

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED SESSION
SEPTEMBER 13, 1974

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in an adjourned session in the Community Building, Salisbury, North Carolina at 8:00 p.m. The following members were present: Chairman Eugene McCombs, Rufus Honeycutt, R. D. Messinger, and Lewis Sowers.

A public hearing was held on the Secondary Road Construction program for Rowan county. The following members of the Department of Transportation were present: Brown Loftin, Secondary Roads Commissioner; Ken Horton, Engineer; Doug Waters, Asst.; Don Rents, District Engineer, and Charles Kluttz, Secondary Roads Maintenance Supervisor.

Mr. Horton reported on the work completed during 1973-74. The cost for bituminous surface treatment was \$104,270; and \$338,000 was used for contract resurfacing. (attached)

The total amount used for secondary road improvements was \$269,981.29. Property owners participation covered \$22,073.41 of this amount, leaving a balance of \$247,907.88 funded from the State Secondary Roads Improvement Fund.

Mr. Loftin presented the proposed roads improvement plan for the year 1974-75:

1. Baker Mill Road
2. Poole Road
3. Ribelin Road
4. Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department
5. Pooletown Volunteer Fire Department

Mr. Loftin presented an alternate plan of paving Fish Pond road and only half of Baker Mill Road instead of paving all of Baker Mill Road.

There were 33 citizens in attendance concerning road improvements. Chairman McCombs asked that anyone wishing to speak state his name and speak clearly one at a time.

1. Louise Cavin, Gold Hill – Morgan Road, SR 2142. Mrs. Cavin asked why Ribelin Road was higher on the priority list than Morgan Road. Mr. Horton said the

significant difference is the traffic count. Ribelin Road has twice as much traffic as Morgan Road.

2. Dwight Williams, Salisbury-Pine Hill Road, SR 1940, Mr. Williams asked to have this road paved. Mr. Loftin said this is classified as a subdivision-residential road. It can be paved only if the property owners are willing to pay \$2.00 per front foot. Mr. Kluttz is to review this situation.
3. Jean Earnhardt, Salisbury-Earnhardt Road SR2179- Mrs. Earnhardt asked to have this road paved. It is used by Harris Granite Quarry and heavily traveled. Mr. Loftin said he could not raise roads on the priority list. Mrs. Earnhardt also presented a petition to change the name of Earnhardt Road to Harris Quarry Road. This petition was unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Messinger.
4. James Poole – SR 2393- Mr. Poole asked why this road had not been paved as promised ten years ago and why it is classified as a subdivision road because it is recorded in the Register of Deeds office as a subdivision. There must have been a misunderstanding ten years ago concerning the paving of this road. Mr. Kluttz is to check on this road and give Mr. Poole a definite answer.
5. John Anderson, Everette Mauldin, Salisbury- SR 1946-Sue Jones Road- Mr. Anderson asked to have this road widened and straightened. Mr. Horton said it is number 23 on the priority list for paving and should be paved within the next two or three years. However, Mr. Anderson says the road is very narrow and has two bad curves. He asked that it be widened to make it less dangerous. Mr. Mauldin said he would give the state the property needed to widen the road at one bad curve. And another property owner will also give land on the other bad place. Mr. Kluttz is to investigate the situation to see what can be done.
6. Dewey Barringer, Gold Hill- SR 2364- Mr. Barringer asked to have the road paved. It is number 91 on the priority list, but it cannot be raised to a higher priority.
7. T. C. Dunlap, China Grove- dirt road borders two sides of Enochville School. Mr. Dunlap asked that the road be paved to keep dust out of the school. Mr. Loftin said this is a residential road. The State will pave the inside half of the road against the school if the property owners will pay \$2.00 per front foot. Mr. Dunlap said he would not pay this for his frontage as he does not use the property and would not benefit from the paving of the road.
8. Gwen Smith, Cleveland- Baker Mill Road, SR 1957- Mrs. Smith asked that all of this road be paved. However, if only half is to be paved, she suggested that the south segment be paved because most of the traffic is there.

The following persons attended the meeting:

Mr. & Mrs. James Earnhardt
Christine Earnhardt
Mr. & Mrs. James Spry
S. C. Earnhardt

Mr. & Mrs. Earl D Earnhardt
Chall Bentley
Dewey M. Barringer
W. L. Morgon
Melta C. Lampbert
Mack Lampert
George W. Foster
Dewey T. Trexler
Dwight Williams
William M. Page
Jerry Page
Paul E. Jones
James A. Poole
Albert L. Rogerts
Gwen C. Smith
Charles H. Smith
Garnet N. Doby
Mr. & Mrs. T. C. Dunlap
Mrs. S. P. Shelby
H. P. Shelby
Louise Cavin

After discussing Baker Mill Road further, it was decided that both segments should be paved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, the first plan for Secondary Road funds – 1974-75 was unanimously approved as presented:

1. Baker Mill Road
2. Poole Road
3. Ribelin Road
4. Cleveland Volunteer fire Department
5. Pooletown Volunteer Fire Department

Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, the Department of Transportation was given the authority to proceed with the list of priority roads, in the event they are unable to secure right-of-ways on the above specified projects, as follows:

9. Fish Pond Road
10. Old Rout 80
11. Atwell Road
12. Lake Ford Road

Mr. Honeycutt brought the attention of the Department of Transportation to Webb Road on the Old Concord Road. The pavement ends before the road reaches Old Concord Road. Residents of the area must drive several miles out of the way to get to the Old Concord Road. Mr. Honeycutt hopes something can be done soon to aid this situation.

Randy Reamer and Harold Myers reported on the progress made with Iredell County to dissolve the Third Creek Watershed project. The total owed FHA is \$28,205.75 less \$10,000 from District Treasurer leaving \$18,205.75 to be broken down as follows according to the amount of invalid assessments that were collected:

Iredell County	82.5%	\$15,023.85
Rowan County	15.5%	2,821.90
Alexander County	2.0%	360.00
		Total \$18,205.75

Iredell County will pay its share of \$15,023.85 plus half of Alexander County's \$180, as it is so small. Iredell also said they would refund all money paid on their invalid assessments, \$5,520. Rowan County's assessments amount to \$3,736.

The total bill for Rowan County to dissolve the debt to FHA and refund invalid assessments would be:

\$2,821.90	Debt
3,736.00	Invalid Assessments
180.00	Alexander County
<u>186.80</u>	5% Collection Fee
\$6,924.70	Rowan Co.'s Total
<u>-1,000.00</u>	Budgeted in 1974
\$5,924.70	Amount to be paid

In order to dissolve the Commission, there must be provision made to maintain the existing structures. Iredell County has asked for a memorandum of agreement from Rowan County to pay from \$300 to \$500 per year for maintenance of these structures. The Commissioners agreed to this arrangement. (attached)

Mr. Sowers moved that Mr. Reamer's plan be approved and that \$5,924.70 be appropriated from Contingencies to the Third Creek Watershed Commission. Mr. Messinger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Sowers, participation in an education grant from the Central Piedmont Criminal Planning Agency was unanimously approved.

Glenn Trexler has invited the Commissioners to the District Tax Collectors meeting to be held at the Holiday Inn on September 18.

Chairman McCombs asked Mr. Sowers to open the Rowan County Fair at 6 p.m. Monday.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela M. Ribelin, Clerk