

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
APRIL 5, 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, Rufus Honeycutt and J. Lewis Sowers.

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

Mr. McCombs recognized Mrs. Nola Blackwell as a visitor.

Mr. McCombs read a letter from Mrs. Jean Ramsey, Register of Deeds, stating she had received only one bid to repair the binders in the amount of \$990 from Bill Sowers & Co. She is requesting this bid be accepted by the Board. Mr. Messinger moved to accept this bid and Mr. Honeycutt seconded and was unanimously passed.

The following Road Petitions were approved after a motion Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters:

Scott Street, State Road 1315 – paved  
E. Chamblee Drive, Crestview Development – addition to the system  
Cruse Circle off Cruse Road – addition to the system.

The following transfers were approved upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Sowers: Attached.

Mr. Messinger read a letter from Mr. Glenn E. Ketner, concerning the extension of the lease for the surplus food warehouse. This action was delayed until the next meeting.

Mr. Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported that \$98,115.55 had been collected during the month of March.

The Board authorized Mr. Trexler to advertise the Tax Lien Sale in June and set the first Monday in July, 1971 for the Tax Lien Sale. This was put in the form of a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Messinger and unanimously passed.

Mr. Messinger made a motion authorizing Mr. Trexler to renew the Beer & Wine license in effect on May 1, 1971. This was seconded by Mr. Walters and unanimously passed. (Attached)

Mr. R. O. Everette, President of Wachovia Bank, and Mr. Rand Turner with Wachovia Bank, asked the Board for additional County business. After some discussion Mr. McCombs told Mr. Everette he would let him know the feelings of the Board.

Mr. Robert Handfield, Environmental Task Force, asked the Board to take actions on the recommendations the Task Force made and to reinstate the Environmental Task for another year. In a motion by Mr. Messinger seconded by Mr. Walters the Environmental Task Force was reinstated for another year.

Mr. W. O. Strickland, State Board of Health for Solid Waste Disposal along with Mr. Bert Hawley, Director of the Rowan County Health Department, Mr. Bill Heitman, Health Department, Mr. Bill Dunn, County Planning Staff, told the Board that the County's landfill should be sufficient to handle all the county disposal problems for many years, but Mr. Strickland said the landfill is not being operated to its full advantage. Mr. Strickland said he would send a representative to look over the landfill and tell us how to bring about a more efficient operation. On July 1, 1971 a state law will be put into effect regulating and setting up procedures for operation of landfills. Mr. Strickland showed the Board a film on how other counties are handling their garbage problems. The Board asked Mr. Strickland to work up a budget as to the cost to operate the landfill and tell us how to bring about a more efficient operation. On July 1, 1971 a state law will be put into effect regulating and setting up procedures for operation of landfills. Mr. Strickland showed the Board a film on how other counties are handling their garbage problems. The Board asked Mr. Strickland to work up a budget as to the cost to operate the landfill.

Mr. Lewis Hamlin, Mr. Art Donaldson, Mr. Bill Coughenour, Mr. Archie Rufty and Mr. Walter Woodson, lawyers, representing the law library asked the Board for authorization to maintain the law library. Mr. Hamlin stated it would roughly take \$10,000 to maintain the library for a year. Mr. McCombs told them to submit an exact figure to the Board no later than June so it can be put into the 1971-72 budget. Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Walters, the authorization was given to pay all bills and to keep current accounts paid but not to exceed \$2,000 for the remaining fiscal year 1970-71.

Mr. John Whitfield, Mental Health, told the Board he thought they had located a place for the Mental Health Clinic. It will be situated in the Nurse's Dorm which faces Confederate Avenue. Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt the Board authorized Mr. Whitfield to negotiate with Mr. Bullard

and the Board at Rowan Memorial Hospital for the nurses quarters, but not to exceed \$2.50 per square foot or \$4,500 on a yearly basis, not including the improvements on the building.

Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Messinger and unanimously passed a letter of intent for \$65,000 for the fiscal year 1971-72 for City School Capital Improvements budget, was sent to Mr. Harold Isenburg. (Attached)

Mr. McCombs reported that \$127,499.82 in interest had been earned through March 31, 1971.

A resolution was presented to the Board concerning a 200 x 290 foot lot in Locke Township. Mr. John Kesler has agreed to pay Rowan County \$780 in exchange for the release of the welfare lien on this property. Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Messinger the resolution was unanimously passed. (Attached).

Mr. Walters reported that he and Mr. Murdoch had a meeting in Raleigh concerning the construction of a nursing home for the convalescent. The funds will available through the Hill-Burton Act. The county will have to invest about \$40,000. Mr. Walters made a motion to start proceedings with the Nursing Home Application from the North Carolina Medical Care Commission. This was seconded by Mr. Sowers and unanimously passed.

Mr. Walters asked if the Board is going to help sponsor the Summer Intern Program for College Students. After some discussion Mr. Messinger moved to employ 3 people and not to exceed \$3,000 in salaries for this educational program. Mr. Walters seconded and it was unanimously passed.

Mr. Sowers will attend the Rowan Technical Institute Board meeting April 6, 1971 at 4:00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until April 21, 1971.

Respectively submitted,  
Mary H. Beaver, Clerk