

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED SESSION
APRIL 21, 1971

The Rowan County Commissioners met in an Adjourned Session in District Courtroom II, Rowan County Courthouse, Salisbury, NC at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present. Chairman Eugene McCombs, J. Lewis Sowers, Charlie Walters, Richard Messinger and Rufus Honeycutt.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and opened for the first order of business which was to receive bids for the Restoration of the Community Building. The Chairman turned the meeting over to Doug Tennent, Architect, who proceeded to open the bids. (Copy of tabulation attached). The total of the low bids far exceeded the allocated amount of \$160,000. Mr. Tennent will review and revise the plans and specifications for approval and subsequent re-bidding. He will present his revisions Monday night April 26, 1971 at 7:15 p.m. in the Courthouse to the Commissioners.

Chairman McCombs thanked the contractors present for their time and their bids.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Messinger and unanimously approved, Clarence Kluttz was authorized to execute a deed to James Edward Jimmerson for property formerly owned by Mr. Jimmerson and foreclosed for taxes in 1968 by Rowan County upon payment of all accumulated taxes, interest and costs.

Bids were received for the printing of 62,000 tax receipts for 1971. The bids were as follows:

Standard Register Co.	\$1,052.76
Coleman Envelope & Printing Co.	\$1,109.80
Jordan Business Forms, Inc.	\$1,233.80
Rowan Business Forms, Inc.	\$1,282.70

Mr. Messinger moved that the bid be awarded to the lowest acceptable bidder. This was seconded by Mr. Honeycutt and unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt and seconded by Mr. Messinger, the Chairman was authorized to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service – North Carolina State University and Board of County Commissioners.

A memorandum was read from Mr. Bert M. Montague, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts concerning certain law books to be placed in the Superior Court Room. These books include Stansbury, Strong's NC Index, The General Statutes, Volumes 200 through 276 of the NC Reports, and Volumes 1 through 8 of the Court of Appeals Reports. The total purchase price of these books is \$940.50. A grant of LEAA funds in the amount of \$705.38 would be used to purchase the books leaving \$235.12 for the County to pay from our facilities fee account. The State will provide for all maintenance and supplementing of these books in the future. Mr. Sowers moved that the above stipulations be accepted for the purchase of these books. Mr. Messinger seconded with an affirmative vote from all present.

The following transfers were approved after a motion by Mr. Honeycutt and seconded by Mr. Sowers. Attached.

A letter was read from Mr. C. H. Glover, Jr., president-elect of the Salisbury Jaycees requesting that a copy of the Agenda and Minutes of the County Commissioners Meetings be sent to him monthly for the Jaycees. Mr. Sowers moved that this request be granted. Mr. Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

It was requested that the Parks and Recreation Department be allowed to buy three additional paddle boats out of account 2798 for \$933 and replace this money with revenue from boat rental. It was also requested that the park road have another asphalt treatment with #13 gravel. The cost being \$1,664.54 to the low bidder Thomason Paving Co. The other bid was for \$1,844.75 from Jim Bost Construction. This money would come from unappropriated Crown Tax Surplus. Mr. Honeycutt put the above in form of a motion. Mr. Sowers seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Messinger introduced Rev. Edgar French, Rev. Theodore Walker, Rev. Vernon Shannon and Mr. Edward Tracy, representing the Negro Civic League, who had come to the meeting to discuss the welfare of inmates in the County jail. Chief Deputy Charles Herion was present to answer any questions concerning the jail management and procedures.

Chairman McCombs welcomed the delegation to the meeting and Rev. French began the discussion. Their two main concerns were first, the care of the mentally ill who are retained in the jail on court order until moved to a State hospital and second, the treatment of regular inmates who become ill while in jail. They mentioned the possibility of making some arrangement with the Hospital to have a room or ward set aside for these people. The pros and cons and legal aspects of this suggestion were discussed. Mr. Murdoch stated that a meeting was set for

Thursday April 22, 1971 to discuss such items as this. Representatives from the agencies of the main concern will be present and hopefully some solution may be reached to ease the situation. Rev. Walker invited Chief Herion to speak to their clubs and groups. Chief Herion said he would be glad to at anytime and extended and invitation for any of them to visit the jail at anytime.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:15 p.m., Monday, April 26, 1971.

Respectively Submitted,

Mary H. Beaver, Clerk