

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
FEBRUARY 4, 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. Walters, seconded by Mr. Sowers, the minutes of the meetings of January 7 and 21, 1974, were unanimously approved.

The County Manager read a Memorandum from Mr. Messinger concerning the appointment of a County Fire Marshall. Mr. Messinger listed several duties of a fire Marshall and asked that he be allowed to continue the study and come back with a formal proposal later. The Commissioners authorized him to continue the study.

A bid has been received on the hog barn at the County home. Upon a motion by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, the County Manager was authorized to run an advertisement for bids in the newspaper.

The following budget amendments to the 1972-73 Budget were unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt: Attached.

Chairman McCombs reported the interest received through January 31, 1974, as follows:

General Fund	\$88,513.83
School Fund	41,800.04
School Building	39,685.99
Revenue Sharing	41,907.64
Debt Service	<u>4,944.74</u>
Total	\$216,852.24

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported the collections for January, 1974 as \$1,913,604.45.

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

Jewel D. Long, Register of Deeds \$328/month  
Charlie Herion, Juvenile Officer \$638/month  
Rodney Kreiser, Ellis Park \$2.40/hour  
Andrea Lyerly, Mental Health \$687/month

The Mental Health clinic also requested permission to appoint Rev. Woodson Booth to a three-year term on the Mental Health Advisory Board. Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, this request was unanimously approved.

The Clerk reported to the Board that the bond orders entitled "Bond Order authorizing the issuance of \$2,000,000 Sanitary sewer Bonds of the County of Rowan" and "Bond Order authorizing the issuance of \$6,000,000 Water Bonds of the County of Rowan", which had been introduced on January 21, 1974, had been published in the Salisbury Post on January 23, 1974, with notice that the Board of Commissioners would hold a public hearing thereon on February 4, 1974 at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Building in Salisbury, North Carolina.

Mr. Honeycutt moved that the Board proceed to hold a public hearing on the bond orders. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walters and was unanimously adopted.

At 9:30 a.m. the Chairman announced that the Board would hear anyone who wished to be heard on the questions of the validity of the bond orders and the advisability of issuing the bonds. At the direction of the Chairman, the Clerk read each of the bond orders and the published notices of hearing.

Chairman McCombs called on Mr. Bob Linkner, Henningson, Durham & Richardson, to briefly explain the water and sewer plan. Mr. Linker presented maps of the County with each proposed system outlined.

Mr. Haden Clement commented on the activities of the Water & Sewer Committee in promoting these bonds.

The following persons attended the hearing and spoke in favor of the water and sewer bonds:

W.A. Smith, Briggs Road  
Dan Ritchie, China Grove  
Wade Mobley, Rowan County Schools  
Doug Tennent, Salisbury  
Jim Summers, Salisbury  
Ray Yost, Rockwell  
Henrietta Flowers, Heiligtown

Harry Sifford, Granite Quarry  
Clifford McCorkler, Enochville

No one present desired to speak against the bonds. After the Board had heard all persons who requested to be heard, Mr. Honeycutt moved that the public hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sowers and was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Walters moved that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the bond order entitled “Bond Order authorizing the issuance of \$2,000,000 Sanitary Sewer Bonds of the County of Rowan”, introduced at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on January 21, 1974, has been duly published with notice of hearing thereon and the Board of Commissioners has, at the time and place specified in such notices of hearing, heard any and all who wished to be heard with respect to the bond order, and such hearing has been closed; and

WHEREAS, the bond order entitled “Bond Order authorizing the issuance of \$6,000,000 Water bonds of the County of Rowan”, introduced at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on January 21, 1974, has been duly published with notice of hearing thereon and the Board of Commissioners, has at the time and place specified in such notice of hearing, heard any and all who wished to be heard with respect to the bond order, and such hearing has been closed; and

WHEREAS, the County’s Finance Officer has, by direction of the Board of Commissioners, filed in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners a statement of debt complying with the provisions of the Local Government bond Act, and such statement so filed shows that the net indebtedness of the County is .7145% of the appraised valuation of property in said County as last fixed for County taxation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Rowan as follows:

1. the bond orders entitled “Bond Order authorizing the issuance of \$2,000,000 Sanitary Sewer bonds of the County of Rowan” and “Bond Order authorizing the issuance of \$6,000,000 Water bonds of the County of Rowan”, introduced at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on January 21, 1974, are hereby adopted without change or amendment.
2. The Clerk of the Board of Commissioners is hereby directed to cause a copy of each of said bond orders to be published once with the statement as to its adoption prescribed by the Local Government Bond Act in the Salisbury Post.

The motion having been duly seconded by Mr. Sowers, it was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Honeycutt moved the adoption of the following resolution which was read at length to the Board:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has adopted the bond order hereinafter described authorizing the issuance of \$2,000,000 Sanitary Sewer Bonds and \$6,000,000 Water Bonds, and such bond orders and the indebtedness to be incurred by the issuance of such bonds and the tax to be levied for the payment of such bonds should be submitted to the voters of the County of Rowan for their approval or disapproval in order to comply with the Constitution and laws of North Carolina;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Rowan as follows:

1. The questions whether the qualified voters of the County of Rowan shall approve or disapprove (a) the indebtedness to be incurred by the issuance of the bonds of the County authorized by said bond orders, which indebtedness shall be secured by a pledge of the County's faith and credit, (b) the levy of a tax for the payment thereof, and (c) said bond orders, shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said County at an election to be held in said County on April 2, 1974.
2. The Clerk of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to publish a notice of said election which shall be in substantially the attached form. (attached)  
Said notice of Special election shall be published at least twice. The first publication shall be not less than 14 days and the second publication not less than 7 days before the last day on which voters may register for the special election.
3. The polls for said election shall be opened and closed at the times and at the places stated in said notice and electors shall be registered for said election in the manner stated in said notice.
4. The Rowan County Board of Elections is hereby requested to print and distribute the necessary ballots and to provide the registration books and equipment for the holding of said election and to conduct and to supervise said election.
5. The Clerk of the Board of Commissioners shall mail or deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Rowan County Board of Elections within three days after the resolution is adopted.

Mr. Sowers seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until further notice.

This the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1974.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela M. Ribelin, Clerk