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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 2, 2022 – 3:00 PM

J. NEWTON COHEN, SR. ROOM

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Present: Greg Edds, Chairman
Jim Greene, Vice-Chairman
Mike Caskey, Member
Craig Pierce, Member
Judy Klusman, Member

County Manager Aaron Church, Clerk to the Board Carolyn Barger, County Attorney Jay Dees, and Finance Director James Howden were also present.

Chairman Edds convened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Chaplain Michael Taylor provided the Invocation.

Chairman Edds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDER ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Chairman Edds moved to add a Proclamation to Recognize National Economic Development Week in Rowan County (EDC) as agenda item #2F.
- Commissioner Greene moved to add a Closed Session for approval of the minutes of the Closed Session held on April 4, 2022 and for attorney-client privileged communication.

Upon being put to a vote, approval of the additions passed unanimously.

CONSIDER DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

Chairman Edds requested the deletion of agenda item #4.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Klusman moved, Commissioner Pierce seconded and the vote to approve the agenda as amended passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Greene moved, Commissioner Klusman seconded and the vote to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2022 Commission Meeting passed unanimously.

1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Klusman moved approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Greene and passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Cooperative Extension/ Robertson Foundation Grants
- B. Corporate Hangar Lease for Retail Business Solutions
- C. Approval of a Sole-Source Purchase of Fan from Big A** Fans
- D. Request to Award Sidearm to Retiring Master Deputy Scott Hylton

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 20-187.2 provides that the governing body of a local law enforcement agency may, in its discretion, award to a retiring member the service handgun of the retiring member; and

WHEREAS, Master Deputy Scott Hylton has served as a member of the Rowan County Sheriff's Office since June 28, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Master Deputy Scott Hylton is retiring from the Rowan County Sheriff's Office effective April 29, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rowan County Board of Commissioners to allow Master Deputy Scott Hylton to purchase his service sidearm in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute § 20-187.2 for the purchase price of \$1.

- E. Contract New Path Youth Services, Inc. for DSS
- F. Schedule Public Hearing for Z 04-22: Red Rock Developments, LLC. for May 16, 2022
- G. Schedule Public Hearing for Z 01-22
- H. Amendment to EMS Management and Consultant Contract
- I. Health Department Contract With Illumined Leadership Solutions
- J. Amendment 1 to Federal Engineering Contract
- K. Award of RFP for Project 25 to Motorola
- L. Release RFP for Youngs Mountain Tower and Shelter
- M. Release SOR for Public Safety Radio Communications System Enhancements
- N. Carolina Recording Services Upgrade Contract
- O. Bi-Weekly Environmental Health Report

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A. PROCLAMATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK

Commissioner Caskey moved approval of the Proclamation for Law Enforcement Week, which he read as follows:

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a Presidential Proclamation that set aside May 15th as National Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the week of May 10-16 as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of all the law enforcements agencies in Rowan County play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards and sacrifices of their law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, members of our law enforcement agencies recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers, past and present, have faithfully and loyally rendered a dedicated service to this County and have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation to preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 15-21, 2022 as LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners calls upon all citizens of Rowan County to observe May 19, 2022 as PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community, or, have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

The motion to approve the Proclamation was seconded by Commissioner Greene and carried unanimously.

The Board called Chief David Ramsay with the Rowan County Sheriff's Department forward for a photograph and presentation of the Proclamation.

B. PROCLAMATION TO ESTABLISH MAY AS SHIELD-A-BADGE WITH PRAYER AWARENESS MONTH

Commissioner Caskey read the Proclamation to Establish Shield-A-Badge With Prayer Awareness Month, which he moved approval of as follows:

WHEREAS, the Shield-A-Badge With Prayer Program works to affirm the commitment of Rowan County Law Enforcement Officers and encourages citizen awareness and appreciation for these officers; and

WHEREAS, the program invites citizens to commit to pray for an officer every day for one year and to send birthday cards and notes of thanks to these officers; and

WHEREAS, through the generosity of individuals, businesses and churches that have donated services and fundraisers, 10,500 Bibles, 4,000 Shield-A-Badge Bible Promise Books and 11,000 New Testaments have been purchased to be given away; and

WHEREAS, the Shield-A-Badge With Prayer program began in 1995 in Rowan County, by Chaplain Michael Taylor and has begun to expand statewide, reaching out to other counties, municipalities, colleges, hospitals, correctional facilities, 911 communicators, probations officers, animal control officers, state highway patrol troopers, fire departments, Clerk of Court employees, magistrates, judges, District Attorney's Office, County Commissioners, sheriffs, and attorneys; and

WHEREAS, through the dedication and travels of Chaplain Taylor, counties from across the state are receiving encouragement and training for chaplains.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners does hereby establish the month of May as Shield-A-Badge With Prayer Awareness Month.

