be for two (2) years, beginning July 1, 2011 and expiring June 30, 2013.

Commissioner Coltrain nominated Jeanie Moore and the nomination carried unanimously.

### **Rowan Transit System Advisory Committee**

Three (3) applications were submitted for five vacancies:

- Elizabeth Batson (reappointment) – A requirement for the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) is representation from a Mental Health Agency who receives funds for Rowan County clients. Ms. Batson, a Cabarrus County resident, represents PBH as a recipient of EDTAP funding through RTS.
- Kimberly Miller (reappointment) – Represents the TAB requirement for the Department of Social Services.
- William Feathers – Represents the TAB requirement for town officials.

Commissioner Sides nominated Elizabeth Batson, Kimberly Miller and William Feathers and the nominations passed unanimously (4-0).

### **Atwell Township VFD Fire Commissioners**

There are three (3) vacancies and the following applications were submitted:

- Dale Burgess
- Edgar Overcash

The terms would be for two (2) years beginning July 1, 2011 and expiring June 30, 2013.

Commissioner Sides nominated Dale Burgess and Edgar Overcash. The nominations carried unanimously (4-0).

### **Miller Ferry VFD Fire Commissioners**

There are three (3) vacancies and applications were received from the following:

- William McKinney for reappointment
- John Franklin Gobble for reappointment
- Ernest R. Shepherd, Sr.

The terms would be for two (2) years, beginning July 1, 2011 and expiring June 30, 2013.

Commissioner Sides nominated William McKinney, John Franklin Gobble and Ernest Shepherd. The nominations passed unanimously (4-0).

### **Locke VFD Fire Commissioners**

There were two (2) vacancies and the following applications were received:

- Robert "Bob" Himes for reappointment
- James "Jim" Basinger
- Sam Sobataka

The terms were for two (2) years, beginning July 1, 2011 and expiring June 30, 2013.

Commissioner Sides nominated Bob Himes and Sam Sobataka. The nomination passed unanimously.

### **RECESS**

Chairman Mitchell called for a recess at 4:05 pm.

Chairman Mitchell reconvened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

### **12. PUBLIC HEARING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED FY 2011-12 BUDGETS FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

Chairman Mitchell opened the public hearing to receive citizen input on the proposed FY 2011-12 budgets for the Rowan County volunteer fire departments (VFD). The following individuals came forward:

1. Mark Stout, a resident and also a Fire Commissioner for the West Rowan District, commended the department in his area for its work and for the time the volunteers must spend away from their families responding to wrecks and fires. Mr. Stout discussed the department's budget and expressed hope the budget would be approved.
2. Jerry Dudley, Chair of the Board of Directors for Ellis Cross Country Volunteer Fire Department, said the Board was asking for a slight increase

for the department, as costs for maintaining the department continued to increase. Mr. Dudley asked the Board to vote in the affirmative to support the department's position.

Commissioner Sides asked if there was anyone present from the Atwell VFD and Fire Chief Tim Beaver came forward.

Commissioner Sides asked Mr. Beaver if Atwell VFD had received a letter from the Rowan County Finance Department requesting the Department's budget information for 2010-11.

Finance Director Leslie Heidrick explained that the County had not yet received the Department's budget, which was due no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Heidrick said the Finance Department had to use Atwell VFD 2009 figures since the audit had not been received.

Mr. Beaver said he had just been appointed as Chief in August of 2010 and that he was still in the learning process. Mr. Beaver said his board had voted to give the Department's information to Cynthia Thomas, a certified public accountant, to prepare. Mr. Beaver said the information would probably not be available by the Commissioners June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting; however, he said he would do his best to push it through. Mr. Beaver assured the Board the situation would be corrected.

Commissioner Sides asked if anyone was in attendance from the Liberty West VFD and Darren Trexler came forward.

In response to a query from Commissioner Sides, Mr. Trexler said the remaining information from the Department should be received by the end of the week.

With no one else wishing to address the Board, Chairman Mitchell closed the public hearing.

Chairman Mitchell asked if the Board wished to formally decide whether to cast straw votes on June 20, 2011 or to cast them before/after the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Commissioner Sides said he did not feel the Board would have three (3) votes for the budget tonight. Commissioner Sides said he understood there would be a full Board in attendance on June 20, 2011.

Chairman Mitchell asked if the Board wanted to put a discussion on the June 20<sup>th</sup> agenda. Commissioner Coltrain responded that he felt the Board should discuss the budget on the 20<sup>th</sup> in the event a time needed to be scheduled afterwards.

County Manager Gary Page suggested the Board hold a work session on June 20<sup>th</sup> prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.

Commissioner Coltrain moved to hold a budget work session beginning at 4:00 pm on Monday, June 20, 2011. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ford and passed unanimously (4-0).

Commissioner Coltrain said in reviewing VFD budgets, he had noticed the departments were “holding the line.” Commissioner Coltrain pointed out volunteerism was “almost dead.” Commissioner Coltrain encouraged departments to hold an event annually that would encourage young people to and reinstate the desire to serve on the VFD. Commissioner Coltrain expressed appreciation for those who serve.

Commissioner Mitchell asked for a show of hands from those in audience who were in support of the fire tax rate as recommended by their respective department. A large number of hands were raised.

Chairman Mitchell asked if there was anyone in attendance that was in opposition to the fire tax rate as recommended by their respective department and no hands were raised.

