

MINUTES

Town of Blowing Rock

Board of Commissioners Meeting

January 13, 2004

The Town of Blowing Rock Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 13, 2004. Members present were Mayor J.B. Lawrence, Commissioners Barbara Ball, Rita Wiseman, Terry Lentz, Keith Tester, and David Wray. Town Manager Scott Hildebran, Director of Public Works Johnny Lentz, Zoning Director Kevin Rothrock, Building Inspector John Warren, Director of Parks & Recreation Jamie Saitta, Town Attorney Allen Moseley and Assistant Town Clerk Sharon Greene.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lawrence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Tester to approve the minutes to meetings held on December 8th and December 9th, 2003, seconded by Bobby Ball. All members were in favor.

SPECIAL MEMORIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Lawrence made two special presentations to families of former Council members that the Blowing Rock community lost in the past year. His first presentation was to the family of Dr. Charles Davant, Jr. A Resolution of the North Carolina League of Municipalities was presented to Dr. Davant's widow Mrs. Harriett Davant to honor Dr. Davant for his service and contributions for the advancement of good municipal government in North Carolina.

Also, a Resolution was presented to Mr. Justin Coffey honoring his brother and former Council member Mr. Glenn Coffey, for his years of service to the Town of Blowing

Rock. Mayor Lawrence also honored Mr. Coffey's father Mr. D.P. Coffey for his many years of service on the Town Council in years past.

See Davant Resolution Attached as Exhibit "A"

See Coffey Resolution Attached as Exhibit "B"

NEW BUSINESS:

Blowing Rock Stage Company – Cannon Park Stage Proposal

The Blowing Rock Stage Company, in collaboration with the Blowing Rock Rotary Club and Blowing Rock Parks & Recreation proposed the funding and construction of a mini-stage in Annie Cannon Memorial Park.

The outdoor stage would be approximately 12' x 12', with an 8' x 16' backdrop wall. The Stage Co. would cover all maintenance and cost of insurance.

Ms. Kim Cozart Kaye, CAMPservatory Director for the Blowing Rock Stage Co., made a presentation to the Board and answered questions concerning the project.

Commissioner Lentz made a motion to approve the mini-stage structure at Cannon Park, with a second by Bobby Ball. All members were in favor.

Skid Steer Bid

Public Works Director Johnny Lentz received bids for a skid steer loader, which was included in the 2003-2004 fiscal year budget. The low bidder was Briggs Equipment Co. with a bid of \$21,600. A motion was made by Commissioner Wiseman to accept the lowest bid seconded by Commissioner Wray. All members were in favor of the motion.

Financing Proposal - Equipment

The Town received quotes for lease-purchase financing of our FY 2003-04 capital equipment. The finance purchase would be for a Dingo tractor, dump truck, a skid steer loader, and two (2) high service water pumps. Six quotes were received with First Citizens Bank being low bidder at 2.46% on a loan amount of \$127,000 for 36 months. Mayor Lawrence excused himself from voting on this proposal since he felt it would be a conflict of interest since he worked for First Citizens Bank. Commissioner Wray made a motion to accept the lowest bid with a second from Commissioner Tester. All members were in favor.

See FCB Installment Sale Financing Proposal Attached as Exhibit "C"

Animal Control Caldwell County (Resolution (2004-01))

In November 2003, Caldwell County adopted a revised animal control ordinance. Per the ordinance, each municipality within Caldwell County must adopt a resolution empowering the County to enforce provisions of the ordinance within their municipality.

After reviewing the Resolution, Commissioner Tester asked that "and repeals any inconsistent ordinances therewith" be omitted from the resolution. With this change, Commissioner Tester made the motion to accept this Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Ball, with all members in favor.

See Resolution 2004-01 Attached as Exhibit "D"

Departmental Reports

Director of Public Works Johnny Lentz was commended for his department's hard work in snow removal this winter.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

MAYOR _____

J.B. Lawrence

Sharon Greene, Assistant Town Clerk