

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 7, 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, Rufus Honeycutt, Dick Messinger, Lewis Sowers, and Charlie Walters.

Chairman McCombs called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. Upon a motion by Mr. Walters seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, the minutes of the meetings of April 2 and 26, 1973 were unanimously approved.

A note was received from Mr. Eva Mae Jordan thanking the Commissioners for the watch and resolution given her when she retired.

A letter was received from Senator Jesse Helms concerning the Commissioners support of a change in the tax-exempt bonds. Senator Helms voiced his disapproval of any change in these tax-exempt laws. He felt that the capital was needed to finance state and municipal development. He said this system had worked very well in its overall effect and he would hesitate to interrupt it now.

A letter was received from Kathy Owens of the Lambda Alpha Epsilon Professional Criminal Justice Fraternity inviting the Commissioners to a law enforcement week program on May 16 at 1 p.m.

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

West Corinth Baptist Church – addition to the system.

Rymer Road – paving

Gin Road – addition to the system

Service Road 2180 – paving

Nita Drive, Frances Street, Perryman Drive, Magnolia Circle – road signs

Clearfield Drive & Deerfield Ave – addition to the system

Mr. Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported the collections for the month of April as \$162,156.26.

Mr. Rowe McNeely, Farm Agent, introduced Miss Pam Cordell to the Commissioners. Miss Cordell will join Mr. McNeely's staff as an assistant Home Extension Agent in July.

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

Ray L. Freeze - \$3.00
Tracy L. Maynor, III - \$20.00
George L. Brady, Sr. - \$10.00
Melton Seinfeld - \$10.00

Upon a request of Mr. J. Eddie Brown, a representative of Governor Holshouser, Mr. Honeycutt moved that the week of May 6-12 be designated as Senior Citizens Week. The motion was seconded by Mr. Messinger and unanimously approved.

A tentative budget for the Department of Social Services was submitted to the Commissioners for approval so that it could be sent to Raleigh. Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Messinger, the tentative budget was unanimously approved. (attached)

Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Messinger, a contract with Warren Young for the use of the Mental Health Building for private practice after regular office hours was unanimously approved.

A note was received from the County Planning Board asking for comments on subdivision regulations. The Commissioners asked that the study be continued.

A letter was received from the Rowan Regional Planning Board asking that \$600 be transferred tot hem to help pay the salary of a summer intern who will compile a report concerning medical and health care in Rowan County.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters, and unanimously approved, \$600 will be paid to the City of Salisbury from Account 3695 for this summer intern.

Chairman McCombs reported that the interest collected through April, 1973, is as follows:

General Fund	\$67,652.02
School Fund	39,455.80
School Building	52,527.83
Debt Service	8,642.67
Revenue Sharing	<u>8,211.56</u>
Total	\$176,489.88

Several members of the Community Service Council reported to the Commissioners the progress they are making and the fine job their staff is doing. The council presented a proposal for consideration of funds to continue operations on a smaller scale until other resources are developed. Chairman McCombs said this proposal would be taken up at the budget hearings along with other requests.

The Chairman called to order the public hearing for the purpose of a hearing on the one percent (1%) sales tax. Chairman McCombs read the public notice for the one percent (1%) sales tax.

Those who opposed the additional sales tax were asked to speak first. Those voicing opposition are listed as follows:

Spencer Saunders, Spencer	Tommy Freeman, Kannapolis
Martin Ketchie, Spencer	Mrs. Murray
Lester Ritchie, China Grove	Craige Barger, Faith
Norman Frick, Salisbury	B. A. Winecoff

Those speaking for the sale tax are listed as follows:

Wade Mobley, School Superintendent
Ray Oxedine, Catawba College
Carl Helms, Pine Valley
Jim Brown, Cleveland
Tony Queen
Mrs. Dallas Fuller, Stoneybrook
Betsy Kerr, Patterson School
Joanne Holshouser, Faith
Glenn Ketner, Faith
Jerry Lottis, Salisbury
B. S. Brown, Kannapolis
W. C. Rogers, Spencer
Norman File, Morgan
Marcelle Williams, School Board
Paul Fisher, Granite Quarry
Don Swanson, Hurley School Principal
Wayne Brann, Stoneybrook
Barbara Link

As there was no further discussion, Chairman McCombs declared the public hearing adjourned.

Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Rowan County levy a one (1%) percent local sales and use tax only on those items covered by the three (3%) percent sales and use tax. This levy is made pursuant to Chapter 105 Sec. 466(b) of the General Statutes of North Carolina. This levy shall be effective for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1973. The net proceeds of this tax shall be distributed on a per capita basis pursuant to G. S. 105-472 (1).

Architect Doug Tennent presented the following bids for the addition to the North Kannapolis Jail: Attached

As only one bid was received for the plumbing contract, it was not opened. Awarding of the bids was postponed so that Mr. Tennent could contact the general contractor to see if any deletions could be made to reduce overall costs.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. for lunch at the Vocational Workshop.

The meeting resumed at 2 p.m.

Mr. George McIntyre, Chairman of the Rowan County Housing Authority had decided to purchase, rather than lease, the 100 unites of the leased housing project in the North Kannapolis area. The Authority will form a non-profit organization for the purpose of owning these units. At the end of 20 years when the bonds are retired, these units would become the property of Rowan County.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Messinger, a resolution that the Rowan County Housing Authority enter into a non-profit organization for the purpose of owning 100 leased-housing units in the North Kannapolis area, was unanimously passed subject to the approval of the County Attorney. (attached)

From 2:25 to 2:35 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for the Board of Equalization Review.

A letter was received from the State Highway Commission stating that the road into Dan Nicholas Park could be repaved for \$19,250.

Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt with unanimous approval, the Commissioners agreed to reimburse the State Highway Commission for any additional cost over and above the \$19,250 for the installation of base and paving of seven tenths (.7) miles of road in Dan Nicholas Park. The Commissioners appropriated \$12,500 from unappropriated surplus nontax money to account 6873 and \$6,750 from unappropriated 1972 Revenue Sharing Funds to account 4573 to cover the cost of the \$19,250.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned until May 21,
1973.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela M. Ribelin, Clerk