

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
JANUARY 7, 1974

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in a Regular Session in the Community Building, Salisbury, North Carolina, at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present: Chairman Eugene McCombs, Rufus Honeycutt, Lewis Sowers, and Charlie Walters.

Chairman McCombs called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. Upon a motion by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Walters, the minutes of the meetings of December 3 and 12, 1973, were unanimously approved.

The Rowan County Parks & Recreation Commission requested that the Commissioners consider purchasing land surrounding the Watershed project's impoundment's to further implement recreational activity. No action was taken at this time.

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

1. Mahaffey Drive- place road sign.

Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Sowers, the following transfer was unanimously approved;

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

General Fund	\$66,276.14
School Fund	28,330.65
School Building	33,382.73
Debt Service	1,289.64
Revenue Sharing	<u>27,083.45</u>
Total	\$156,362.61

The following bids were received on four automobiles, with three trade-ins, for the Sheriff's Department: (Attached)

Mr. Walters moved to accept Aaron Chevrolet's bid of \$12,611.80. Mr. Sowers seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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

Joseph R. Allen, Sheriff Dept. \$527/month  
Richard L. Foster, Jailer \$527/month  
Ronald C. Griffin, Jailer \$527/month  
Kenny R. Wood, Jailer \$527/month  
Lynn S. Miller, Social Worker II \$787/month  
Richard W. Trask, Sanitarian, \$687/month  
Howard Sitton, Psychologist II \$1,040/month

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

Rowan County Energy Board – Frank Scarborough, W.L. Hollway  
Parks & Recreation – Jane Smith, Carl Sloop, Patsy Rendleman  
Airport Board – Council Powlas, J.W. Shuping, W.F. Brinkley, Jr.  
Salisbury Planning – Donald Deadmon, Donald M. Carter  
Good Neighbor Council – Mrs. Lou Clement, W.C. Wilkerson, Julius Bickett  
Mental Health – Bob Bailey, David Smith, Joe Blake, Al Nichols, Aileen Kirchin, Fred Bachl.  
Historic Properties – Edith Clark, George Fleming, Zelia Misenheimer, Pearl Thompson

Subject to the approval of the Local Government Commission and the bond attorneys, a public hearing will be held on January 21, at 7:30 p.m., to introduce the bond order for the Water & Sewer proposal.

Mr. Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported the collections received for December, 1973 at \$1,642,404.55.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Sowers, an additional \$423 was appropriated from Contingencies to the Salisbury Rowan Community Service Council for the Nutrition Program for the elderly. This makes a total of \$3,423 which has been appropriated to this program.

The County manager reported that the premium for auto collision insurance on County vehicles, models 1971 to 1974, with \$100 deductible, would be \$2,122.56 per year.

Mr. Honeycutt moved that the funds for this insurance be transferred from contingencies to Insurance & Bonding. Mr. Walters seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Chairman McCombs read the Notice of Public Hearing to designate the Kerr Mill as a historic property. He then declared the hearing opened and asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor of this project.

Mr. James Lloyd, of the Historic Properties Commission, presented an Ordinance Establishing Kerr Mill as a Rowan County Historic Property. He stipulated that once this property is placed on the list of historic properties, it cannot be removed until 90 days written notice has been given to the Rowan County Historic Properties Commission and owner, James A. Sloan, Rt. 1 Box 20, Mt. Ulla, NC 28125. Mr. Lloyd also said ownership of the property would remain in the hands of Mr. Sloan.

Mr. Sloan said he considered it an honor to have this opportunity to preserve the Mill.

Mr. Claude Pickett was also in favor of this ordinance. No one in attendance was opposed, therefore Chairman McCombs declared the public hearing adjourned.

Mr. Walters moved that the Ordinance establishing Kerr Mill as a Rowan County Historic Property be approved. Mr. Honeycutt seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. (attached)

Doug Tennent introduced the following bids for the millwork to complete the Round Courtroom:

A.L. Jarrell	\$6,785
H.D. Pinkston	6,290
J.H. Wilson	5,544

Upon a motion by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, the bids were unanimously awarded as follows:

Millwork: J. H. Wilson \$5,544  
Seating: Joe Shelton \$2,350

Mr. Tennent also presented bids for painting the North Kannapolis jail:

R.S. Murphy	\$3,500
Floyd L. Starnes	\$3,190
Add floor & walls	3,785

Mr. Honeycutt moved that the contract be awarded to Mr. Starnes at \$3,785; that he have performance, labor, and material bonds; that he carry workmen's

compensation; and that the money come from unappropriated revenue sharing surplus. Mr. Sowers seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Jerome Madans, Pauline Knitting Industries, Inc., requested a refund of the penalty that was paid for late listing of their 1973 taxes. Due to a change in personnel, the listing was filed in July instead of January, 1973.

