

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED SESSION
FEBRUARY 16, 1972

The Rowan County Commissioners met in an Adjourned Session in District Courtroom II, Rowan County Courthouse, Salisbury, NC at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Chairman Eugene McCombs, J. Lewis Sowers, Charlie Walters, Dick Messinger, and Rufus Honeycutt.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and turned over to Mr. Messinger for the purpose of receiving the completed feasibility report for a Rowan Metropolitan Water System as prepared by Henningson, Durham & Richardson Engineering from Charlotte. The following members of the Rowan Water/Sewer advisory committee were present to make their recommendations to the Commissioners: J. H. West, F. K. Fleming, and Ray Yost. At this point, Mr. Messinger made a motion that Mr. Hayden Clement be appointed to this Committee as Chairman to replace the late Coleman Grubb, Sr., who was so instrumental in the formulation of the water study. Mr. Sowers seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Clement being present, accepted the appointment. The floor was then turned over to Mr. Charles Baker, Vice-President of the firm, and Mr. Bob Linkner, Project Engineer. They reviewed the study in detail (a topical summary attached).

As a result of this study, the Water-Sewer Advisory committee recommended to the Commissioners that they adopt Plan "A" and consider a bond issue of \$5 million to finance the construction costs.

Mr. Messinger moved that a bond order be introduced for \$5 million for this purpose. Mr. Walters seconded and it was unanimously approved. (attached) A date of March 6, 1972 at 9:00 a.m. was set as the time of the Public Hearing on the bond issue; and notices will be published in the Salisbury Post on February 21 and 28, 1972.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Sowers with unanimous approval, authority was given to apply to the Local Government Commission in Raleigh for the issuance of the bonds. (attached)

Mr. Honeycutt expressed his personal thanks to Mr. Messinger and the Advisory Committee for the many hours of work they had expended in the preparation of the report. Mr. Sowers also expressed his thanks along with Mr. Walters and Mr. McCombs.

Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Messinger and with unanimous approval, the salary of Mr. Edward M. Sturhahn, Mental Health Department, was increased retroactive to October 27, 1972, instead of the current increase date of November 13, 1971, as per instructions from the North Carolina Department of Mental Health. Mr. Sturhahn will be paid the difference in his old rate of \$902/month and \$945/month for the period of October 27 to November 13, 1971.

A letter was read from Mr. Warren Hylton, President of Safety Systems, Inc., of Salisbury requesting that time on the County's computer be exchanged for programmer time from his staff. The County Manager was authorized to work out the details of this exchange.

Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt with unanimous approval, the County Manager was authorized to enter into a maintenance contract with Barber-Coleman Company of Charlotte to maintain the control systems with the heating and air-conditioning equipment in the Courthouse for \$550 annually.

A letter was read from Mr. Art Donaldson requesting the lease of on acre of county property on Heilig Road which adjoins his property. Mr. Sowers moved that this be granted on an annual basis with a 60 day termination clause at the rate of thirty dollars a year. Mr. Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

The following transfers were approved after a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt: Attached

The following request from the State Highway Department was approved upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Sowers:

.30 mile portion of hackett Road, SR-2124 abandonment from State maintained secondary road system.

The following road petition was approved after a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Messinger with unanimous approval:

Whisnant Drive – addition to the system.

The following bids were received for a pick-up truck for the sanitation department:

City Motor Company - \$2,298
Aaron Chevrolet - \$2,299.60
McCanless Motors - \$2,465.65
Fowler Motors - \$2,278.78

Mr. Honeycutt moved that Fowler Motor Company be awarded the bid. Mr. Walters seconded with unanimous approval.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 2:00 p.m., February 29, 1972.

Respectfully yours,
Pam Misenheimer, Clerk