

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADJOURNED SESSION  
JANUARY 21, 1974

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, Richard Messinger, Lewis Sowers, and Charlie Walters.

Chairman McCombs called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Mr. Messinger introduced the "Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,000,000 Sanitary Sewer Bonds" and the "Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of \$6,000,000 Water Bonds" of the County of Rowan, which were read at length. (Attached)

Mr. Messinger moved that a resolution setting the date for the public hearing on the bond orders as February 4, 1974, at 9:30 a.m. be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walters and unanimously approved. (attached)

Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Sowers, a resolution to submit a notice of intent concerning the water and sewer bonds was unanimously approved. (attached)

The County Attorney said the bond order will be published on January 23 along with the information concerning absentee balloting.

The Commissioners set April 2, 1974, as the tentative date for the water and sewer bonds election.

Mr. Messinger reported that Cooks, Ltd., plans to build a warehouse on Webb Road. The estimated cost of extending the water lines from the Swink Plant, down Highway 29 and Webb Road, to this property would be around \$60,000.

Mr. Murdoch reported that the City will pay \$10,000 as its share, and also wants to retain ownership of the line and the rights to sell water from it.

Mr. Bob Linkner, Henningson, Durham & Richardson, discussed his opinion with the Commissioners. This project would tie in with the proposed County water system. Extending the line in this direction, down Highway 29, would be going toward China Grove and Landis. This would probably be one of the first lines put down if the bonds are approved.

It was decided that Mr. Messinger would contact Cooks to see if their time schedule would allow waiting until after the bond election for a decision.

The County Manager read the "Statement of Debt" of the County of Rowan. (attached)

The Town of Landis has requested that the County prepare its tax scrolls. This service has been provided for Spencer and East Spencer for a fee of \$50.00. Mr. Walters moved that this request be approved and a fee of \$50.000 be charged for this service. Mr. Messinger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Murdoch reported that the building at North Kannapolis Jail is completed and they should be moving in within the next week. This new addition includes a radio room on the opposite side of the building from the present radio tower. The tower had been there since Rowan County took over the operation of this department. It will probably not be possible to move it as it is in such a bad condition. To run a wire around the building to this tower would cut power considerably. It was suggested that a new tower be built, which would cost between \$300 and \$400.

Mr. Messinger moved that up to \$400 be authorized from Contingencies, Account 4591, to construct a new radio tower.

After reviewing the bids for Courtroom furnishings, Architect Doug Tennent discovered that the prices he quoted the Commissioners at the January 7 meeting were not on comparable chairs, and that the two lowest bidders did not contain the same delivery charges. Mr. Tennent contacted these bidders to receive bids for delivery to the Courtroom, uncrating, and setting up the chairs.

The revised bids on comparable chairs, delivered, uncrated, and installed in the Round Courtroom are as follows:

Rowan Printing	\$2,391.20
Joe Shelton	\$2,493.75

Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Walters, the low bid of \$2,391.20 was unanimously awarded.

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

The County Manager reported that the City of Salisbury would go along with the Commissioners' decision concerning the late listing penalties charged to Pauline Knitting Industry. The Commissioners felt they would be opening unlimited possibilities for the numerous people who are late listing taxes if this request was granted. Therefore, upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Messinger, the refund to Pauline Knitting Industry was unanimously denied.

The following refund was unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Messinger.

William S. Baker-\$8.00

Larry Parrish, Mental Health Administrator, Joe Blake, Tri-County Mental Health Board, and Dr. Trevor Williams, requested that the Commissioners adopt the "Area Mental Health Program". The program essentially means there would be more State funds available for our area, but the County would not have to put out additional funds. It would allow for an equalization of programs throughout the area. The Board of Directors would be expanded from 9 to 15 members and would meet bi-monthly. The Area Board would have the power to enter into certain contracts, and the Commissioners would still retain budgetary control. Davie County has already approved the program.

Mr. Walters moved to adopt the "Area" concept of the Mental Health Program contingent on the approval of Iredell County. Mr. Messinger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Sowers, Mr. Walters was appointed to represent Rowan County on the new Mental Health Board.

Homer Lucas, Salisbury Post, said he wished to relay a message from Mrs. Rose Post, who covered part of the January 7 meeting. Mrs. Post said she was very impressed with the manner in which the meeting was conducted.

Mr. Sowers asked that the Department of Transportation be contacted concerning the maintenance of Tabor Drive in Hawkinstown.

Mr. Messinger reported that he has met with the Fire Chief's Association concerning the employment of a fire Marshall for Rowan County. He will be checking into the duties of a fire marshal and will come back at a later date with suggestions.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Messinger, \$500 was authorized from Contingencies, account 4591 for a special assessment to the Salisbury-Rowan Chamber of Commerce for the promotion of Rowan County.

Mr. Sowers extended a welcome from the Board to Mr. & Mrs. Ray McCombs, parents of Chairman McCombs, who were guests at the meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Ribelin, Clerk