

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 4, 1972

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in the Rowan County Courthouse in District Courtroom II, Salisbury, North Carolina, at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present: Chairman Eugene McCombs, J. Lewis Sowers, Charlie Walters, and Rufus Honeycutt. Mr. Richard Messinger was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McCombs who opened with prayer. Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, the minutes of the meeting of December 6, 1971, were approved with no noted corrections.

A joint meeting of the Rowan County Planning Board and the Rowan County Commissioners will be held on January 25 at 7:30 p.m. for the Commissioners and Planning Board members to discuss the proposed work for the Planning Board for 1972.

A letter was received on December 10 from Dr. Robert C. Hanfield resigning his position as Chairman of the Environmental Task Force. Mr. Honeycutt moved that the resignation be accepted. Mr. Walters seconded with unanimous approval of all Commissioners. The County Manager was instructed to contact the Vice-Chairman to ask if he has any strong feelings about what the Task Force should be doing and if he would like to meet with the Commissioners.

A letter was read from David Graham, Jr., Manager of the ABC Board, which stated that the request from the County Commissioners for \$4,500 to help with the cost of the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program has been approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters with unanimous approval, a contract was awarded to Bill's Exterminating Company for \$365 for termite treatment in the jail and the Sheriff's Office. This money will come out of Contingencies, Account 4591.

The following transfer was unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters: Sheriff's Department - \$145.50

The following tax refunds were unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt:

Grace Dixon Horton - \$2.00 plus \$.06 interest
Benjamin Howard Berry - \$3.61

Mr. Paul Carter, Chairman of the County Housing Authority, briefed the Commissioners on a program of obtaining housing under the Rowan County Housing Authority through the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Housing Authority has not been allocated any housing at this time. Mr. Carter thinks when it is allocated it will be leased housing. He has contacted several builders for proposals, and he expects to have some information from HUD around the first of February.

The following new personnel were unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt:

Earline Va. Woods, Cook at Jail \$237/month
Irvin Starnes, Helper at Park \$285/month
William Allen Summers, Warehouseman \$1.90/hour
Pamela Rae Misenheimer, Clerk \$328/month plus \$720/year as Clerk

A motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, was unanimously approved to renew the lease on the County Home Property for one year commencing January 15, 1972, to January 15, 1973, with an option of two additional years to Percy G. Smith. Mr. Murdoch read the Commissioners a letter from the North Carolina Department of Social Services outlining the improvements that have to be made to the County Home to meet the minimum and desired standards for homes for the aged. Mr. Smith will request some financial aid from the Commissioners at a later date when he receives bids on the work to be done.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters with unanimous approval, the following named people were appointed to the Rowan County Family Planning Task Force:

Public Agencies

Mr. Herbert L. Hawley, Director
Rowan county Health Department

Mrs. Roy R. Scarlette
Rowan County Schools

Dr. Warren Young
Department of Mental Health

Mrs. Paul W. Donnelly, Director
Department of Social Services

Mrs. Richard J. McGuire
Salisbury City Schools

Private Sector

Dr. Joel Goodwin,
Rowan-Davie Medical Association

Mrs. Louise Slade,
Farm Agent's office

Mr. Fred Stanback, Jr.

Mrs. Shirley Lister
Salisbury/Rowan Community Service Council

Mr. Stuart Patch

Participants

Mrs. Jake Alexander
Mrs. J. Francis Holt
Mrs. George W. Bates
Mrs. Glenn A. McKenzie
Mr. James Rollans

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters, the following people were reappointed to the Airport Board for a three year term, ending December 31, 1974:

Warren Beaumont
Ashley Roberts
Earl Waggoner

Mr. Seth Murdoch, County Manager, reported that he received \$12,203.70 from Mr. Francis C. Glover, Rowan County Clerk of Superior Court. This money represents deposits to secure costs which have accumulated in Rowan County over a period of time prior to the seventh day of December, 1970. He also received \$1,746.50 from the same source representing bond forfeitures which have accumulated over the same period. If at some future date it would be required to make refunds from either of these two accounts, the Clerk of Court is authorized to deduct such reimbursements from future funds to Rowan County.

Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Sowers, a resolution honoring the retirement of Edith Clark as Rowan County Librarian was unanimously approved. (attached)

Rowe McNeely advised the Commissioners that the following bids have been received for the landscape beautification of the Farm & Health Center:

Benjamin Brown - \$881.50
Lester J. Brown - \$1,700
Mr. Temple - \$1,128

A motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt with unanimous approval, awarded the bid to Benjamin Brown in the event that the other two bidders would not come below his price for substituting 24-30 inch Burford Chinese Holly instead of 30-36 inch plants.

Pamela R. Misenheimer was appointed Clerk to the Board to replace Seth Murdoch, County Manager, after a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters with unanimous approval.

Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Sowers with unanimous approval, Doug Tennent, architect for the Community Building project, was authorized to advertise for bids for the demolition of the Community Building annex and the construction of a Mini-Park on that site for an estimated cost of \$40,000. Advertising is to start on January 11, and at 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 25, bids will be opened by the County Commissioners.

Mr. Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor, advised the Commissioners that the following two firms had been billed for the difference in inventory values listed with the state of North Carolina and Rowan County for 1970-71.

Nurick Brothers - \$449.70
Hoyle A. Parker Equipment Sales - \$53.03

Mr. Sowers reported to the Commissioners that the Rufty's have agreed to trade on an even swap, foot for foot, property adjoining the County Jail. The Rufty's also agreed to sell to the County an additional 2434 sq. ft. of property at \$2.50 per sq. ft.

A motion by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt with unanimous approval, authorized Mr. Clarence Kluttz, the County Attorney, to draw up the deed for the exchange and sale of the property. If at any time the County decides to do any major excavating on the property, the Rufty's will be consulted.

Mr. McCombs reported that \$61,902.11 in interest had been earned on County funds on deposit since July.

Mr. Walters reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission along with representatives from the City Recreation Department are exploring the possibility of a combined City-County recreation department.

Mr. Murdoch reported that the revised cost estimate for Phase III at the Dan Nicholas Park from \$92,070 to \$98,070 had been approved by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. Mr. Walters moved that \$2,500 be transferred from Account No. 4587 to Account No. 4585 to cover the County's matching portion. Mr. Sowers seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Stamey Carter, County Auditor from Sherrill and Smith Certified Public Accountants, presented the annual audit for Rowan County for the year ending June 30, 1971. Mr. Carter stated that the County was in sound financial condition.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until January 25 at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully yours,
Pamela R. Misenheimer, Clerk