



**ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA  
SPECIAL MEETING  
ANNUAL PLANNING WORKSESSION  
January 18, 2022: 12:00 PM**

**J. Newton Cohen, Sr. Room  
J. Newton Cohen, Sr. Rowan County Administration Building  
130 West Innes Street, Salisbury, NC 28144**

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Call to Order

Invocation

- Provided By: Chaplain Michael Taylor

Consider Approval of the Agenda

- Introduction of Facilitator

- 1 12:05 p.m. Reflections on Prior Year Accomplishments
- 2 12:20 p.m. Budget and Financial Update
- 3 1:05 p.m. Economic Development Updates
- 4 1:25 p.m. Break
- 5 1:40 p.m. Crisis Center
- 6 2:40 p.m. Quick Response Vehicle for South Rowan
- 7 2:55 p.m. Break
- 8 3:10 p.m. Project Updates
- 9 4:20 p.m. Priorities for 2022-23

5:00 p.m. Adjournment

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**A COUNTY COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE**



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**MEMO TO COMMISSIONS:**

**FROM:** January 14, 2022  
**DATE:**  
**SUBJECT:** 3:10 p.m. Project Updates

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- Airport and Transit (Valerie Steele, Director)
- West End Plaza - (Bob Lauer, ADW Architects)
- Veterans Center (Kenny Hardin, Chairman, The High Road, Inc.)
- Permitting and Inspections (Randy Cress, Asst. Co. Mgr./CIO)
- Broadband (Randy Cress, Asst. Co. Mgr./CIO)

**ATTACHMENTS:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Upload Date</b>	<b>Type</b>
Airport Hangar Expansion	1/14/2022	Cover Memo
Veterans Social Center Proposal	1/14/2022	Presentation



# AIRPORT

➤ Hangar Expansion Project

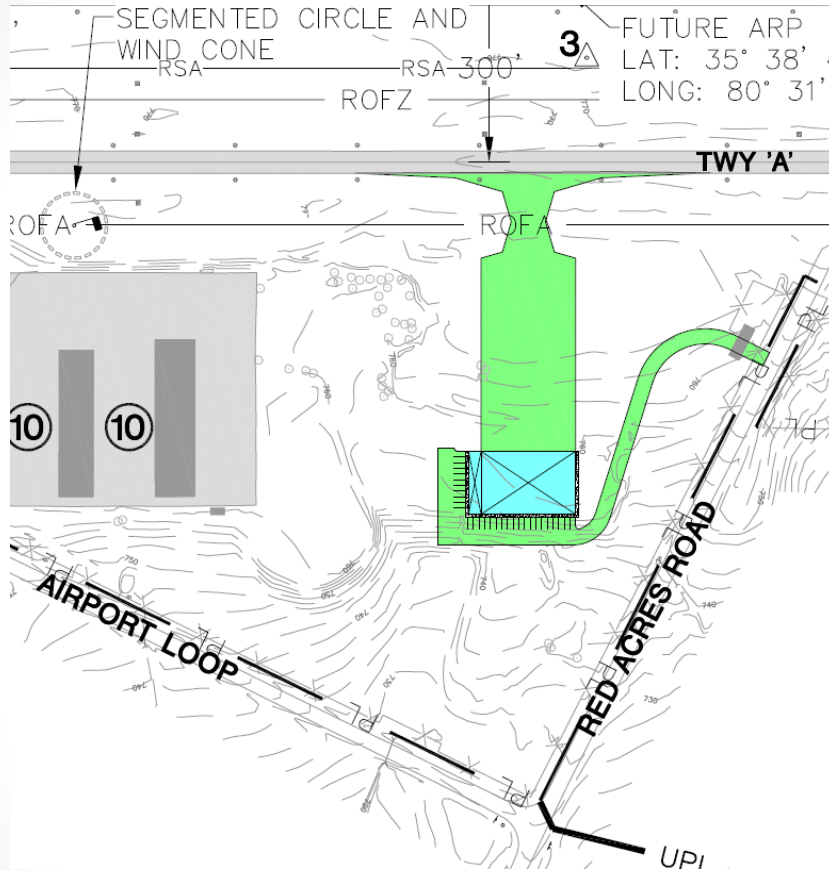
# Airport Expansion

- Corporate
  - 15,000sqft w/office
- Public Safety/Helicopter
  - 15,000sqft w/office and sleeping quarters
  - Novant
  - Incident Command
- Box hangar
  - Potential to Relocate aircraft from the “community” hangar

# Corporate Circle



# Public Safety Hangar





# Airport Expansion

- North Carolina General Assembly's Joint Conference Committee Report on the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2021, Senate Bill 105, November 15, 2021
  - Senator Carl Ford
  - Representative Harry Warren
- NCDOT in the process of determining how the General Assembly intends for the funds to be disbursed and accounted for.
  - Legislatively directed grants are managed differently than State Aid

## Conference Report on the Base, Capital and Expansion Budget

### 96 Mid-Carolina Regional Airport

Provides funding to the Department of Transportation for capital improvements at Mid-Carolina Regional Airport.