The motion to approve the Proclamation was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed unanimously.

Rowan County Sheriff's Chaplain Michael Taylor came forward to receive the Proclamation and have a photograph taken with the Commissioners. A round of applause followed the recognition.

Chaplain Taylor thanked the Commissioners and citizens for their support of the Program and for their prayers for law enforcement officers. Chaplain Taylor said the Month of May was the time for people to renew their commitment to pray for officers and he reported there were approximately 500 prayer partners participating in the Program.

C. PROCLAMATION HONORING LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE 2022 CIAA SOUTHERN DIVISION GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

Before reading the Proclamation, Chairman Edds welcomed Dr. Jimmy Jenkins, President of Livingstone College, along with Dr. Tony Davis to the meeting.

Chairman Edds read the Proclamation Honoring Livingstone College 2022 CIAA Southern Division Golf Championship Team, which he moved approval of as follows:

WHEREAS, Livingstone College's Golf Team, under Head Coach Andre Springs and Assistant Coach Titus Okwong, is hereby recognized and honored for its extraordinary 2022 golf season; and

WHEREAS, this dynamic and talented team of Blue Bears won the 2022 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Golf Championship Title with the exceptional efforts of Senior Xavier Proctor, Senior Ronald Otile, Junior Joel Basalaine, Junior Emmanuel Jakisa, Senior Colline Ajidra, Freshman Ibrahim Aliga, Junior Austin Goode, Sophomore Austin Murphy, and Senior William T.J. Gardner; and

WHEREAS, individual and deserving superlatives were also earned by Coach Springs as the 2022 CIAA Coach of the Year, and Xavier Proctor as the 2022 CIAA Golf Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the amazing talent and commitment of these young men, along with their coaching staff, is to be admired for their remarkable and victorious season.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor the Livingstone College Golf Team and Coaching Staff for their triumphant season and commends them for their display of sportsmanship and leadership as they represented Rowan County.

Chairman Edds expressed appreciation for the leadership of the golf team and he continued by highlighting the team's accomplishments for the season.

President Jenkins and Dr. Davis joined the Board in front of the dais for presentation of the Proclamation and to take a photograph. Dr. Jenkins said he was proud to represent the College as its 12th President and he praised the golf team members for their academic and athletic talents.

Next, Chairman Edds called Coach Andre Springs and Assistant Coach Titus Okwong forward. Coach Springs talked about how he had undergone surgery and how Coach Okwong had taken over the team and guided them to the Championship.

Coach Okwong said it had been an honor to step up and help the team. Coach Okwong then introduced and praised each team member as they came forward to receive the Proclamation.

The golf team and Livingstone Staff posed for photographs with the Commissioners. A round of applause followed the presentation.

The motion to approve the Proclamation was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed unanimously.

D. PROCLAMATION FOR MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH

Chairman Edds read the Proclamation for Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month, which he moved approval of as follows:

WHEREAS, motorcycle riding is a popular form of recreation and transportation for thousands of citizens across North Carolina and Rowan County; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has over 195,000 registered motorcycles; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the citizens of North Carolina be aware of motorcycles on our roadways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety through motorcycle awareness programs like those promoted by the Concerned Bikers Association (CBA) or programs offered during driver's education classes in area high schools; and

WHEREAS, Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Month is designed to increase public awareness about motorcycles and to encourage their safe and proper use among motorcycle riders and to encourage other motor vehicle operators to be cautious and observe motorcycles, especially during their seasonal return to our streets and highways; and

WHEREAS, the safe operation of a motorcycle is enhanced through a combination of rider training and experience, good judgment, and motorist awareness of motorcycles sharing the roads of Rowan County and North Carolina, the Charlotte CBA, Rowan-Cabarrus CBA, and the Concerned Bikers Association of North Carolina urge motorists in the County of Rowan to "Look Twice and Save a Life" MAY = Motorcycle Awareness & YOU

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize the month of May 2022 as Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Month in Rowan County, North Carolina, and urges all citizens to be cautious and to help create an awareness of motorcyclists who share the road.

The motion for approval of the Proclamation was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed unanimously.

Chairman Edds recognized Catherine Terwilliger, Director of Safety Education and Awareness, and the Lead Instructor of the North Carolina Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program, who came forward to receive the Proclamation. After taking a photograph with the Board, Ms. Terwilliger shared information pertaining to the laws in North Carolina, which required students to learn about motorcycle safety and awareness as part of the student drivers educational program.

