

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED SESSION
JUNE 27, 1973

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, Rufus Honeycutt, Dick Messinger, and Charlie Walters.

County School officials and Board members were present. Robert Stone presented figures that would reduce the cost of the West Rowan project to \$121,878. The Architects fee plus this amount would be a total of \$131,750. As \$75,000 has already been appropriated for this project, Mr. Walters moved that \$56,750 be appropriated from undesignated 1973-74 Capital Outlay Building Funds to the West Rowan High School project. Mr. Messinger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor, asked Commissioners to reconsider his budget request for salaries. All of his girls did not receive 10 percent raises as he requested. He said he sympathized with the Board's position of satisfying all concerned, but he felt his workers deserved these raises. He suggested an overall study to determine the needs of each department.

The County Manager said the Institute of Government was planning to study all employees when they finished the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Peeler said he thought this was fair, and he would go along with whatever the Board decided.

Upon the request of the Tax Supervisor, Mr. Honeycutt moved that Household and other Personal Property, excluding motor vehicles, will be listed at 10 percent of the full value of the house. Mr. Messinger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Peeler also suggested that the County put out a pamphlet similar to Mecklenburg County's explaining the revaluation and the new state law requiring all counties to go to 100 percent ratio for taxes. Chairman McCombs told him to begin work on a pamphlet for Rowan County.

Mr. Peeler submitted the following bids for tax listing forms: (attached)

Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Walters, the bid of Baltimore Business Forms was unanimously accepted.

Chairman McCombs reported that the Sheriff had submitted the two days that all the Deputies did not work as sick leave on the payroll sheet. He asked for opinions on whether or not to pay them for these two days.

Mr. Walters said he was against paying them for what was an obvious abuse of the payroll policy. Mr. Messinger suggested letting it ride so as not to cause more trouble. Mr. Honeycutt said he too, was afraid there would be trouble if this sick pay was withheld. The Commissioners did not, however, want to condone this type of thing.

Mr. Messinger suggested the following public statement be made concerning this matter:

The Commissioners can require proof from the Sheriff's Department over and above certification of the Sheriff, but they will not do so in this instance. However, if such a thing occurs again, the Commissioners are reserving the right to withhold pay from all people who do not substantiate their illness.

All the Commissioners were in agreement with this statement.

Mr. Walters further suggested that the loose wording in the pay plan be changed to prevent any doubt of authority in such a situation. Mr. Murdoch and the Attorney will work on the wording until the next meeting.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela M. Ribelin, Clerk