

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 2, 1973

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: Chairman Eugene McCombs, Lewis Sowers, Charlie Walters, Dick Messinger and Rufus Honeycutt.

Chairman McCombs called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Messinger, the minutes of the meeting of December 4, 1972, were unanimously approved.

A letter was received from Mrs. Lucille Donnelly concerning a survey she made of Surplus food recipients. She sent out 690 letters and 486 were returned. Of those returned, 316 preferred food stamps while 170 wanted to continue with the donated foods. She felt this survey might have some bearing on the type of program the County would want to have.

A letter was received from E. D. Richards, DVM, asking that prices of rabies vaccination at the 1973 clinic be raised. Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters, the price of a one-year vaccination was raised from \$1.50 to \$2.00; a two-year vaccination, from \$2.00 to \$3.00. The motion was unanimously approved.

The County Manager read a letter from Mr. Leo Wallace resigning his position as trustee on the Rowan Public Library Board because of reasons of health. The Commissioners accepted his resignation and asked that a letter of commendation be sent for Mr. Wallace's past performance.

Mr. Walters moved that Mr. Bill Roberts be appointed for a six-year term to replace Mr. Wallace. Mrs. Phil Sowers was also reappointed for a six-year term as her present term expired December 31, 1972. Mr. Messinger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Miss Addie R. Morris has asked that the Rowan County Council for the Aging be given due consideration for the revenue sharing funds. Chairman McCombs suggested that before taking action, they find out what funds are available for the Aging and if revenue funds may be used.

A letter was received from Mr. Garland E. Steele commending Mr. Carl Sloop and the Conservation office on the job they are doing with the Third Creek Watershed Project.

Mr. Sowers was appointed the official delegate to the district meetings of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Messinger, the following road petitions were unanimously approved:

Bost Drive – addition to the system
Sunset Drive, Forest Drive, Hilcrest Drive, and Dogwood Drive – additions to the system.

Mr. Glen Trexler, Tax Collector, reported that the collections for December, 1972, were \$1,251,904.06.

Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, the following refunds were unanimously approved:

John R. Simmerson - \$14.90
Perry Fields - \$25.00
William Bowman - \$1.00
Allen S. Johnson - \$5.00

The Commissioners had as their guests, Mrs. Tuttle, Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Weddington. They are taking courses at Rowan Tech and wished to sit in on a meeting.

The following transfer was unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. (attached)

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

James F. Tillman, Sanitarian \$654/month
Mitzie B. Crane, SS Eligibility Specialist \$521/month
Larry M. Parrish, Administrator \$1,386/month

As required by law, the attached resolution establishing a trust fund for the revenue sharing funds was unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Sowers.

The Town of East Spencer has requested that the County Board of Elections take over its elections. Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters, a contract to this effect was unanimously approved. (attached)

A letter was received from Mr. Percy Smith requesting renewal of the lease of the County Home. A motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, was unanimously approved to renew the lease for the year January 15, 1973, to January 15, 1974.

Mr. H. K. Krider has asked that he be allowed to lease the County farmland at \$10 an acre. Upon a motion by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Messinger, his request was unanimously approved.

Sheriff John Stirewalt and Deputy June Bost submitted plans for an addition to the North Kannapolis Jail. Commissioners suggested the jail inspector and the architect get together to see if the plans can be modified for present needs.

The County Manager submitted an "Ordinance Establishing the Adoption, Inspection, Enforcement, and Permit Fees for Installation of Heating, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration, and Ventilation." Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, the ordinance was approved with Mr. Sowers voting against the motion. The ordinance will go into effect July 1, 1973. (attached)

The County Manager reported on the condition of the landfill equipment. The landfill is in need of two compactors to replace worn out equipment and to carry the additional load of the City's garbage. Mr. Sowers moved that bids be secured on two garbage compactors. MR. Messinger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, the County Manager was authorized to hire one equipment operator and one truck driver for the landfill.

On behalf of the Parks & Recreation committee, Mr. Walters requested funds for further developing revenue producing activities at the Park. He was advised to make a list of specific needs to be submitted to the Commissioners.

Chairman McCombs appointed himself, Mr. Messinger, and the County Manager to study and recommend suggestions for using the revenue sharing funds. They are to report at the next meeting.

The following bids were received for painting the interior of the Social Services building:

Robert Hess \$2,350
James Lloyd 2,600

Mr. Messinger moved that Mr. Robert Hess be awarded the contract. The money is to come from the Social Services Department if available. If not, it is to come from contingencies. Mr. Honeycutt seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Chairman McCombs reported the interest received through December 31, 1972 as follows:

Debt Service	\$981.32
General Fund	26,970.27
School Building	27,456.24
School Fund	<u>14,379.02</u>
Total	\$69,786.85

Mrs. Messinger reported that Henningson, Durham & Richardson had informally told him the sewage treatment plant on Third Creek was low on the priorities list. There are other sewage facilities that are needed more so than the Third Creek plant.

Mr. Messinger said he met with the City Manager to tell him the County would not participate in the Third Creek treatment plant at the present time.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Sowers, a resolution to annex territory into the Kannapolis Sanitary District was unanimously approved. (attached)

The County Manager reported that \$1,879.00 had been paid from contingencies on a special assessment to the Centralina Council of governments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Mishenheimer, Clerk