***Chairman Mitchell called for a recess at 5:45 pm. Chairman Mitchell reconvened the meeting at 7:00 pm.***

### **13. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY 2011-12 GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

Before opening the public hearing regarding the proposed FY 2011-12 General Fund Budget, Chairman Mitchell pointed out the fire exits and discussed the building code that governed how many people were allowed in the meeting room. Chairman Mitchell announced that no decisions would be made tonight. Chairman Mitchell said the Board would be as fair as possible in allowing the citizens that had signed up to speak. Chairman Mitchell said the Board intended to stop at 9:00 pm and he then provided instructions for those wishing to speak.

Chairman Mitchell opened the public hearing to receive citizen input regarding the proposed FY 2011-12 General Fund budget. The following individuals came forward:

1. Dr. Jim Emerson spoke in support of funding for the school system.
2. Gene Miller spoke in support of funding for the school system.
3. Dylan Eagle spoke in support of funding for the school system.
4. Lisa Altmann spoke in support of funding for the school system.
5. Joshua Price spoke in support of funding for the school system.
6. Rebecca Julian spoke in support of funding for the school system.
7. Dr. Richard Miller spoke in support of funding for the school system.  
(Provided a handout to the Clerk for the Board).
8. Marian G. Thompson spoke in support of funding for the school system.
9. Kristy Rhowe spoke in support of funding for the school system.

10. Teresa Ward spoke in support of funding for the school system.
11. Leland Chapman spoke in support of funding for the school system.
12. Dr. George Jackson spoke in support of continued funding for the Salisbury Rowan Human Relations Council.
13. Joy Jenkins sang a song in support of funding for the school system.
14. Laura Kerr showed a video and spoke in support of funding for the school system.
15. Regina Bass spoke in support of funding for the school system.
16. Don Coggins spoke in support of funding for the school system.
17. Whayne Hougland spoke in support of continued funding for the Salisbury Rowan Human Relations Council.
18. Betty Jo Hardy spoke in support of continued funding for the Salisbury Rowan Human Relations Council.
19. Mitch Seigel spoke in support of continued funding for the Salisbury Rowan Human Relations Council.
20. Reverend Dr. Fleming Hotey spoke in support of continued funding for the Salisbury Rowan Human Relations Council.
21. Mary Frances Edens spoke in support of continued funding for the Salisbury Rowan Human Relations Council.
22. Rod Whedbee discussed the overall budget, which he said was about “people” and not about government. Mr. Whedbee said government could no longer spend what it did not have and he encouraged the Board to reevaluate policies that discouraged new business.
23. Steve Poteat urged the Board to exercise fiscal discipline and to consider the taxpayers and not raise taxes.
24. Jodie Zucchero spoke in support of funding for the school system. (Provided the Clerk with a handout for the Board).
25. Marae Reid spoke in support of continued funding for the Salisbury Rowan Human Relations Council.
26. Tracy Walser spoke in support of funding for the school system.
27. Branson Pethel spoke in support of funding for the school system.
28. Susan Herrington spoke in support of funding for the school system.
29. Dorothy Earle spoke in support of the school system using its fund balance to make up for budget shortfalls.
30. Kristin Hodges spoke in support of funding for the school system.
31. David Setzer spoke in support of funding for the school system.
32. Mackie McBroom felt the school system’s current budget was sufficient and that the school system should have more accountability as to how funds were spent.
33. Marina Bare asked the Board not to increase taxes and to balance its budget.
34. John Bare felt funds should be taken from the school system’s fund balance to fund the school system.
35. Brian Whilson spoke in support of funding for the school system.

Chairman Mitchell called for a recess at 8:38 pm.

Chairman Mitchell reconvened the meeting at 8:44 pm.

36. Dr. George Jackson spoke in support of continued funding for the Salisbury Rowan Human Relations Council.
37. Dr. Jerry Chandler said local funding from the County had not kept pace with growth and he asked the Board to consider helping Rowan Cabarrus Community College make up the deficit in the future when funds were available.
38. Larry Wright asked the Board to require the school system to use some of its fund balance and to also look at making more cuts to the nonprofits.
39. Scott Aldridge spoke in support of funding for the school system.
40. Scotty Adcock spoke in support of funding for the school system.
41. Kaye Brown spoke in support of funding for the school system.
42. David Silverstrim spoke in support of funding for the school system.
43. Michael Lambe felt there should be sacrifices at the school administrative level and he asked the Board to cut where possible, while keeping the good teachers.
44. Ginger Cartwright spoke in support of funding for the school system.
45. Theresa Pierce spoke in support of funding for the school system.
46. Darlene Blount said the concerns heard from the teachers were genuine and that she felt the quality of education came from good teachers. Ms. Blount said due to the economy, there needed to be a "meeting of the minds."
47. Maria del Reyes Bravo spoke in support of funding for the school system.
48. Tina Hall felt that since the school system had a generous fund balance, the Board should reinstate the teachers supply money and give the teachers the funds needed in the classroom.
49. Sherry Wilson Boyd spoke in support of funding for the school system.
50. Pete Teague spoke in support of funding for the school system.
51. John Jordan spoke in support of funding for the school system.

Chairman Mitchell thanked everyone for their input and cooperation during the public hearing. With no one else wishing to address the Board, Chairman Mitchell closed the public hearing.

#### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Coltrain moved to adjourn at 9:27 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ford and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Athey, CMC, NCCCC  
Clerk to the Board/Assistant to the County Manager