

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED SESSION
NOVEMBER 20, 1972

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in an Adjourned Session in the Community Building, Salisbury, North Carolina at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Chairman Eugene McCombs, Lewis Sowers, Charlie Walters, Dick Messinger, and Rufus Honeycutt. Chairman McCombs called the meeting to order.

The Commissioners had invited all the mayors and the city councilman to the meeting to further discuss the valuation manual submitted by Cole-Layer-Trumble. The following guests were present: E. L. Allen, Jr., Gene Beaver, James Foil, James Lingle, Francis Luther, Harry Sifford, C.E. Spear, and Bill Stanback.

Mr. Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor, and Mr. Richard Heller, Cole-Layer-Trumble, reviewed the types of property and the various schedules in the manual, answering questions from the Commissioners and from the other people who were present.

When there were no further questions, Mr. Walters moved that the manual be approved. Mr. Honeycutt seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

C. J. Fisher, Don Crowell, and W. H. Hannah of the Home Builders Association of Salisbury talked with Commissioners concerning bids for the leased housing project. The Home Builders feel they could do a better job at a lower price than the company who is now negotiating with the Rowan County Housing Authority for the job.

Mr. Walters felt that as the builders were local people and paid taxes, they should at least be heard by the Housing Authority.

Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Messinger, Chairman McCombs was authorized to write a letter to the Chairman of the Housing Authority stating that before any contracts or commitments were made, the Home builders were to be allowed to present their proposal to the Housing Authority.

A resolution was received from Mr. Clarence Kluttz, County Attorney, concerning a property lien against Tillie L. Rowland. As she inherited a 1/3 undivided interest in property located in Gold Hill, she has agreed to pay Rowan

County the sum or \$893.91 as her share of the new proceeds in exchange for release of the property lien.

Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Walters, the resolution to release the property lien was unanimously approved. (attached)

Mott Price has approached Mr. Rowe McNeely, County Farm Agent, concerning state farm legislation. He asked to meet with the Commissioners concerning this matter. He will be put on the agenda of the December 4 meeting.

The County Manager was authorized to purchase Christmas wreaths for the Community Building.

Mr. Carl Sloop and two Forestry agents talked with Mr. Murdoch about the possibility of planting pine seedlings on 15 acres of land behind the County home. The land would not require additional grading. The Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service would pay \$14/acre toward the planting of these trees. The remaining cost to the County would be approximately \$120. A motion by Mr. Messinger was seconded by Mr. Walters and unanimously approved to go ahead with this project.

The Chamber of Commerce is planning an information booklet of the businesses of Rowan County. The Commissioners were asked to buy an advertisement. The item died from lack of a motion.

A letter was received from Clarence Sink saying that Paul Parks, Head of the Community Service Division of the FHA in North Carolina, will be in Salisbury on the morning of November 29 to discuss FHA grants. The County Manager said he would try to set up a meeting with Mr. Parks if the Water & Sewer Commission and any Commissioners are available at that time.

As it has been several years since Rowan County had a highway commissioner, Mr. Messinger suggested that the Commissioners recommend to the Governor-elect that Jake Alexander be considered for this position in our district.

Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, a resolution to be sent to Governor elect James E. Holshouser, Jr. was unanimously approved supporting Jake Alexander for highway commissioner from this district. (attached)

Mr. Murdoch reported that there has been a fire at the landfill since Friday morning. Several extra men were called in to help put it out. Ken Miller, a local contractor, has moved a large amount of dirt in trying to cover the fire.

As the landfill has gotten behind in covering the regular garbage, they would like for Mr. Miller to help them catch up.

The County Manager reported that Deputy Gene Stirewalt has made the first arrest on the charge of dumping garbage on the ground. Deputy Stirewalt was a man empty a dump truck of garbage by the side of the road near Lower Stone Church.

Mr. Sowers expressed the congratulations of the Commissioners to Chairman McCombs for being elected Chairman of the Centralina Council of Governments.

Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, Chairman McCombs was appointed the official delegate to the Council of Governments, with the other four Commissioners serving as alternate.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Mishenheimer