

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
OCTOBER 1, 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, and Charlie Walters.

Chairman McCombs called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Sowers, the minutes of the meeting of September 4, 1973, were unanimously approved.

A letter was received from the North Carolina Department of Social Services stating that they have been authorized to start preliminary proceeding to change the counties over to the Food Stamp program. Therefore, all initial paperwork would be completed before the county actually goes on the program on June 30, 1974.

Mr. Sowers moved that Rowan County give the State Department of Social Services permission to start this procedure. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walters and unanimously approved. Mr. Sowers also suggested that the County Manager write a letter to this effect specifying that Rowan County will not go on the Food Stamp program until June 30, 1974.

A letter was received from the traffic people in Winston-Salem concerning Mr. Honeycutt's request that something be done to the road beside the Airport. They will not make any improvements in this situation as the road is a local loop road. They suggested moving the entrance to the Airport.

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

Pine Valley Subdivision – addition to the system.  
Jacobs Terrace – addition to the system

Mr. Bill Richards and Mr. George Monahand presented a report of the activities of the Centralina Council of Governments. They hope to continue this practice, reporting quarterly.

Centralina is going to do Iredell County's revaluation. The contract has been signed and the work is about ready to begin. If the Iredell project goes well, Centralina is hoping to be able to service other counties in this way.

Mr. Richards also reported on the progress of the roving city manager for Faith, Granite Quarry, and China Grove; a computer systems consultant, which Centralina has recently hired; the forming of a health planning council; a report on emergency medical facilities of the Centralina area done by a summer intern; and a nutritional program for the elderly.

Mr. Monahand stated that there is a \$50,000 grant available to Rowan County, if we want it, to provide meals for elderly people. The county would pay 10 percent of this grant for its part; \$2,500 in cash and \$2,500 in kind. The program would be for elderly people who are unable, or who have no desire, to fix hot meals for themselves. There would also be the opportunity for fellowship with other people of their age and there would be the opportunity to receive counseling on health care, Social Security, and other problems they may have.

The Salisbury-Rowan Community Service Council has volunteered to administer this program. Mr. Clyde Fahnstock of the CSC reported some of the ideas his group has considered for this program, where the food might be prepared and what sites might be used for these meals.

Mr. Walters moved that the SRCSC be designated to administer this program and that no more than \$3,000 be taken from contingencies for the cash portion of the County's contribution. Mr. Sowers seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Al Listerman, Chief of Pooletown Fire Department, and Mr. George Surratt, Board member, requested action from the Commissioners that they might be rated by the North Carolina Department of Insurance.

As Mr. Messinger, who is on the fire committee, was not present, Chairman McCombs suggested that this matter be turned over to him for further study and action would be taken at the November meeting.

Mr. Murdoch reported that tax collections for the month of September were \$488,046.48.

Chairman McCombs reported the interest received through September 30, 1973, is as follows:

General Fund	\$23,633.15
School Fund	14,141.30
School Building	16,354.01
Debt Service	793.70
Revenue Sharing	<u>11,997.23</u>

Total

\$66,919.39

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

Katherine Harlan, Psychologist II \$993/month  
Jackie Overcash, Dispatcher \$527/month  
O.B. Gwynn, Warehouseman \$2.00/hour

A letter was received from Larry Parrish, Mental Health Administrator, requesting that Charlie Walters, Joe Blake and Winfrey Wicker be reappointed to the Tri-County Mental Health Board for a one year term beginning October 1, 1973. Upon a motion by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Walters, these people were unanimously reappointed.

A letter was received from Mr. Jack Ramsey stating that the Jury Commission would need extra help in picking jury lists for the next year. Mr. Sowers moved that there be appropriated \$500 from contingencies to 3601 for this extra help. Mr. Walters seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The following refunds were unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Sowers:

Mary Ruth Black - \$10.00  
M.B. Austin, Jr. - \$5.90

The following dog damage claims have been received:

Phillip M. Karriker - \$100.00, 2 calves  
Walter Erwin - \$150.00, 1 calf  
Joe A. Barber - \$200.00, 2 calves  
James N. Steele, \$150.00, 1 calf  
H. E. Steele - \$125.00, 1 calf

Mr. Sowers moved that each claim be reduced \$5.00 a head to bring the total amount of claims within the budgeted figure of \$700. Mr. Walters seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The amount paid to each claimant is as follows:

Mr. Karriker - \$90.00  
Mr. Erwin - \$145.00  
Mr. Barber - \$190.00  
Mr. J. N. Steele - \$145.00  
Mr. H. E. Steele - \$120.00

A memo was received from Blue Cross & Blue Shield stating that there will be an increase in hospitalization rates effective November 1, 1973. The new rate will be as follows: Attached.

Rowan County's contribution will increase from \$6.66 to \$7.50 per employee.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Walters, the new hospitalization rates were unanimously approved.

Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor, reported that he will be able to send out revaluation notices about the first of November.

Mr. William Carson, a student at Livingstone College, is monitoring the meeting today as a project for one of his classes.

A letter was received from Governor Holshouser and also one from the State Department of Natural & Economic Resources each stating that a grant of \$106,737 has been approved for Rowan County for the proposed improvements to the Rowan County Airport.

Mr. Walters moved that Mr. Eugene McCombs, Chairman of the Board, and Mr. Seth Murdoch, County Manager, be authorized to sign, for Rowan County, the contract required by the State of North Carolina for a grant of \$106,737 for the proposed improvements at the Rowan County Airport. Mr. Sowers seconded the motion. After discussion the motion was unanimously passed.

The County Manager reported that the Drama H. Bost property was sold at public auction on September 29. Mr. C.C. Shuping was the highest bidder for \$15,000.

Chairman McCombs reminded Commissioners of the upcoming 300 million dollar school bond issue on November 6. Mr. Walters moved that the Commissioners go on record as supporting this bond issue. Mr. Sowers seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

C & M Ambulance closed its operation in Cabarrus County on September 30. Mr. Bill Mills said he could set up an office in North Kannapolis but he would require an additional \$1,600 per month to maintain this office.

Mr. Honeycutt reported to the County Manager that he talked with Mr. Mills. Mr. Mills still wants an additional \$1,600 each month but he is willing to operate this new office on his own for one month.

The Commissioners delayed action on this matter until the November meeting to see the outcome of the first month of operation.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela M. Ribelin, Clerk