ADDITION

PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK IN ROWAN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA FROM MAY 9 THROUGH MAY 13, 2022

At this time, Commissioner Greene moved approval of the Proclamation, which he read as follows:

WHEREAS, the Rowan Economic Development Council is dedicated to promoting and facilitating business retention and strategic business growth in Rowan County; and

WHEREAS, the Rowan Economic Development Council works closely with county and municipal officials, current and prospective business leaders, and education administrators to work towards the overall betterment of Rowan County; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council created the first Economic Development Week in 2016, and this week-long celebration and recognition of the importance of economic development will be recognized across the globe.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize the week of May 9 through May 13, 2022, as Economic Development Week, and reminds individuals of the importance of this community celebration which supports expanding career opportunities and making lives better.

The motion to approve the Proclamation was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed unanimously.

Rod Crider, Executive Director of the Rowan Economic Development Council (EDC), along with the EDC Staff came forward to receive the Proclamation and to have a photograph taken with the Board.

Chairman Edds expressed appreciation for the EDC Staff and for their success in bringing businesses and jobs to Rowan County.

Mr. Crider mentioned the recent Macy's groundbreaking and presented the Board with a ceremonial shovel from the event. Mr. Crider thanked the Board for the County's support of the EDC. Mr. Crider reported Macy's was the largest project yet for the

County and Macy's would bring 2800 new employees and \$600 million in new capital investment.

E. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

Commissioner Klusman read the Proclamation for Emergency Medical Services Week, which she moved approval of as follows:

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services have grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.

NOW, THEREFORE the Rowan County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of May 15-21, 2022, as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK with the EMS Strong theme, THIS IS EMS: Caring for Our Communities, and encourages the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed unanimously.

Staff from the County's EMS team joined the Board in front of the dais to take a photograph and for presentation of the Proclamation.

Commissioner Klusman extended a special thank you to TJ Brown, EMS Division Chief, and all EMS Staff for all their hard work during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The presentation was followed by a round of applause.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

- Connie Byrne, 216 Goldston Street in Kannapolis, expressed appreciation to the Commissioners for their commitment to doing what is best for the County.

With no one else coming forward, Chairman Edds closed the Public Comment Period.

4. REAL ESTATE PURCHASE CONTRACT FOR ROWAN-SALISBURY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Note: This item was deleted from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

5. CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR (GREAT GRANT) BROADBAND EXPANSION FUNDING

Randy Cress, Assistant County Manager and Chief Information Officer, stated there were three (3) different internet service providers (applicants) participating in the meeting. Mr. Cress said the three (3) requests to be heard were in addition to an internet provider the Board had already approved (Yadtel).

Mr. Cress reported the State Broadband Infrastructure Office was the issuing authority for the Grant to be discussed and he expressed hope the Grant would be awarded to one of the applicants. Mr. Cress said each provider would highlight the services they provided, the areas of coverage and the requested amount of American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funding the applicant needed to have matched.

The three (3) internet service providers and presenters were as follows:

1. Charter Spectrum - Brian Gregory, Vice President of Government Affairs with Charter Communications, participated in the meeting remotely and requested a partnership with Rowan County in the amount of \$100,000 in ARPA funding.
2. Conterra Networks, Polly Gifford, Business Development Lead, also participated remotely. Ms. Gifford said Conterra Networks sought a partnership with the County for a total ARPA contribution not to exceed \$250,000.
3. OpenBroadband - Nick Steward, Area Manager for Western NC, along with CEO Alan Fitzpatrick were in attendance. Mr. Steward said the Company wished to partner with the County for a total ARPA contribution not to exceed \$538,000.

Each presenter provided a power point and also provided the Board with the opportunity for a question and answer period at the conclusion of the presentation.

Mr. Cress provided a resolution for each of the above companies and asked the Board to consider adopting the resolutions, as presented, that would conditionally allocate up to \$1,987,137 of County ARPA funds to be designated toward the GREAT Grant applicants if awarded by the NCDIT State Broadband Infrastructure Office (SBIO).

While there can be multiple submissions, the SBIO would evaluate and score all submissions from Internet Service Providers and Rowan County would only contribute ARPA funding to the maximum of \$1,987,137 to the awarded Internet Service Provider (ISP).

Commissioner Klusman moved, Commissioner Pierce seconded and the vote to approve the resolutions as distributed passed unanimously.

