

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 7, 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, Richard Messinger, and Rufus Honeycutt.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McCombs who opened with prayer. Upon a motion by Mr. Walters seconded by Mr. Messinger, it was unanimously approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of January 4 and January 25 meetings.

Mr. Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported that \$532,601.38 was collected for the month of January, which makes the total collection of the 1971 tax levy 90.022 percent complete.

Mr. McCombs reported that the interest funds collected through January were \$105,777.79.

The following road petition was unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Sowers:

Five tenths of a mile off Hurley School Road, submitted by James C. Buchanan- addition to the system.

The County Manager reported that the county garbage system should be in operation shortly after the first of March. All equipment has been ordered and a man has been hired to begin work on February 15.

The following transfers were unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Sowers. Attached

Mr. Jim Epting of the State Commerce and Industry Department and Mr. Sonny Epting, the Executive Vice President of the Salisbury-Rowan Chamber of Commerce, spoke with the Commissioners concerning the need of water and sewer facilities in the County to attract industry. A specific incident at the Circle M Ranch property concerns the need for additional water pressure to meet the fire insurance standards. This could be in the form of pumps or a water tank. They stated that several industries would not participate in the cost of the installation of these facilities along with the City and County. The Commissioners told them

when they had a firm price and an agreement from the City to participate with the industries, they would work out the details of financing.

Mr. Wallace Peeler reported that under the newly enacted "Old Folks Bill" 500 applications have been received and 334 were found to be eligible for tax deduction. This would cost the County approximately \$9,000 in revenue. Mr. Peeler also reported that the total valuation gain for 1971 over 1970 was \$50,219,874.

Mr. Messinger reported that the final report from Henningson, Durham & Richardson, engineers from Charlotte, on the proposed County water system had been received by the Water and Sewer Committee. In order to implement this program, Mr. Messinger is recommending that the County propose to the public for a vote in the May 6 primary election a 4 million dollar water bond issue. This vote will coincide with the State's proposed 180 million dollar water and sewer bond issue. Mr. Messinger requested that the Commissioners meet on Wednesday, February 16, at 7:30 p.m. with the Water and Sewer committee to vote on the proposed bond referendum.

Mrs. Regine Coleman has replaced Mrs. Julia Pope as Supervisor in the Social Services Department. Mrs. Donnelly requested that her salary be increased from \$9,420 to \$9,852. Mr. Messinger moved that this raise be granted as of February 1, 1972. Mr. Honeycutt seconded the motion and with unanimous approval.

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

Mary G. Lilly, Social Worker II \$715/month

Mr. Clarence Kluttz informed the Commissioners that a bid of \$3,200 had been obtained for the former John Spencer Torrence property in Atwell Township consisting of 6.5 acres, which was conveyed to Rowan County some years ago. Mr. Sowers moved that this property be put up for absolute auction at 12 noon on March 6, 1972, at the Courthouse door with bidding to start at \$3,200. Mr. Honeycutt seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Harold Myers was unanimously approved for reappointment to the Watershed Committee for a term of six years upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters.

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

Mr. Morris R. Hawkins - \$9.95

Upon a motion by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Walters with unanimous approval, the County Manager was authorized to destroy administrative, legal, and financial records which are outdated in accordance with the County Records Manual of 1970 from the State Department of Archives and History.

Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Sowers, the Commissioners unanimously authorized Mr. Walters and Mr. Honeycutt to proceed with interviewing architects to design the proposed County Extended Care Facility. The final selection of the architect will be combined effort of the Board of Commissioners and the Rowan Memorial Hospital Board.

Mr. Kluttz reported that as soon as the Deed of Trust is cancelled, the trade and purchase of property with Rufty's, as previously authorized by the Commissioners, would be consummated.

Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Sowers with unanimous approval, a resolution will be sent to Mrs. Coleman Grubb expressing the Commissioners' appreciation for the work done by the late Mr. Coleman Grub as chairman of the Water and Sewer Committee..

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until February 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully yours,
Pam Misenheimer, Clerk