

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM ON MAY 10, 2012 AT 9:30 A.M.

**PRESENT: CHAIRMAN JULIUS OWENS
VICE CHAIRMAN WILLIAM ECKLER
SUSAN CROWE
EDDIE HOLLAND
ROGER RICHARD**

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Owens called the special meeting to order.

BUDGET 2012 – 2013/SOLID WASTE

County Manager Carl Classen reviewed information regarding the budget of the Solid Waste Department which has remained flat. The vehicle replacement plan discussed at a previous meeting will also be applied to this department. An item for discussion at the June 4 meeting will be repairs to the Solid Waste Transfer Station.

Assistant Finance Director Chris Roberts told the Board that it is recommended that vehicles in the Solid Waste Department be funded internally. The cost will be \$350,000 over a five year period for a total of \$1,750,000. All purchases of equipment in this department will not necessarily be new equipment due to the use of the equipment.

County Manager Carl Classen said holes in the transfer station floor are causing problems, and part of the problem will be fixing it. The transfer station will have to remain open even while the repairs are being made.

Engineer David Garrett said there are environmental concerns associated with the problem. The floor will have to be carved out, soil will have to be replaced underneath the floor, and concrete will have to be replaced with reinforced thicker concrete. The time frame will be three to four months. An addition which will have to be constructed to handle the waste stream will be used as a recycling center following the completion of the project.

Chairman Owens expressed his concern about the condition of the present building and the need for accountability from county employees about their treatment of the facility. Mr. Garrett assured Commissioners that the building is structurally sound. The damage is only cosmetic.

The Board then discussed financing of the project which will be approximately \$560,000. Manager Classen said he would provide several options for the Board's consideration at the June 4 meeting which will include using the capital reserve savings, borrowing from savings and paying back over 10 years, and using outside financing for 10 years.

Mr. Garrett also asked for clarification about construction of the extra building that would be used during the construction period. The Board agreed that the extra building would be needed.

RECESS

10:32 A.M. - Recess
10:42 A.M. - Reconvene

EMS

Commissioner Crowe asked EMS Director Richard Pettus why other EMS vehicles often respond along with ambulances to emergency calls. Mr. Pettus replied that on certain calls, a supervisor is dispatched in a backup vehicle other than an ambulance to avoid typing up another ambulance.

Commissioner Richard asked how Rutherford County's EMS would handle integrating county rescue squads for basic life support transports. According to Mt. Pettus, this would involve meeting with the rescue squads as all have indicated their group is willing to change hours. It would be a matter of working out details.

Manager Classen said the county is currently funding these rescue squads under special appropriations, but the rescue squads are generating revenue for the transports. He asked that a straw poll be taken regarding including the rescue squads in the transports by the county.

MEETING/CANCELLATION

The consensus of the Board was to cancel special meetings scheduled for May 14, 2012 and May 17, 2012.

CLOSED SESSION/INDUSTRIAL LOCATION/N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4)

A motion was made by Commissioner Crowe to go into Closed Session. Following a second by Vice Chairman Eckler, the vote of approval was unanimous.

11:09 A.M. - The Board went into Closed Session.
11:19 A.M. - The Board returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Crowe moved to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Vice Chairman Eckler, and the vote of approval was unanimous.

11:20 A.M. - Adjourned.

Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Vice Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Clerk, Board of Commissioners