The approved resolutions were as follows:

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS:

WHEREAS, Broadband service is vital to the economic development of Rowan County; and

WHEREAS, The American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") provided funding to Rowan County, which can be used to promote broadband services; and

WHEREAS, Rowan County has authorized a total ARPA contribution not to exceed \$100,000 for promotion of broadband services for any and all potential broadband partnerships; and

WHEREAS, Charter Communications is a retail provider of communications services including the provision of broadband services to portions of Rowan County; and

WHEREAS, intends to apply for a grant under the North Carolina Growing Rural Areas Through Access Through Technology Act ("GREAT Act") to provide broadband services to identified unserved areas of Rowan County; and

WHEREAS, Rowan County strongly supports the grant application of Charter Communications; and

WHEREAS, if Charter Communications is selected by the North Carolina Broadband Infrastructure Office to receive State Fiscal Recovery Funds for the Rowan County project, then Rowan County will contribute a portion of its ARPA funds, up to \$100,000, to support the project based on the total amount awarded by the state; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure to be completed shall be owned and operated by Charter Communications.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Rowan County Board of Commissioners that:

1. Rowan County offers a partnership agreement to Charter Communications for the expressed purpose of supporting Charter Communications' GREAT Act application to construct fiber to the home broadband services for specified unserved areas of Rowan County as agreed upon by the County and Charter Communications.
2. Should the GREAT grant application be successfully awarded to Charter Communications, Rowan County shall contribute their match portion, up to \$100,000, from the County's ARPA funds to the project.
3. The broadband services and infrastructure related thereto shall be owned and operated by Charter Communications.

CONTERRA NETWORKS:

WHEREAS, Broadband service is vital to the economic development of Rowan County; and

WHEREAS, The American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") provided funding to Rowan County, which can be used to promote broadband services; and

WHEREAS, Rowan County has authorized a total ARPA contribution not to exceed \$250,000 for promotion of broadband services for any and all potential broadband partnerships; and

WHEREAS, Conterra Networks is a retail provider of communications services including the provision of broadband services to portions of Rowan County; and

WHEREAS, intends to apply for a grant under the North Carolina Growing Rural Areas Through Access Through Technology Act ("GREAT Act") to provide broadband services to identified unserved areas of Rowan County; and

WHEREAS, Rowan County strongly supports the grant application of Conterra Networks; and

WHEREAS, if Conterra Networks is selected by the North Carolina Broadband Infrastructure Office to receive State Fiscal Recovery Funds for the Rowan County project, then Rowan County will contribute a portion of its ARPA funds, up to \$250,000, to support the project based on the total amount awarded by the state; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure to be completed shall be owned and operated by Conterra Networks.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Rowan County Board of Commissioners that:

1. Rowan County offers a partnership agreement to Conterra Networks for the expressed purpose of supporting Conterra Networks' GREAT Act application to construct fiber to the home broadband services for specified unserved areas of Rowan County as agreed upon by the County and Conterra Networks.
2. Should the GREAT grant application be successfully awarded to Conterra Networks, Rowan County shall contribute their match portion, up to \$250,000, from the County's ARPA funds to the project.
3. The broadband services and infrastructure related thereto shall be owned and operated by Conterra Networks.

OPEN BROADBAND:

WHEREAS, Broadband service is vital to the economic development of Rowan County; and

WHEREAS, The American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") provided funding to Rowan County, which can be used to promote broadband services; and

WHEREAS, Rowan County has authorized a total ARPA contribution not to exceed \$538,000 for promotion of broadband services for any and all potential broadband partnerships; and

WHEREAS, OpenBroadband, LLC is a retail provider of communications services including the provision of broadband services to portions of Rowan County; and

WHEREAS, intends to apply for a grant under the North Carolina Growing Rural Areas Through Access Through Technology Act ("GREAT Act") to provide broadband services to identified unserved areas of Rowan County; and

WHEREAS, Rowan County strongly supports the grant application of OpenBroadband, LLC; and

WHEREAS, if OpenBroadband, LLC is selected by the North Carolina Broadband Infrastructure Office to receive State Fiscal Recovery Funds for the Rowan County project, then Rowan County will contribute a portion of its ARPA funds, up to \$538,000, to support the project based on the total amount awarded by the state; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure to be completed shall be owned and operated by OpenBroadband, LLC.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Rowan County Board of Commissioners that:

1. Rowan County offers a partnership agreement to OpenBroadband, LLC for the expressed purpose of supporting OpenBroadband, LLC' GREAT Act application to construct fiber to the home broadband services for specified unserved areas of Rowan County as agreed upon by the County and OpenBroadband, LLC.
2. Should the GREAT grant application be successfully awarded to OpenBroadband, LLC, Rowan County shall contribute their match portion, up to \$538,000, from the County's ARPA funds to the project.
3. The broadband services and infrastructure related thereto shall be owned and operated by OpenBroadband, LLC.

6. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Finance Director James Howden presented the following budget amendments for the Board's consideration:

- Sheriff – Recognize NC Department of Public Safety Grant funds received by the County and budget funds to proper expense account to allow the upgrade of the RSCO Deputies sidearms, holsters and ammo. \$84,270
- Finance – Budget for Cooperative Extension additional revenues and expenditures. \$6,000
- Health Department – Align budget with AA403-1 WIC additional funding. \$10,723
- Health Department – Align budget with awarded funding through the Mayor's Award Grant. \$50,000

- Finance – Budget for FY '22 EMPG Optional funding and ARPA funding awarded to Rowan County EMS. \$67,098
- Finance – In the FY 2022 budget message the County Manager recommended the Board approve an upfront allocation of \$1 million associated with the RCCC bond referendum to offset architecture fees, which will be reimbursed to the County with the Bond referendum. This budget amendment is to set up that budget in the Capital Project Fund. \$1,000,000

Commissioner Pierce moved approval of the budget amendments as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Klusman and passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC)

The Board of Commissioners appointed Jeremy Jacobs on March 1, 2021 to complete the remainder of the term for a previous member. The seat is for a member of the General Public. Unfortunately, Mr. Jacobs work schedule has prevented him from attending JCPC meetings since July of 2021. In accordance with the Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners, which governs the advisory board process, the Board is asked to officially remove Mr. Jacobs in order to provide interested citizens with an opportunity to serve.

Commissioner Klusman moved, Commissioner Pierce seconded and the vote to remove Jeremy Jacobs from the JCPC passed unanimously.

The Board received an application from Henry Ricardo Smith. If approved, Mr. Smith would fill the remainder of Mr. Jacobs term (above), which would expire on June 30, 2022. At that time Mr. Smith would be eligible for reappointment.

Commissioner Pierce moved to appoint Henry Ricardo Smith, followed by a second from Commissioner Klusman. The motion carried unanimously.

ROWAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Tony Watlington, Sr. resigned from this Council due to accepting another position out of state.

The Commissioners are asked to officially accept the resignation.

Commissioner Klusman moved to accept the resignation from Tony Watlington, Sr. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and carried unanimously.

TOWN OF FAITH ZONING – ETJ

Vickie Miller applied for reappointment and if appointed, the term would expire May 31, 2025.

Commissioner Klusman moved, Commissioner Pierce seconded and the vote to reappoint Vickie Miller passed unanimously.

ADDITION
CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Edds moved at 4:39 p.m. for the Board enter into Closed Session in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(1) to consider approval of the minutes of the Closed Session held on April 4, 2022 and in accordance with North Carolina General Statute § 143-318.11(a)(3) for attorney-client privileged communication regarding potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and carried unanimously.

The Board returned to Open Session at 5:10 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Pierce and second by Commissioner Greene. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Edds moved the Board engage Nexson Pruett for planning and development purposes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and carried unanimously.

ADDITION

At this time, Chairman Edds stated Commissioner Caskey requested to add an item to the agenda. Chairman Edds asked if there was a second to allow the addition. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and carried unanimously.

**A PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL CORRECTION OFFICERS WEEK
IN ROWAN COUNTY FROM MAY 1-7, 2022**

Commissioner Caskey moved approval of the Proclamation to Recognize National Correction Officers Week in Rowan County From May 1-7, 2022, which he read as follows:

WHEREAS, correctional officers are trained law enforcement professionals dedicated to maintaining safe correctional facilities and ensuring public safety; and

WHEREAS, correction facilities across the U.S., both civilian and military, public and private, adult and juvenile, are run by highly qualified and experienced individuals with a deep understanding of the challenges within the profession; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees are responsible for the custody, care and rehabilitation of thousands of offenders every year, as well as the maintenance of safe and secure facilities; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees serve admirably in many different capacities, including jail administrators, wardens, chaplains, nurses, supervisors, social workers, teachers, managers and directors; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees teach, train, mentor, counsel and treat thousands of offenders; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees provide offenders with direction, hope and a new focus while assisting with reentry and life outside corrections; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees rise to meet any challenge and serve this honorable profession nobly and admirably.

NOW THEREFORE BE PROCLAIMED that correctional officers and employees deserve the recognition for their service and should be commended by leaders in the profession, and the public and our elected officials for the tremendous job they do and exceptional performance of duties under the most difficult of circumstances.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners does here by recognize the week of May 1 through May 7, 2022 as National Correction Officers Week.

The motion to approve the Proclamation was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Klusman moved to adjourn at 5:14 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Barger, MMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board