

Board to ponder support of Thread Trail

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Commissioners will consider expanding a scenic byway and establishing a Carolina Thread Trail during a meeting Monday night.

The Rowan County Planning Board voted unanimously to reject the Thread Trail proposal aimed at weaving together communities through greenways and trails.

The Planning Board cited the county's recently approved land use plan for west Rowan, which prohibits trails on private lands unless the property owner consents.

The Planning Board also questioned whether the sheriff would be able to provide adequate protection and if the county sex offender ordinance would be applicable.

In the second request, the Mount Ulla Historic Preservation Society is asking Commissioners to extend the Millbridge Scenic Byway.

Earlier this month, commissioners delayed consideration of the matter, asking for additional copies of supporting documents.

No additional information was provided.

In other matters, the board will:

- Hear a presentation from the Rowan-Kannapolis Alcoholic Beverage Control Board on its finances and distribution of profits to the county and municipalities.

- Hear a recommendation on condemnation of a burned home at 310 Corriher Grange Road as a safety hazard.

- Hear a report and conduct a public hearing on the county's updated solid waste management plan covering the next 10 years.

- Hold a public hearing on reducing the grant to pay for installation of water lines to RDH Properties. Initially the cost was projected to be \$384,000. The project cost \$214,000.

- Consider hiring David Pokela, a Greensboro attorney, to represent county planning staff in upcoming hearings related to placement of a broadcast tower in Mount Ulla.

- Hear a presentation on agriculture and food supply for Vice Chairman Jon Barber.

- Hold a public hearing on plans to borrow \$3.4 million to pay the county's share of costs for a new classroom building at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College.

- As part of the consent agenda, consider approval of a resolution to commit Commissioners to spending federal stimulus dollars on products or services to create American jobs. So far, the county has not received any stimulus money.

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners meets at 7 p.m. in the Cohen Administrative Offices Building, 130 W. Innes St.

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