

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADJOURNED SESSION  
DECEMBER 12, 1973

The Rowan County Board of 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, R.D. Messinger, Lewis Sowers, and Charlie Walters.

Chairman McCombs called the meeting to order.

James Kluttz, architect for the new Health Center, presented recommendations concerning acceptance of bids for this project and bids already awarded.

Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, the bids were awarded according to Mr. Kluttz's recommendations. (attached)

A breakdown of the project cost and funds available follows: Attached.

The County Manager reported that there are unbudgeted Revenue Sharing Funds in the amount of \$46,015.79 plus \$38,660.76 in interest earned, totaling \$84,676.55.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Sowers, \$46,015.79 is to be appropriated from Revenue Sharing Funds-balance to be appropriated, and \$31,693.41 appropriated from unappropriated revenue sharing surplus for the Health Center Project.

Mr. David Devine, Director of the Rowan Public Library, presented figures on the estimated cost of the renovation project at the Library. He then turned the presentation over to John Ramsey, Architect.

Mr. Ramsey discussed architect fees with the Commissioners. It was stated that the Commissioners have no intention of setting architect fees for jobs done in Rowan County. They recommended that Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Devine, and Mr. Roberts meet in the Conference Room downstairs to decide on the fee and return later in the meeting.

A delegation of tavern and restaurant owners were present concerning the sale of beer and wine on Sunday. They feel they are being discriminated against because these items can be sold within some of the municipalities but not in the

County. If it is not legally sold in the County, the tax dollars will go to other counties. One owner reported that he does not make a lot on the sale of beer after the cost and his personnel are paid. It is the access to it that his customers want. This business was bringing in \$2,500 on Sunday. Now, since the sale of beer has been halted, he brings in \$400 to \$500 on Sunday.

Chairman McCombs reported that Salisbury, Spencer, East Spencer, and Rockwell (carry out) are the municipalities that have beer and wine sales on Sunday.

After discussing the matter to some length, Mr. Messinger moved that beer and wine sales be prohibited on Sunday in unincorporated areas of the County. Mr. Walters seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Sowers said he felt the law was wrong. The legislature has passed the buck back to the counties. He suggested that they take their complaint back to the legislature where the problem started.

All of the Commissioners are invited to the Auxiliary Deputies Christmas Party on December 19 at 7 p.m.

A proposal for a water line extension from Highway 29 down Webb Road has been received from a business that wants to locate in Rowan County. Action on this matter was delayed until the January meeting so more information could be gathered.

The Commissioners are to meet with the City Council on December 18 at 3 p.m. to discuss the County-wide water and sewer plan to ask for the City's support.

Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Sowers, Chairman McCombs was unanimously appointed as Rowan County's representative to the Centralina Council of governments for the coming year.

The County Manager reported that there have been problems with the heating system at the County home. George Weant estimates the cost of repairing the system at \$2,000. Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Walters, \$2,000 was appropriated from Contingencies to County Buildings, account 4047.

Mr. Bill Roberts of the Library Board said they had discussed the architect fee with Mr. Ramsey. The Trustees recommend a fee of \$17,600 thus making the estimated cost of the project as follows: (Attached)

If these funds are allocated and the project is completed, Mr. Devine said the Library would not ask for specific funds for capital outlay for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Walters moved that \$57,102.13 be appropriated to the Library from Unappropriated Surplus-Revenue Sharing funds. Mr. Sowers seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Messinger the request of the Mental Health Clinic to delete Account 6375 and transfer these funds to 6301, and to lift the \$25/day, \$50/week restriction on the Pharmacist position was unanimously approved.

Mr. Walters made a motion that malpractice liability insurance in \$100,000 and \$300,000 limits be purchased to cover all professional personnel at the Health Department. The rate will be \$347 per year. Mr. Messinger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger seconded by Mr. Walters, a resolution to name the receiving home the Lucille Donnelly Home for Children was unanimously approved, effective December 18, 1973.

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

1. Lake Street – addition to the system.
2. Doris Drive- Addition to the system.

Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Sowers, the Commissioners unanimously approved a Scratch Work Order for \$1,000 to base and pave Gardner Street, SR 2408, from Secondary Road funds.

Mr. Walters moved that a resolution authorizing execution of a contract for receipt of funds to supplement local law enforcement personnel salaries be approved. Mr. Messinger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. (attached)

The County Manager reported that a new law is in effect. Any papers that the Sheriff is unable to serve must be returned along with the \$2.00 fee. Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded and unanimously approved, \$64.00 is to be refunded to Attorney William L. Mills, Jr., for actions processed by the Sheriff's Department which were returned unserved. (attached)

Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Walters, with unanimous approval, \$195.77 was appropriated from contingencies to 3601, Jury Commission, to cover the extra help used to select juries for the coming year.

A bid of \$750 has been received from Ben McCubbins on a piece of property owned by Rowan County and the Town of Spencer. Mr. Kluttz suggested that the property committee look at the property, Lot no. 9, Block 6. If this is a fair price, the property can be put up for auction.

Mr. Percy Smith has requested that his lease on the County Home be renewed. Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Sowers, the lease was unanimously renewed.

The Council of Governments has recommended that Rowan County appoint an energy task force. Chairman McCombs suggested that the City be asked to appoint two people; and that Mr. Lee, Civil Preparedness Coordinator, recommend two people. The County would then have a five-man board.

The County Manager reported that Leo Wallace is interested in selling the property on Liberty Street to Rowan County. If we buy it, he would like three or four months to clean out the building. He also asked for the Commissioners support in getting the property near Rowan Technical Institute rezoned from R8 to M1.

Mr. Sowers and Mr. Messinger are to talk with the Rowan Tech Board informally concerning this matter.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela M. Ribelin, Clerk