

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

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in a Regular Session in the Community Building, Salisbury, North Carolina, at 9 a.m. The following members were present: Eugene McCombs, Lewis Sowers, Charlie Walters, Rufus Honeycutt, and Dick Messinger.

Mr. McCombs and Mr. Walters, who were re-elected to the Board of Commissioners in the November 7, 1972, election, were given the oath of office by the Clerk of Superior Court, Mr. Francis Glover.

The County Manager called the meeting to order and Mr. Messinger opened with prayer.

The minutes of the meetings of November 6 and 20, 1972, were unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Walters.

Nominations were opened for Chairman. Mr. Sowers nominated Mr. McCombs and Mr. Walters seconded the nomination. Mr. Messinger moved that the nominations be closed; Mr. Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

Nominations were opened for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Messinger nominated Mr. Sowers and Mr. Walters seconded the nomination. Mr. Honeycutt moved that the nominations be closed; Mr. Walters seconded and with unanimous approval.

Chairman McCombs then took the floor.

Mr. Walters moved that the following officials be re-appointed at the pleasure of the Board:

Seth S. Murdoch – County Manager & Budget/Finance Officer
Glenn Trexler – Tax Collector
Pam Misenheimer – Clerk to the Board
Clarence Kluttz – County Attorney
Tommy Hudson – County Surveyor

The motion was seconded by Mr. Honeycutt and unanimously approved. The committees and Board for next year will remain the same. (attached)

All bonds of County Officials will remain the same for the next two years with one exception – The building inspector’s bond will be changed from Clarence Bowers to Hurley Bowers. Mr. Clarence Kluttz recommended that Stamey Carter be contacted to make sure the bonds are adequate. Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters, the Bonds were unanimously approved for a two year period.

A letter was received from Mr. Paul Carter resigning his position as Charmin of the Rowan County Housing Authority. Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Messenger, his resignation was accepted with regrets.

A letter was received from Miss Edith Hinshaw, Home Economics Extension Agent, thanking the commissioners for their part in helping her to attend the National Association of Extension Home Agents that was held in Denver, Colorado, in October.

A letter was received from Mrs. Lucile Donnelly, Social Services Director, asking that some work be done on the Social Services Building. It is in bad need of painting and also the basement of the receiving home needs some work.

Mr. Messenger recommended that Mrs. Donnelly get cost estimates of the work needed and bring them before the Board.

Upon a motion by Mr. Messenger, seconded by Mr. Sowers, the following transfer was unanimously approved:

County Buildings - \$120 from account 4045 to 4056.

Chairman McCombs reported the interest received through November 30, 1972, as follows:

School Fund	\$14,379.02
School Building	22,208.90
General Fund	22,755.79
Debt Service	<u>849.81</u>
Total	\$60,193.52

The following personnel and payroll changes were unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt:

Harold G. Medley, Deputy Sheriff \$503/month
Melvin S. Beaver, Alcoholism Counselor \$8,592/month
Sharon Ennis, Stenographer II, \$5,712

Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, Frank B. Shaver, & Greer Goodman were appointed to the Salisbury Planning Board.

John Frazier, Jr., Douglas Peeler, and Ben D. Kistler were appointed to the Airport Board upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt.

Robert Brunson and Charles Wentz were appointed to the Parks & Recreation Commission upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Messinger.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters, the attached list of Farm Census Enumerators were unanimously approved.

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

William Sasser Baker - \$8.00

The County Attorney reported that the Della K. Young property had been sold last month to Mr. Charles Ramsey. Mr. Ramsey has since learned that \$145.05 is owed the Town of Spencer for taxes on this property.

Mr. Sowers moved that the County absorb one half of these taxes owed to Spencer. Mr. Honeycutt seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

There have been several break-ins at the County Landfill lately. A Deputy arrested three boys who were inside the landfill after hours, but he could not get a warrant because the landfill is considered public property. The County has no ordinance prohibiting people from coming onto the property.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, an Ordinance Prohibiting Trespassing on landfill property except during hours posted was unanimously approved (attached).

The Commissioners received an ordinance from the Town of Granite Quarry requesting that the county take over all of its elections. Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Messinger, the ordinance was unanimously approved. (attached).

The North Kannapolis jail has rearranged the office to have more space. They need an extension phone. Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Sowers, the additional phone for the jail was granted.

Mr. Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported the collections for November were \$421,498.79.

Mr. Messinger reported that he had not yet received the sewer study from Henningson, Durham & Richardson, Inc. He hoped it would be completed by the next meeting.

He also said the County needs to reply to the City's request for assistance on the sewer project at Crane Creek, but this cannot be done until the sewer study is completed.

It might be possible to finance a water and sewer project through FHA loans. This possibility is still be investigated.

Mr. Mott Price and a group of people concerned with farming met with Commissioners to discuss farm land values. The delegation asked that the Commissioners support state legislation to value farm land at farm prices, regardless of the industrial value, provided this land was used for farming.

The Commissioner felt that under the revaluation project now in progress, farm land would be valued at fair prices throughout the County. As they did not know what the legislation would involve, they declined to pass a resolution.

The Tax Supervisor requested that assessment of the following mobile homes be approved as the owner has refused to list them.

Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Walters, the above assessments were unanimously approved.

Mr. Murdoch congratulated Mr. Wallace Peeler for being elected President of the District Tax Supervisors.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Misenheimer, Clerk