

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 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 because of a cataract operation.

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

Mr. Stamey Carter of Sherrill & Smith, Certified Public Accountants, presented the special audit for July 1, 1970 through December 4, 1970. Mr. Messinger moved that this report be accepted. Mr. Walters seconded with the approval of all members present.

Mr. Walters stated that he had talked with Jimmy Foltz, Parks & Recreation Director, and the department will need \$3,450 to complete the fiscal year. It will be allocated to the following accounts – Attached.

Mr. Walters made a motion that 43,450 be appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the pro-rata share beer and wine tax. Mr. Honeycutt seconded and it was unanimously passed.

Mr. Doug Tennent of Tennent & Tennent Architects, submitted a proposed schedule for the completion of drawings and specifications, bidding, and construction for the restoration of the Rowan County Community Building. The completion date is scheduled for September 15, 1971. A meeting will be held with the Board and the Historical Committee on March 24, 1971 at 7:00 p.m. to review final plans.

Representative Austin Mitchell asked the Board to let him know their stand on a state-wide bill to divert water from one watershed to another. This would mean tapping the Yadkin River.

Miss Sharon Page and Miss Janice Alcorn Students at Knox Junior High School attended the meeting of the Board.

Mr. Rowe McNeely, Extension Chairman, introduced the Board to Mrs. Peggy Hicks and Mrs. Carla Barger who have been employed to work with the expanded nutrition program in the city and county. Mrs. Louise Slade spoke about the plan and how they are helping the low-income people with this nutritional program. This is a nationwide program and 97 counties in North Carolina are participating.

Mr. Walters reported that the Mid-Crescent Comprehensive Health Planning Council had requested that the Commissioners support a proposed alliance with Planning Region F and other agencies within the Region. Mr. Walters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Messinger and unanimously approved that the Chairman write a letter to the council supporting this alliance.

Mr. Murdoch reported that Harold Myers, Chairman of the Watershed Commission, needs to hire a part-time secretary. They suggested that Mrs. Donnie Moore, who is part-time secretary for the Soil Conservation unite be hired for the watershed commission in the afternoons. Mr. Messinger made the motion to hire Mrs. Moore with ½ her salary coming from the watershed account. This was seconded by Mr. Walters and unanimously passed.

Mr. Leslie Lee, Civil Defense Director, introduced Mr. Jim Stegall, Representative of Civil Defense for the state of North Carolina and Colonel Dawson, District Civil Defense Director. Mr. Stegall spoke about a City and County training program for civil defense. He also showed the Board a film concerning the different people involved in the program. He asked the Commissioner consider a program here which would consist of a 3 week training session which will begin in May, 1971 and an exercise to be held on May 27. Mr. Messinger made a motion seconded by Mr. Honeycutt to take advantage of this program. All voted aye. Karen Young and O. K. Beatty of the City Council and City Manager Francis Luther were present for the briefing.

Mr. Wayne Grudger, Salisbury Jaycee's spoke to the Board on the proposed drug abuse program they plan to carry out in the County. They want to determine the extent of drug abuse, inform the public on the extent of the problem and hold drug seminars. Mr. McCombs commended Mr. Grudger on his outline and work already being done. They asked the Board for their commitment in helping to carry out this program. Mr. Honeycutt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Messinger with unanimous approval to support this program.

Mr. Bill Lynn, President of the Jaycees, spoke in behalf of their junior sports complex project. They are trying to raise an additional \$8,000 in order that it can be completed this summer. They would like the Board to give them a letter of intent for an additional \$4,000. The Board said they would consider the \$4,000 request during their 1971-72 budget hearings.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Mr. A. M. Foster, Dog Warden requesting an increase of \$40.00 per month in travel allowance. Mr. Murdoch will handle this matter at this time as the Board can do nothing until budget time.

Mr. Murdoch received a letter from Mr. Ben McCubbins concerning the law library. Mr. McCubbins stated the Rowan County Bar Association met Friday, February 5, 1971 and a resolution was unanimously passed to oppose a bill creating a district law library. Mr. Clarence Kluttz will check with Senator Phil Kirk concerning this bill.

Mr. Murdoch received a letter from the State Highway Commission concerning and including a resolution adopted December 3, 1970 for the Rowan County Preliminary Thoroughfare Plan.

Mr. Murdoch received copies of letters from Mr. Paul Carter, Chairman Rowan County Housing Authority, that he had written to Congressman Earl Ruth and Senator Sam Ervin asking that Rowan County's housing application be placed on the priority list as Rowan County could be passed over during 1971.

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported that \$224,425.26 had been collected during the month of February.

The following tax refund was approved after a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Messinger:

Helen B. Williams \$13.60

A resolution was presented to the Board concerning a 50' x 150' foot lot in China Grove township. The owners, Elsie Lipe Bostian, Lee Bostian have agreed to pay Rowan County \$300 in exchange for the release of the welfare lien on this property. Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt the resolution was unanimously passed. Attached.

The following road petitions were approved after a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Messinger:

County Road off Moose Road – addition to the system
Private Road between State Road 2521 & State Road 2522-addition
Morgan Road off Daugherty Road – addition to the system
Sides Road in Crescent Terrace, West of Rockwell – addition
Bonanza Drive – request for addition.

The following new personnel and raise actions were unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Messinger:

David E. Eagle, Deputy Sheriff \$457/month
Virginia T. Williams, Maid \$50/mont
Mrs. Donnie Moore, Secretary \$299/month
Carl W. Taylor, Sheriff's Dept. raised to Sergeant \$527/month
Emmitte G. Stirewalt, Sheriff's Dept. raised to Lieutenant \$553/month

Mr. McCombs reported that \$111,754,15 in interest had been earned through February 28, 1971.

Mr. Honeycutt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Messinger to reappoint Mr. W. R. Cowart and Mr. Lamar Weant to three year terms on the Rowan County Planning Board.

The following tax refund was approved after a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt:

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| Harry E. Trexler | \$27.75 |
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The Commissioners asked Clarence Kluttz to check on how the general statutes on mineral rights affect Rowan County and if any changes should be made.

Mr. Murdoch received a letter from Central Piedmont Regional Resource Conservation & Development project along with a resolution they would like the Commissioners to pass in support of this program. Mr. Messinger made a motion to adopt the resolution and Mr. Honeycutt seconded and was unanimously passed. Attached.

Mr. McCombs reported the Building Inspectors for the time being will keep their present mileage expense.

Mr. Messinger reported that the Juvenile Department has been set up and was now in operation under the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Messinger will attend the Rowan Technical Institute Board Meeting, March 22, 1971 at 4:00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until March 24, 1971.

Respectively Submitted,
Mary H. Beaver, Clerk