

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
FEBRUARY 5, 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, and Rufus Honeycutt. Dick Messinger was absent.

Chairman McCombs called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. Upon a motion by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Walters, the minutes of the meetings of January 2 and 23, 1973 were unanimously approved.

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

Parks & Edwards – paving  
Cline Road – paving  
Ritchie Road – addition to the system.

A request was received from the Kannapolis Sanitary District that the County Plumbing Inspector take over the inspection duties within this District. Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters, this request was granted.

Mr. Messinger was unanimously appointed to represent Rowan County on the Political Action Committee upon a motion by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt.

The National Association of Counties has received Mr. Murdoch's entry for the United States of America Achievement Award. They will be reviewing entries and announcing winners during the coming weeks.

Mrs. Jean Ramsey, Register of Deeds, has asked Chairman McCombs to welcome the members of the North Carolina Association of Register of Deeds to Salisbury for their State Convention. Chairman McCombs accepted her invitation.

A letter was received from Mrs. Stutts, Mrs. Morgan, and Miss Weddington of Rowan Tech expressing their appreciation for the invitation to attend the January 2 meeting and for the help Mr. Murdoch and Chairman McCombs had given them.

A letter was received from Mrs. Irene Price suggesting several ways to decrease the crime rate of the North Kannapolis area.

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

Chairman McCombs reported that tax collections for the County for the month of January were \$1,868,089.09.

The interest collected through January 31 is as follows:

General Fund	\$42,550.74
School Building	36,847.86
School Fund	25,714.71
Debt Service	<u>4,278.25</u>
Total	\$109,391.56

Mrs. Marion Morton, Mrs. Betty Shaver, and Rev. Harold Wright spoke with Commissioners concerning the establishing of a Day Care Center for Developmentally Disabled. The Rowan County Association for Retarded Children has undertaken to establish this Center. However, they have only enough funds to operate it for one year. This meeting was to inform the Commissioners of the progress that is being made toward establishing the Center. They also asked that when approached in the spring of 1974, the Commissioners regard this Day Care Center as a budget priority for the program and budget beginning in July, 1974. Chairman McCombs stated that the Commissioners were interested and would consider the program at that time.

Mr. Jim Scott, Mr. Walter P. Waggoner, and Mr. Ronnie Bostian met with Commissioners concerning expansion needs at Rowan Tech. They felt the only feasible method of raising the necessary revenue was a \$2.5 million dollar bond issue. Commissioners postponed voting on the bond resolution until a later date when they will meet with the Rowan Tech Trustees.

Mr. George McIntyre of the Rowan County Housing Authority reported that HUD has requested that the leased housing project be changed so that Rowan County will own the houses rather than lease them. Mr. McIntyre said he would have more information later in the week after talking with HUD officials.

Mr. Stamey Carter presented to the Commissioners the Accountant's report for the year ended June 30, 1972.

A request was received from the Mental Health Clinic to raise the salary of Cantey T. Gannaway from \$654 to \$685 per month retroactive to January 1, 1973. This increase was overlooked when the budget was printed.

A request was received from Chief J. L. Bost that Patrolman T. H. Smith be promoted to Sergeant with a pay increase of \$6,636 to \$7,308 per year effective February 1. Upon a motion by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, the above requests were unanimously approved.

The County Board of Elections has been requested to take over elections for the Town of Cleveland. Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters, a resolution to this effect was unanimously approved. (attached)

Change Order No. 2 for the Mini-Park consists of bills and refunds received to the effect that the total contract price of \$48,978 be changed to \$46,376. Upon a motion by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, this change order was unanimously approved.

A letter was received from Mrs. Jean Ramsey requesting that the Commissioners support legislation to raise Register of Deeds fees on a state-wide level. Commissioners felt that as the Rowan County Register of Deeds is sufficiently supporting itself, they saw no need to raise our fees because other counties could not do the same. Upon a motion by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Walters, it was unanimously decided not to support this proposed legislation.

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

Berlie B. Deal - \$15.05

W.A. Kepley Grading Contractor \$24.75

The County Manager reported on the tire cutter he had seen in operation in Charlotte. It has given no maintenance problems since installation. The cost was \$3,895. The man charged .25 for each passenger tire and .50 for each truck tire.

Chairman McCombs suggested that a tire cutter be purchased and set up at the landfill. He suggested charging .20 for each passenger tire and .40 for each truck tire, and hiring one additional man to operate the tire cutter. Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters, the above suggestion was unanimously approved, with the funds for the purchase of this machine coming from contingencies.

An inspection of the receiving home by the fire department revealed several discrepancies in safety measures that have been changed since the building was

remodeled. The total cost of these improvements would be \$777. Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters, the funds for these items will come from County Buildings.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters, the 1972 Revenue Sharing Funds were allocated as follows. Attached

Upon a motion by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, it was unanimously decided to hire Jim Kluttz as the architect for the Health Department project.

Chairman McCombs suggested that a public address system be installed in the Commissioners Meeting Room. After discussing the type of microphone to be used, it was decided to further investigate the matter.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned until February 14, 1973 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela M. Ribelin, Clerk