

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
NOVEMBER 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, 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. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Walters, the minutes of the meeting of October 1, 1973, were unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Messinger, the Commissioners approved \$200.00 to come from contingencies for the upkeep of the Christmas decorations in front of the Courthouse.

Mr. Walters and Mr. Murdoch will attend a Centralina Council of Governments meeting to be held at Pheiffer College on November 14. Mr. Sowers will attend a legislative meeting of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners at Hickory on November 28.

A letter was received from the Davidson County Commissioners asking that the Rowan County Commissioners join them in supporting some type of legislation to enforce water safety on High Rock Lake. The County Manager was instructed to write Davidson County telling them we will be happy to study the matter further when the legislation is drafted.

A letter was received from the State Department of Transportation stating that effective November 1, 1973, they will no longer accept unpaved, Subdivision/Residential type roads to the State maintained system. This type road must be paved to the minimum construction standards in order to be added to the State system.

A letter was received from the Register of Deeds expressing her thanks for the Commissioners' support during the State Register of Deeds convention held in Salisbury.

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

Miller Road-paving

North Juniper Ave. – addition to the system  
Off Price Road- addition to the system  
Wildwood Road – erect name sign.

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported the collections for October, 1973 as \$620,193.38.

Chairman McCombs reported the interest received through October 31, 1973, as follows:

School Fund	\$23,359.47
School Building	23,667.03
Debt Service	1,289.64
General Fund	55,021.95
Revenue Sharing	<u>22,376.20</u>
Total	\$125,714.29

James F. Kluttz, architect for the Health Center, submitted the final drawings and a scale model of the new building.

After discussing several aspects of the project, Mr. Walters moved that the following low bids be awarded:

Site Grading-W.A. Kepley	\$16,720
Water Line- I.H. Pope	3,300
Sewage System-Kannapolis Service Co.	26,668

The motion was seconded by Mr. Honeycutt and unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, Mr. Kluttz was given permission to advertise for General Contract bids.

The newly organized Rowan Council on Alcoholism came before the Commissioners to discuss some of their objectives. They are not trying to compete with the already existing Mental Health and the YMCA programs on alcoholism; but they feel they may be able to reach alcoholics from a different viewpoint. They are eager to work with these organizations for the betterment of the County.

Mr. Messinger made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Honeycutt and unanimously passed, to approve the boundaries of a new volunteer fire department to be known as Pooletown Fire Department. (boundaries attached)

Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Walters and unanimously approved, Pooletown Fire Department will receive monthly assistance from Rowan

County in the amount of \$150 per month, subject to approval by the North Carolina Fire Insurance Rating Bureau.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded, by Mr. Walters, the late listing of automobiles were unanimously approved to be turned over to the Tax Collector for collection.

The purchase of a stuffing machine for the Tax Supervisor's Office for \$1,511 to come from contingencies was unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt.

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

Gerald Johnson, Deputy Sheriff \$553/month

The Commissioners also approved the hiring of a temporary jailer, Aubrey L. Smith, for three months to replace Deputy Isley, who is sick.

The County Manager reported that only one bid was received on a sound system for the Red Room. The bid from Mac Victor Electronic Supply for \$4,587.19. Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to accept this bid and purchase the equipment. Mr. Walters seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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

B.J. Holshouser - \$5.00  
Paul Yountz - \$10.00

A bid of \$800 has been received from Leonard Boykin on a piece of County property located on Bringle Ferry Road. This property is valued at \$1,400 on the tax books and there are \$132 in back taxes owned on it. Mr. Honeycutt moved that the property be put up for public auction with a beginning bid of \$800. Mr. Walters seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The County Manager reported that the kitchen equipment for the Red Room will cost \$669.

The following holidays will be observed during November, December, and January:

November 12 – Veteran's Day  
November 22 – Thanksgiving Day

December 24 & 25 – Christmas  
January 1 – New Year’s Day

The following transfers were submitted for approval. (attached)

Mr. Sowers moved to approve only the Sheriff’s transfer. The motion died from lack of a second.

Mr. Messinger moved approve both transfers. Mr. Honeycutt seconded the motion but it was not approved with a vote of 2 for and 3 against.

Mr. Walters made a motion to approve the Sheriff’s transfer, but to get clarification from the Register of Deeds before approving it. Mr. Messinger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The County Manager reported that Duke Power will put the power lines underground at the North Kannapolis Jail for \$105. Upon a motion by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Walters, payment of \$105 from Revenue Sharing-balance to be allocated for this purpose was unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Messinger, the County Manager was unanimously authorized to pay the following expenses from contingencies. (attached)

A note was received from Randy Reamer, Kluttz & Hamlin, stating that the complain has been filed in the suite concerning property damage to a Sheriff’s patrol car.

Mr. Murdoch reported that Tennent & Tennent has received the right of ways to extend the paving of the driveway at the North Kannapolis Jail.

Mr. Honeycutt submitted a report from Bill Mills on the operation of ambulance service in North Kannapolis for the month of October. The total expense was \$3,492.65. \$2,217.61 of this amount is for salaries.

Mr. Messinger stated that he would not approve an additional \$19,200 per year unless a certified public audit was made of Mr. Mills’ operation and until all of his personnel were certified under State Policy.

It was decided to study the matter further before taking any action.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned until November 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela M. Ribelin, Clerk