

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 7, 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. Murdoch reported on a letter from the Department of Mental Health brought over by Francis Glover, Clerk of Superior Court, stating after July 1, 1972 the mentally ill needing detention shall not be held in a non-medical facility. Mr. McCombs appointed Mr. Honeycutt and Mr. Walters to meet with the Rowan Memorial Hospital Board then report back to the Commissioners with their recommendations.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Mr. John W. Frazier, Jr., Chairman of the Airport Board, requesting the Commissioners to appropriate funds to cover the cost of providing the meal at their quarterly meetings. A motion was made by Mr. Messinger seconded by Mr. Walters with unanimous approval to assume the cost of the meal at the Airport Board quarterly meetings.

Mr. Murdoch reported on a memorandum from Mrs. Lucile Donnelly requesting permission to destroy all paid bills through June 30, 1961. A motion was made by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Sowers with unanimous approval to destroy all paid bills through June 30, 1961.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Mr. John S. Freeze stating he is resigning as the Rowan County Watershed Technician as of August 25, 1971.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Mr. Ernest Hardin, President of Rowan Museum, thanking the Board for their donation and the \$200 for the painting of the old Andrew Jackson house.

Mr. McCombs reported the interest earned for the months July and August was \$26,806.36.

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

Stoney Heights Drive – addition to the system.
State Road 2144, Surratt Rd – paving
Central Ave. off Bostian Road – addition to the system.

The following transfer was approved after a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Sowers:

IBM - \$500

Mr. Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported that \$98,064.49 had been collected for the month of August, 1971.

Mr. Tom Shuping with the Salisbury Jaycees, reported the Drug Abuse Program survey had been completed. The survey figures will be turned over to Dr. Warren Young, Mental Health Clinic Director and he in turn will apply for funds to carry out a drug educational program.

Mr. Tom Shuping also reported that the Salisbury Jaycees are planning to secure a new National Guard Armory for Salisbury and Rowan County as the old is not adequate in its location and for its use. The Jaycees would like to have a letter of endorsement from the Commissioners. A motion was made by Mr. Walters to support the efforts of the Jaycees in securing a new Armory. This was seconded by Mr. Honeycutt with unanimous approval.

Mr. Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor, reported the following bids had been received for the binders and forms and the tax listing forms: Attached.

A motion was made by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Walters with unanimous approval to accept the low bids from Earles Office Supply for \$3.38 per set for a total of \$253.50 and from Rowan Business forms for \$14.48 for a total of \$868.80.

Mr. Murdoch opened the bids for the Sheriff's Department 8 new automobiles and they are as follows:

Aaron Chevrolet	\$22,264.88
Foil Motor Co.	\$22,130.28
City Motor Co.	\$21,970.20

A motion was made by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Messinger with unanimous approval to accept City Motor's low bid of \$21,970.20 after checking all specs.

Mr. Murdoch opened the bids for the Juvenile Officer's automobile and they are as follows: Attached.

A motion was made by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Sowers with unanimous approval to accept Aaron Chevrolet's low bid of \$2,837.34 after checking all the specs.

Mr. Murdoch reported only two (2) bids were received for the Sanitation equipment and the number required is three; therefore the opening of the bids were deferred for one week in order to secure more bids. This will be advertised in the paper on September 8, 1971.

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

\$3.00 to James C. Black

\$10.00 to Bill Walters

\$10.35 to Carl Hartsoe

The following new personnel were approved upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Messinger:

Richard Lee Ervin, Draftsman \$301/month

Fannie Bell Dennis, Maid \$260/month

Harriet Madelon Poe, Social Worker \$625/month

Mr. Murdoch reported Mr. Gideon Misenheimer will retire in October, 1971 and recommends Mr. Seth Mull to replace him. A motion was made by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Sowers with unanimous approval to hire Mr. Seth Mull immediately to help with the Department of Labor Emergency Employment Act, until Mr. Misenheimer retires.

Under the Department of Labor Emergency Act the following will be hired: one deputy, one maid for the Social Services Department, one landfill aide, one assistant dog warden, five maintenance men at the Park and six teachers aides. A motion was made by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Messinger with unanimous approval to apply to the Department of Labor for funds for these positions.

A motion was made by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters with unanimous approval to reappoint Mr. Eugene (Doc) Howell to the Housing Authority Board. Term to expire on September 16, 1976.

The Parks & Recreation Committee did not report any replacements for Mrs. Jay L. (Jane) Smith, Jr.

A motion was made by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters with unanimous approval to reappoint Mrs. Nord Wilson to the Jury Commission. Term to expire October 10, 1973.

A motion was made by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters with unanimous approval to appoint Mr. Ashley Roberts to the Airport Board to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Anthony Linn. Term to expire December 31, 1971.

Mr. Murdoch reported the Rowan County Airport's application for funds to the State Department of Conservation & Development to improve the County Airport was not granted as funds are not available at this time. The Board will meet again in January, 1972 and Rowan County will be considered again.

Mr. Murdoch reported on the Welfare Lien on the Thomas R. Lingle property and house. He has an offer of \$1,800. Mr. Clarence Kluttz, County Attorney, advised the Board to advertise and sell at public auction at the site. A motion was made by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Messinger with unanimous approval to authorize Mr. Kluttz to advertise and to sell the property at public auction at the site starting at \$1,800.

A motion was made by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Messinger with unanimous approval for Mr. Kluttz to sell the County property in Correll Park at the Courthouse door when he gets the report from the property committee as to its value.

Mr. Kluttz, County Attorney, advised the Board that he had received a letter from Charles H. Sedberry, Attorney from Raleigh, NC retained by Mr. Jake Earnhardt relating to the appeal in the Carolina Explosives case. Mr. Sedberry discussed the two possible courses of action which could be taken in appealing the case in an effort to have the decision handed down by District Court ordering the Commissioners to issue a license to Carolina Explosives thrown out. The first would be a collateral attached instigated by interested parties other than the Commissioners, namely the adjoining land owners. The second would be a direct appeal by the Commissioners with Mr. Sedberry appearing as a counsel of record along with the County attorney who would at all times have the final authority in all litigation's. Mr. Jake Earnhardt would pay all costs of the proceedings with no expense to the County. Mr. Sowers made a motion that the

second course of action described above be accepted. Mr. Walters seconded in order to open the discussion. After hearing the pros and cons of the motion the Chairman asked for a vote. Mr. Sowers and Mr. McCombs voted for the motion. Mr. Messinger, Mr. Honeycutt and Mr. Walters voted against the motion thereby defeating it three to two. No further motions were made on the issue indicating that the Commissioners desired to take no further action.

There was a discussion on Sunday Beer & Wine sales. Mr. Kluttz will check on the ordinances and report back to the Board next Wednesday, September 15, 1971 at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Sowers commended Mr. Messinger on his survey for the financing fire service in Rowan county.

A motion was made by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Sowers with unanimous approval to pay the consultant fee of \$1,399.15 to Mrs. Sherman A. Pickard for the Rowan County Fire Study.

Miss Katie Harris with the Council of Governments was a visitor at the Commissioners meeting today.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 15, 1971.

Respectively Submitted,

Mary H. Beaver, Clerk