

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
OCTOBER 4, 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. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Messinger and unanimously passed the minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Mr. McCombs reported he had received approximately 50 letters from residents of Westcliff Development protesting the proposed apartments to be built in their development. Mr. McCombs said legally nothing can be done to prevent the apartments from being built. A list of these names and addresses will be sent to the County Planning Board with no recommendation from the Commissioners at this time.

Mr. McCombs read a letter from Mr. Gideon Misenheimer concerning his retirement as Custodian and Supervisor of the Surplus Food Warehouse for Rowan County effective October 25, 1971.

Mr. Messinger read a letter from Mrs. Deece Sharpe concerning her retirement as County Extension Secretary for Rowan County effective September 30, 1971.

A motion was made by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Sowers with unanimous approval to send a letter to Mr. Misenheimer and Mrs. Sharpe thanking them for their outstanding work and service they have contributed to the county over the past years.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Mr. Charles Goldman, Celebrities chairman for the Holiday Caravan, inviting the Rowan County Commissioners to participate in the Holiday Caravan which will be on Wednesday, November 24, 1971.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter Mr. Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor, had sent as a matter of record concerning the 55% tax assessment ratio for 1972. A motion was made by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Messinger to keep the 55% ratio. This was unanimously passed.

Mr. Murdoch reported on a letter from Mr. Clifton M. Craig, Department of Social Services in Raleigh, concerning updating the North Kannapolis Jail. The Commissioners will declare the jail as only overnight lockup and all women and juveniles will be brought to the Rowan County jail in Salisbury.

Mr. McCombs read a letter from Mrs. Ruby Ostwalt, thanking the Board for their stand on the Beer & Wine Sunday sales. Several of the other Commissioners received similar letters.

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

Sunset Drive – addition to the system
Bringle's Custom Butchering Access Road – addition to the system.

Mr. Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported that \$558,692,72 had been collected for the month of September, 1971.

Mr. Murdoch will talk to Mr. Francis Luther, City Manager, concerning the Tax Discount Rate and report back to the Board with recommendations.

The Commissioners will meet with Mr. Wallace Peeler on Thursday, October 7, 1971 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the revaluation proposals received and on Monday, October 25, 1971 at 7:30 p.m. will meet with representatives from firms in order to award the contract.

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

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

Seth R. Mull, County Buildings \$5,232/year
Terry Lynn Fortson, Deputy Sheriff \$6,036/year
Suzanne Stauffer, Social Worker Trainee, \$571/month
Susan Neer, PHN I, \$625/month
Regine M. Butler, Health Aide, \$307/month
George W. Clawson, Asst. Supervisor, Parks \$2.00/hour
Regine M. Coleman, Social Worker II \$785/month

Mr. Murdoch reported on the bids for paving the parking lot across the road from the Farm & Health center and to resurface the small lot next to the Farm & Health Center. The bids were as follows: Attached.

A motion was made by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters with unanimous approval to accept Jim L. Bost Construction Co.'s low bid of \$1,818.20.

Mr. Murdoch reported on the dog damage claims. Mrs. Gerald Williams claims dogs killed 2 pigs at a cost of \$21.00, Mr. M. A. Earnhardt claimed a loss of 27 chickens at a cost of \$40.50 and Mr. M. E. Petrea claimed a loss of 20 chickens at a cost of \$30.00. A motion was made by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt with unanimous approval to pay the above claims.

Mr. Murdoch reported that Mr. Jack Ramsey, of the Jury Commission will need helpers for about 2 weeks in order to get a new jury list ready for the next 2 years at a cost of around \$700. A motion was made by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt with unanimous approval to authorize Mr. Ramsey to hire helpers at a cost not to exceed \$700 to compile a new jury list.

Mr. Messinger requested that Mr. Murdoch and Mr. Doug Tennent get together and get an estimated cost for the furnishings for the Community Building and bring it to the meeting on Thursday, October 7, 1971.

Mr. Murdoch reported the Thomas R. Lingle property was sold at public auction to Mr. W. C. Eagle for \$2,600.

A motion was made by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Messinger with unanimous approval to pay auctioneer Deputy Gene Stirewalt \$15 for handling the Lingle auction.

Mr. Murdoch reported a flooding in the basement of the Social Services Department this past Friday afternoon, October 1, 1971 which was taken care of late that afternoon.

Mr. Murdoch also reported Mrs. Lucile Donnelly, Director of Social Services Department, is requesting a glass enclosure around the switchboard operator's desk. In the winter when the front door is opened a gush of cold air comes in. She also requested a separate desk for the receptionist to be put at the side of the waiting room. The estimated cost will be between \$1,500 to \$2,000. A motion was made by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Walters with unanimous approval to secure bids and proceed with the work at the Social Services Department.

The bids for the Sanitation Equipment were reviewed and are as follows. Attached.

After reviewing all the specifications and recommendations a motion was made by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt with unanimous approval to

award the bids to SANCO for 411,995, Fowler Motor Co., for \$14,646.77 and Worth Keeter for \$19,950.

Mr. McCombs reported the interest earned on money invested for the months of July, August and September was \$39,271.03.

Mr. Honeycutt reported on the property in Correll Park and he recommended it be sold at public auction for 4300 absolute.

There being no further business the meeting wad adjourned until October 7, 1971 at 7:30 p.m. and October 25, 1971 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Mary H. Beaver, Clerk