

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 1, 1971

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in the Rowan County Courthouse in District Courtroom II, Salisbury, NC at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present: Chairman Eugene McCombs, Charlie Walters, Richard Messinger and Rufus Honeycutt. J. Lewis Sowers was absent.

The Board meeting was called to order by the Chairman, and Mr. Messinger had prayer. Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Walters, and unanimously passed, the minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Mr. George Goodman had written a letter to Mr. Murdoch requesting a policy be spelled out whereby the Health Department notifies the Building Inspector of approved installation of septic tanks. The system installed at his new home was not large enough to meet the requirements of his plumbing. As a result a new component will have to be installed to meet this requirement. Mr. McCombs will handle the matter.

Harold Myers, Chairman of the Rowan County Watershed Commission, presented an application for the Chairman's signature for the improvements for the Tri-Creek (including Grants, Crane & Town Creeks) watershed, State of North Carolina. Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger and seconded by Mr. Walters a resolution was unanimously passed designating the Board of Commissioners as a sponsor for this project. Mr. Myers stated that there was nothing new at the present time to report on Second Creek Watershed.

Mr. McCombs reported that \$98,734.93 in interest had been earned through January 31, 1971.

The following road petitions were approved after a motion by Mr. Honeycutt and seconded by Mr. Walters:

Myers Drive – paved and dead end sign at beginning of road.
Off Unity & Rogers Road – request for addition to the system
Section one as shown of the map of Deerfield- addition to system
Section Three of Tanglewood – addition to system

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported that \$1,039,169.06 had been collected during the month of January, 1971.

The following personnel actions were unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Walters and seconded by Mr. Honeycutt:

Larry V. Weaver, Deputy Sheriff \$2.10/hour
George L. Brady, Jr., Deputy Sheriff \$479/month
Sandra T. Reitz, Social Worker \$585/month
Barbara C. Meadows, Social Services \$465/month
Clarence W. Isley, Deputy Sheriff \$457/month

Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor, reported that the property of the Rowan County Peace officers association is not tax exempt according to a letter he had received from the State Board of Assessments. Mr. Art Donaldson and Landis Chief of Police, Richard Overcash, Treasurer of the Rowan County Peace Officers Association and discussed the fact that the club is used for educational as well as social purposes. They were told by Mr. McCombs that the Commissioners could do nothing but abide by the law, and suggested that they set up a meeting with the State Board of Assessment in order to try to resolve their problem.

The following refund for an electrical permit was approved after a motion by Mr. Messinger and seconded by Mr. Honeycutt:

Van Holshouser \$5.00

Mr. McCombs reported that the Personnel Committee recommends the following in response to the Building Inspector's request at the January meeting: That either Clarence Bowers mileage allowance be cut from \$150 to \$100 a month and the assistant inspector's allowance be increased from \$125 to \$150 or the County purchase 4 small cars to be used by the Department with no allowance. Mr. Murdoch will meet with Mr. Bowers and give his Department the option of the two recommendations. This was put in the form of a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Messinger and unanimously approved.

Mr. Walters and Mr. Murdoch reported on their trip to Atlanta, Georgia on January 27, 1971 for a meeting on the proposed Federal Revenue Sharing Plan. Vice President Spiro Agnew was the guest speaker. "Revenue Sharing is a fiscal plan by which the federal government would provide to state and local governments a portion of the federal income tax receipts with minimum restrictions on the use of the funds. This method of providing aid would permit state and local officials to exercise maximum discretion in the provision of the public services and would provide immediate relief to hard-pressed state and local governments." The Board requested that Mr. Murdoch get in touch with local municipalities to get their views and ideas on the Revenue Sharing Plan.

The Board requested that Mr. Murdoch write a letter to Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. inquiring about the status of the Rowan County Housing Project and the community building restoration applications on file with HUD.

Mr. Honeycutt mentioned a bad situation which exists in North Kannapolis, in reference to pigs, horses and cows being kept in close proximity of homes in this area. The residents #1 complaint is the odor and open breeding of these animals. The Health Department checked on this situation and have ordered the owners to clean up their lots. Mr. Honeycutt is to talk with Clarence Kluttz, County Attorney, to see if anything can be done legally to prevent these occurrences.

Mr. McCombs reported that Mr. Clyde Harris, Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Rowan Technical Institute has invited at least one Commissioner to attend their monthly meetings. Mr. Walters will meet with them on February 22, 1971 at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Murdoch reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission approved at their January 28, 1971 meeting the land transfer with Dr. John Wear. The commission will swap roughly 5.85 acres of road front park property, for 25.25 inland acres belonging to Dr. Wear. This is necessary to form a buffer zone on the West side of the Park Lake.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,
Mary H. Beaver, Clerk