Mr. Madans requested that a refund for the following penalty charges be granted:

Pauline Knitting, Inc.	\$267.42 County 494.73 City
Macanal Textile Corp.	\$27.63 County 50.37 City

A decision on this matter was postponed until the City of Salisbury could be contacted for their opinion.

Mr. Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor, submitted the following valuation report for January 1, 1974:

Total 1973 valuation at 100%	\$827,799,794.00
Total 1972 valuation at 100%	<u>785,850,114.00</u>
Total Value gain from 1972 to 1973	\$ 41,949,680.00
Total taxable value at 55% for 1973	\$455,289,887.00
Total taxable value at 55% for 1972	\$432,217,563.00
55% tax value gain from 1972 to 1973	\$ 23,072,324.00

Mr. Peeler also presented the following farm land use values for approval:

Class A land	\$575/acre
Class B land	\$500/acre
Class C land	\$425/acre
Woodland	\$200/acre

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters, these farmland use values were unanimously approved.

Mr. Peeler requested the date and time for the Board of Equalization and Review to meet so he could begin taking appointments. Chairman McCombs said

the Board would meet from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. beginning on April 8, 1974. He asked that the appointments be set up to take a ten minute break about 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Peeler reported that the County has been charging \$.50 each for tax maps since 1955. The cost of materials has gone up, and the demand for maps has increased. Mr. Peeler asked that he be allowed to charge \$1.00 each for maps. Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters, this request was unanimously approved.

The Rowan County School Board requested an additional \$40,000 for the China Grove Jr. High Gymnasium. The total bids, plus architect's fee, will be \$240,000. They now have \$200,000 set aside for this project.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters, \$40,000 was appropriated from Capital Outlay Buildings-balance to be designated for the China grove gym.

The County Manager reported that the estimated cost of running a water line down Webb Road for an industry wishing to come into the County will be \$60,000. However, the City does not seem to be interested in paying a share of this cost. Chairman McCombs suggested talking with the City to see if they will pay \$10,000 and the County and industry each pay \$25,000.

A request was received from Wagoner Construction Company that they be allowed one free load per week, per job site, rather than one free load for the Company. The request died from lack of a motion.

A request was received from Bob Carmichael, Salisbury City Schools, for additional funds for the purchase of two school buses.

Chairman McCombs explained that the funds available for the 1973-74 year were divided on a per capita basis between the City and County schools. If more funds are allocated to the City Schools, they will be receiving more than the County. He said if they wanted to use next years allocation for buses, that would be fine. No further action was taken on this request.

Mr. Honeycutt moved that the travel allotment for the Building and Electrical inspectors be raised from \$150.00 to \$160.00 per month, and that travel reimbursement for other departments be raised to \$.11 per mile. Mr. Walters seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Sowers reported on the property on Jefferson Street and Yadkin Avenue in Spencer. The property committee feels that it is a very nice piece of property and should bring more than the \$750 bid.

Mr. Honeycutt said he knew of a man who would bid \$1,000 on this property.

Mr. Sowers moved that the property be advertised and sold at public auction, the bidding to commence at \$1,000, provided that the written bid of \$1,000 was received. Mr. Honeycutt seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Sowers and Mr. Murdoch will attend the North Carolina Association of Commissioners Legislative meeting to be held January 9 in Chapel Hill.

The County has a welfare lien against the property of Albert McDaniel for \$4,799, which is being handled by Northwestern Bank. Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to authorize the release of the property lien upon payment to the County of the net proceeds of the sale. Mr. Sowers seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters, payment of the following items from Contingencies was unanimously approved:

1. \$305.77-Special Deputies Christmas party.
2. \$288.94-Water & Sewer dinner meeting.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Walters the structure of the Rowan County American Bicentennial Commission was established. (Attached)

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m., January 21.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela M. Ribelin, Clerk