

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARCH 20, 1995

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the County Office Building. The purpose of the meeting was a Work Session on Courthouse Security Personnel and on two new Zoning Districts.

Those present were: Chairman Renee Kumor, Vice-Chairman Vollie G. Good, Commissioner J. Michael Edney, Commissioner Bob Eklund, Commissioner Don Ward, County Manager David F. Thompson, Clerk to the Board Elizabeth W. Corn and members of the media.

Also present were: Sheriff George Erwin, County Planning Director Matt Matteson and Planner Karen Collins.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Kumor called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY PERSONNEL

Chairman Kumor stated that we are opening for business on March 26 in the new Courthouse so this is an issue that should be resolved.

David Thompson stated that there are some realistic immediate needs for staff for the new courthouse. The Sheriff will at some time in the future discuss long-term needs. He turned this issue over to Commissioner Edney to address.

Commissioner Edney informed the Board of the bare minimum needs for staff for the opening of the new courthouse. We currently have two bailiffs, there is a need for a third bailiff (roaming officer). Bailiffs will be CSO or Court Security Officers. We need a person in the control room, one transportation officer (sworn officer) who would act as a second person in the control room. One sworn officer is needed for the metal detector. At least four additional personnel are needed immediately:

- One Court Security Officer (bailiff)
- One Control Room Officer
- One Transport Officer
- One Sworn Officer at Metal Detector

Three current personnel will be moving from the old courthouse to the new, two CSO's and one transport officer.

There was a reminder that the courthouse was designed as a PUBLIC

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BUILDING with a monumental entrance on the front of the building.

Following much discussion, Commissioner Edney made the motion to approve four new positions for the Sheriff's Department, three to be sworn officers at whatever step and grade the Sheriff and the Manager work out, effective immediately with the money to be taken from contingency for the remainder of this fiscal year. A vote was taken which passed four to one with Commissioner Ward voting nay.

**Break** - Chairman Kumor called a ten minute recess.

**PRESENTATION BY PLANNING STAFF ON Rural Zoning Districts**

Matt Matteson informed the Board that he and Karen Collins would do their best to review and inform the Board of the two new zoning districts: rural mixed-1 and rural conservation (rc), the site conditions, and companion amendments.

Matt Matteson made five points:

1. He stressed that RM-2 is different from RM-1 and RC. RM-2 is in effect in Bearwallow and is more permissive than RM-1 except that it prohibits manufactured home parks.
2. Both RC and RM-1 are designed to be county-wide districts but are not a "one size fits all" district.
3. RC (Rural Conservation) is not a true conservation district.
4. RM-1 is not going to protect the rural character of a community because it is a rural mixed use. It allows small businesses, schools, and churches.
5. A lot of the work done thus far is good comprehensive study of the entire county.

Mr. Matteson stated that these are just two more zoning districts to add to the menu, they are not recommended for any specific area at this time.

Commissioner Edney asked the purpose of the two zones? Mr. Matteson stated that they will allow flexibility in rural areas, particularly to families who have held land and want to use their land for more than residential or agricultural purposes.

Karen Collins reviewed some definitions with the Board. There was discussion of density and some discussion of LUGS (land use guidance system).

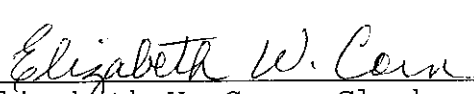
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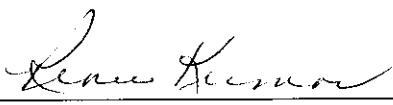
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It was the consensus of the Board to set a Public Hearing on these two zoning districts, RM-1 and RC, for Monday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
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Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk

  
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Renee Kumor, Chairman

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