

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADJOURNED SESSIONS  
APRIL 13, 14, 15 & 16, 1974

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Sessions in the Community Building, Salisbury, North Carolina, at 6:30 p.m. on April 13 and at 7:00 p.m. on April 14, 15 & 16, 1974.

The meetings were called to order for the purpose of holding budget hearings for the 1974-75 budget.

The following members were present at the May 13 meeting: Chairman Eugene McCombs, Rufus Honeycutt, R. D. Messinger, Lewis Sowers, and Charlie Walters.

The following departments were heard:

Dept. of Social Services – Edwin Koontz  
Board of Elections – Dick Hardesty  
Civil Defense – Leslie Lee  
Coroner – Bill Mills  
Agriculture Extension – Rowe McNeely  
Watershed Commission – Dick Reamer  
IBM – Lethco Williams  
Tax Collector – Glenn Trexler  
Veterans Service – Robert Wolff  
County Buildings – Seth Mull

Mr. Murdoch reported that a subgrant is available to provide funds for drug alcohol agents in the Sheriff's Department. The subgrant would amount to \$49,523; 90% Federal support, 5% State, and 5% local. These funds are assured for one year.

This program has been anticipated and set up in the 1974-75 budget. It will be processed as soon as it is signed, and the money should be available in July.

Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, Chairman McCombs was authorized to sign the application for this subgrant. (attached)

A statement for \$1,930.50 has been received from Attorney Clarence Kluttz for services rendered in the Jail segregation law suit. Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, this item was approved to be paid from contingencies.

Chairman McCombs, Mr. Messinger, Mr. Sowers and Mr. Walters attended the May 14 meeting. The following departments were heard:

Rowan Library – David Devine  
Mental Health – Larry Parrish  
Health Department – Bert Hawley  
Register of Deeds – Jean Ramsey  
Sheriff's Department – John Stirewalt  
Building Inspection – Hurley Bowers  
Electrical Inspection – Craige Trexler  
Rescue Squad – E. T. Rary

Mr. Messinger moved that the preliminary budget for the Department of Social Services be approved so that it could be submitted to Raleigh. Mr. Walters seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Walters, the following transfers were unanimously approved: (attached)

The following members were present at the May 15 meeting: Chairman McCombs, Mr. Honeycutt, Mr. Messinger, Mr. Sowers and Mr. Walters. The following departments were heard:

County Schools – Wade Mobley  
City Schools – Harold Isenberg  
Rowan Tech – Merrell Hamilton  
Planning Board – Ray Hayworth  
Tax Supervisor – Wallace Peeler  
Parks & Recreation – Jimmy Foltz

Chairman McCombs, Mr. Sowers and Mr. Walters attended the meeting of May 16. The following departments were heard:

Juvenile Department – Rev. Uly Gooch  
County Manager – Seth Murdoch

Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Sowers with unanimous approved, the advance prepayment tax rate for the year 1974 was set a \$0.43 per \$100 valuation. (attached)

Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Sowers a resolution was adopted levying a privilege license tax for the year 1974-75, and authorizing the Tax Collector to collect this tax. (attached)

The rate of reimbursement for travel was raised to \$0.12 per mile effective July 1, 1974, upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Sowers.

As there was no further business, the meetings were adjourned until Wednesday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela M. Ribelin, Clerk