		<u>FY 2021-22</u>
Requirements	\$	5,000,000NR
Less: Receipts	\$	-
Net Change	\$	5,000,000



# Airport Expansion

- Current in Design Phase
  - Approved TBE Work Authorization is for the design and bidding phases
  - Timeline TBD
- Goal is to get parallel taxiway on the next STIP



# TRANSIT

➤ Dialysis Waitlist

# Goal Achieved

- No longer a waitlist for Dialysis transportation
  - All on list offered two days of transport
    - Waiting since beginning of 2019
  - Added 2<sup>nd</sup> day for all current
  - Additional clients can be immediately accommodated

# ***The Veterans Social Center***

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# ***The Veterans Social Center***



## **Did You Know?**

- 41 percent or about 1.7 million veterans have a mental illness
- The three most common mental health concerns for Veterans are Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Depression and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).
- Twenty-two (22) Veterans commit suicide every day.
- More than 20 % of veterans with PTSD also suffer from an addiction or dependence on drugs or alcohol.
- Less than 50 percent of returning veterans in need receive any mental health treatment.



# ***The Veterans Social Center***



**The High Road Inc.**

## **Our Commitment**

**To provide a safe welcoming and relaxed atmosphere and environment full of brotherhood, sisterhood and acceptance.**

**HONORING  
ALL WHO  
SERVED**



# ***The Veterans Social Center***



## **Mission**

**To be an advocate for Military Veterans from all Branches of Service. We will serve as a resource to help Veterans effectively deal with the complexities and challenges of civilian life. We will accomplish this by providing a place of respite, comradery, relaxation, and act as a referral source to resources and care that can aid in wellness and personal growth.**





# ***The Veterans Social Center***



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## **Purpose**

**To serve the needs of the Military Veteran Community and be an advocate for ALL undervalued and underrepresented people.**

**The Veterans will have a safe place to go to simply relax, socialize with other Veterans and enjoy a stress-free atmosphere.**

**Offer the Veterans entertainment and recreational activities such as pool tables, video games stations, chess boards, movie screening opportunities and light snacks.**

# ***The Veterans Social Center***



## **Benefits and Focus**

- Access to and all activities will be offered free of charge.
- There is no membership application required, fee or annual dues.
- Emphasis will be placed on encouraging Veterans from Wars, Conflicts and US Intervention including but not limited to the Gulf War, Desert Storm, Persian Gulf, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Afghanistan, Iraq, Yemen, Pakistan, Somalia, Libya.
- Encourage more female Veterans to come and use the facility.
- Provide information and referral to other agencies.

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## **How We Will Succeed**

- **Establish a relationship with the W.G. Hefner VA Medical Center.**
- **Get buy-in from all local American Legions and VFW's.**
- **Build relationships with referral agencies such as Veterans Services at the West End Plaza.**
- **Remain abreast of trends, information and Veteran news.**



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## **What We Need?**

- **Approval and support from the County Commission.**
- **To move into an available space in the West End Plaza.**
- **The County Commission's continued support after approval.**
- **Demonstrate continued love, commitment and support for our Veterans by approving his initiative.**



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## **The Layout**

- **One pool table and one ping pong table**
- **Chess / Checker Boards**
- **Two video games stations (Xbox and PlayStation)**
- **Seating and social conversation area in the front**
- **TV viewing area in the rear**
- **Information brochure area in the rear**
- **Military item vendors in the rear (Booth rental)**
- **Storage area for dispensing free toiletries in the middle**
- **Free coffee and pastries**
- **Candy, soda and heavier microwaveable food items for sale**

# ***The High Road, Inc. Board***



The High Road Inc.

- **Kenneth L. Hardin, Staff Sergeant-U.S. Air Force Veteran  
Board Executive Chairman**
- **Hozell Odom, III Senior Master Sergeant-U.S Air Force (Ret.)  
Board Vice Chairman**
- **Vincent Eury, Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class-U.S. Navy Veteran**
- **Dr. Gwyndolan Swain, HA, MBA, MHA, BSN-Veteran Spouse**
- **Tara S. Edwards, Board Member**
- **Deanna Stewart, RN, MSN-Board Member**

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