

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
JULY 6, 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 opened with prayer. Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Messinger and unanimously passed, the minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Mr. McCombs reported he had talked with Senator Phil Kirk concerning State takeover of Medicaid. It appears that the County-State payment ratio will be 15 & 85 and it will cost the county roughly \$56,000 this year.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Mrs. Nancy Holshouser, Director of the Supplementary Educational Center, and Mr. J. H. Knox, consultant, thanking the Commissioners for their support and interest in the Supplementary Center.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Mr. Jay P. Davis, Director, NC Department of Agriculture Food Distribution Division in Raleigh, stating they have changed the name from Commodity Distribution Division to Food Distribution Division.

Mr. Earl Bullard, Rowan Memorial Hospital and Mr. E.A. Goodman, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Trustees, reported to the Commissioners that a resolution had been passed by the Hospital Board of Trustees indicating their willingness to explore with the Commissioners the development of an Extended Care Facility. (Attached)

Mr. Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported that \$640,229.05 had been collected for the month of June 1971.

Mr. Doug Tennent, Architect for the Community Building, opened the bids for the plumbing and electrical contracts. (Attached)

A motion was made by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Messinger, with unanimous approval, to award the bids for the Community Building Renovation to the following:

General Contract: to A.L. Jarrell & Sons for \$132,323 plus alternate #2 for \$1,125 plus carpet for \$1,650.

Plumbing Contract: to George E. Weant & Sons for \$8,472.

Heating & Air Conditioning to Comfort Contractors Inc., for \$21,435.

Electrical Contract to Howard Electric Co. for \$18,000 plus alternate #1 for \$1,400.

The total figure for the renovation of the Community Building is \$184,405. The work on the Community Building is to begin immediately with completion date tentatively scheduled for December 15, 1971.

Mrs. G. C. Morton, President of the Retarded Children Association, Dr. Warren Young, Mental Health Clinic, and Mrs. Frank Shaver, presented the Board a summary of the work being done for preschool age retarded children. They also presented a budget showing total expenditures of \$9,799.71, less Day Care Grants of 45,720 leaving \$4,079 for matchable funds. They have 13 enrolled with 3 staff members plus volunteers. They would like to be made a part of the Tri-County Mental Health Complex. Dr. Jane Higbee, Director of the Mental Health Clinic, feels at this time they do not have adequate staff and facilities to incorporate this group within their present organization. When the new Mental Health Clinic is nearing completion and the staff is available to take over the additional responsibilities she suggested this matter be taken up again. Mr. McCombs told the group when Dr. Higbee feels she can take on this program to bring it back before the Board and they will vote accordingly.

Mr. Art Donaldson, Attorney, representing Carolina Explosives Inc. appeared before the Commissioners requesting they be granted a license to store and distribute explosives. Mr. Jake Earnhardt, an opposing citizen with land nearby, said the Commissioners know the situation and would vote accordingly. A motion was made by Mr. Messinger and seconded by Mr. Honeycutt to grant them a license. This motion was defeated with Mr. Sowers, Mr. Honeycutt and Mr. McCombs voting in the negative, Mr. Messinger in the affirmative and Mr. Walters abstained as he is related to one of the principal owners of the company.

Dr. L. C. Holshouser, Dentist, came before the Board asking that they consider him for reappointment to the ABC Board. The composite board meeting will be August 2, 1971 at 2:00 p.m.

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

Victoria Road off Needmore Road – request for addition to the system
Gold Hill Circle off SR2508 – addition to the system
¼ mile from Shuping Mill off 152 – addition to the system.

The following refunds were approved upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters:

\$10.00 to Ray N. Wilhite
\$20.00 to Jim Scarborough

Mr. Murdoch said the end of the fiscal year financial report has been completed but has not yet been printed due to machine breakdown.

Mr. Murdoch reported for Mr. Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor, saying that several Cole-Aire representatives will meet with the Commissioners on August 2, 1971 for dinner at the Holiday Inn and a short film strip afterwards concerning property revaluation.

Mr. McCombs reported that \$176,951.54 in interest had been earned during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1971.

Mr. Clarence Kluttz, County Attorney, reported on Lots 14 and 15, Block E on the map of Correll Park. The Board said if they could find someone to make an offer for these 2 lots then they could advertise them and sell them.

Mr. Sowers reported on the possibility of buying the property adjacent to the Health Department owned by Mr. & Mrs. Hoffner. He said they were asking \$60,000 and the tax appraisal value is near \$30,000. Mr. Walters, Mr. Honeycutt and Mr. McCombs are going to look over this property and talk to the Hoffners.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,
Mary H. Beaver, Clerk