

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 3, 1974

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in a Regular Session in the Community Building, Salisbury, North Carolina, at 9 a.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 and Mr. Messinger opened with prayer. Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Messinger, the minutes of the meeting of August 5, 1974 were unanimously approved.

Mr. Honeycutt reported that he talked with Sheriff Stirewalt this morning. The Sheriff requested some type of transportation for the training officer. No action was taken at this time.

There is to be a Commissioners meeting on September 12 at 8:00 p.m. with the Department of Transportation Secondary Road Commission.

Mr. Walters reported that he had received a letter from a lady on Ludwig Avenue complaining that the weeds were so high on the road the people were afraid to let their children wait on the bus. Mr. Walters said he called Charles Klutz of the Highway Department, and the grass was cut the following day.

Mr. Sowers said the property in Bear Poplar is very grown up. He received a letter from Ben McCubbins giving permission to clear the lot so that it can be sold.

A letter was received from the Holiday Caravan inviting the Commissioners to participate in the Christmas parade which will be held on November 27.

Mr. Messinger reported he has been approached by Lewis Harrison about purchasing County property for the Sportscasters and Sportswriters. Mr. Harrison's group would like to meet with Chairman McCombs next Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.

The Tax collector reported the collections received for August were \$43,480.29. Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters, Mr. Trexler was authorized to collect taxes for the coming year.

The following transfer was unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters;

Social Services \$135 from 6294 to 6295.

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

Karol G. Cooper-eligibility specialist \$590/month  
James M. Grogan-Deputy \$553/month  
Robert W. Farris, Sanitarian \$739/month  
William H. Smith-Sanitarian \$676/month

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Messinger the following refunds were unanimously approved:

Hugh D. Pinkston- \$5.00  
Lawrence Owens- \$9.00  
Herman Fink - \$5.00

A resolution for a planning assistance grant was presented and unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt seconded by Mr. Walters. (attached)

Randy Reamer and Harold Myers presented a summary of Third Creek Watershed assessments levied since the District was created. Several years of assessments were illegal and are therefore considered uncollectable. The District owes FHA approximately \$28,000. There is \$10,000 in the District Treasury which can be used toward this debt. The Trustees feel the district is of no further benefit in its present state. They asked that the Commissioners in each county involved pay their proportional share of this debt based upon the acreage and protection each county has received. Rowan County's share amounts to \$6,000. The Trustees asked that each county pay its proportional share so that the debt may be paid and the District dissolved.

After discussing this matter, the Commissioners felt this \$6,000 was not equitable to Rowan County as a higher percentage of taxes were collected in Rowan county. They suggested Mr. Reamer go back to Iredell County and try for a more equitable settlement of this matter.

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

General fund	\$23,499.78
School fund	10,769.66
School Building	346.79
Debt Service	467.52
Revenue Sharing	<u>6,187.46</u>

Total

\$41,271.21

A memorandum was received from the Criminal Justice planning agency concerning a regional educational incentive project. The program would pay each officer .50 per quarter hour per month for each hour of college credit completed toward a police science degree. The grant will pay one-half of the incentive, plus half of the fringe benefit increase. The county would match this.

Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to approve participation in this grant and Mr. Sowers seconded the motion. However, Mr. Messinger voiced his disapproval because this request did not come through the Sheriff's Committee. It was brought to the County Manager by the Training Officer. Mr. Messinger asked that action be delayed until further study by the Sheriff's committee. Mr. Honeycutt withdrew his motion with Mr. Sowers permission.

The County Manager reported he had received no bids on the Sheriff's autos, two 1973 Fords, for sale. He asked for permission to auction the cars on Monday, September 16, 1974, at noon for a maximum of \$500 each. This request was approved upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Messinger.

The bid for an intercom system for North Kannapolis Jail was awarded to Carolina Electric Systems for \$230, funds to come from contingencies, upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Sowers.

The following bids were received on 65,000 tax listing forms and 5,000 business listing forms:

(Attached)

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Sowers, the bid was awarded to Jordan Business Forms for \$1,582.

Mr. James Lloyd represented Rowan county at the New Bern Bicentennial Congress. Mr. Lloyd's travel expenses were \$309.18. Mr. Honeycutt moved that these expenses be paid from contingencies. Mr. Sowers seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The County Manager reported that the property on North Shaver Street is listed on the tax books for \$700 and the house for \$3,000. The house is ready to fall down and is not worth \$3,000. He asked for authorization to advertise for sale if a bid was received in excess of the value of the land. Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Sowers, this request was approved.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned until September 12, at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela M. Ribelin, Clerk