

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
DECEMBER 2, 1974

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in regular session in the community building, Salisbury, North Carolina at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present: Chairman Rufus Honeycutt, Eugene McCombs, Charlie Walters, Hall Steele, R. L. Mauldin.

Oaths of office for Mr. Honeycutt, Mr. Steele and Mr. Mauldin were administered by Francis Glover, Clerk of Court.

County Manager, Seth Murdoch, presided over the meeting as nominations were made for Chairman and Vice-Chairman. A nomination of Mr. Honeycutt as chairman to succeed Mr. McCombs was made by Hall Steele and seconded by Mr. Mauldin and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Steele was elected Vice-Chairman on a motion by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Walters. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Honeycutt presented Mr. Messinger and Mr. Sowers with a gift from Commissioners after resolutions were read and presented to them for their services on the Board. Mr. Steele made a motion that the resolution concerning Mr. Sowers be passed and Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Walters made a motion that the resolution concerning Mr. Messinger be passed and Mr. McCombs seconded with unanimous approval. (Attached)

Mrs. Ramsey, Register of Deeds, asked Commissioners for support in the retro-active appeal of a 1959 State Statute 102-13, recording tax, requiring collections of .50 for certain instruments which were passed in her office. She said this was a law unknown to many and has not been complied with in many counties across the state. Mr. McCombs made a motion that the Board go on record as asking that our legislators back the repeal of this statute.

The County Manager presented a letter from the State tax study committee, Chairman James E. Long requesting Mr. Wallace Peeler's presence at a program on December 8 through 11, 1974, in Phoenix to review computerized real estate. MR. Peeler has been attending the Tax Study meetings and giving his views as Tax Supervisor on various bills proposed for the 1975 Legislature. It was estimated that this trip would cost \$300 plus room and board and the money would come from Mr. Peeler's travel account. Mr. McCombs made a motion that this request be granted and Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

The following road petitions were approved upon a motion by Mr. Steele and seconded Mr. Walters;

Pine Vale Drive- addition to system -.02 miles  
Liberty Volunteer Fire Department

The new list of committees and officials was presented to the Board. Mr. McCombs moved that all officials be retained. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Honeycutt was nominated as delegate to Council of Governments and other members as alternates by Mr. McCombs and seconded by Mr. Steele.

Mr. McCombs reported that interest received on budgeted but yet unspent money through November was as follows:

School Fund	\$43,612.97
School Building	491.57
General Fund	78,949.10
Debit Service	1,478.30
Revenue Sharing	<u>24,713.72</u>
Total	\$149,245.66

The following new personnel were approved upon a motion by Mr. Walters and seconded by Mr. McCombs:

Tanya H. Bakenhester-Nurse- \$707/month  
Betty Beaver-Eligibility Specialist \$590/month  
Judy K. Bowyer-Eligibility Specialist \$590/month  
Jane Rowland – Social Worker \$857/month  
Phoebe Nunn-Typist \$514/month  
Evelyn S. Teeter-Tax Clerk - \$344/month  
Walter L. Howell-Truck Driver \$479/month  
Pansy H. Overcash – Typist II \$514/month  
Joan K. Ennis-Eligibility Specialist \$590/month  
James B. Sides-IBM Programmer \$590/month  
Wanda J. Allen-Clerk II \$492/month  
Glenda Earnhardt-Clerk II \$396/month

Mr. Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector reported that a total of \$435,111.73 had been collected during November for all agencies.

On a motion by Mr. McCombs, Dr. Robert Tannehill and Mrs. W. L. Fink were appointed to the Board of Health. Motion was seconded by Mr. Steele and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Walters so moved that Mr. Hugh Bost be appointed to fill

the unexpired term of Council Powlas on the Airport Board. Mr. McCombs seconded with unanimous approval.

The following refund was approved upon a motion by Mr. McCombs and seconded by Mr. Steele:

Joseph Willis-\$8.25

In October meeting of the Board, authorization was made to sell County property located at 305 N. Shaver Street. Floyd Allen Tucker purchased the property for \$575 at public auction on November 12, 1974. Mr. Mauldin made a motion that authorization for the Chairman to sign a quit claim deed be approved. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

On March 18, 1974, the Board passed a resolution designating the establishment of Poole Town Volunteer Fire District. A request has come from them to extend their boundaries from three to four miles fire department response. A statement from the Rowan County Fire Marshall, Robert Gunn, certifies that the Poole Town fire department does meet the minimum standards of Rowan County Commissioners and North Carolina fire insurance rating bureau for the extension of its district boundaries in accordance with attached boundary description and map. Mr. Steele made a motion that this request be granted. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

The County Manager briefed the Commissioners on new benefits under the local governmental employees' retirement system as provided in Chapter 1310 of the Session Laws of 1973 (2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 1974). The new law would allow employees to apply for the following benefits if they have ten years of current membership service, pay required cost and service fee and the County makes agreement to provide for the coverage in question by paying the additional percentages in each category.

- a. credit for military service .13%
- b. repayment of voluntarily withdrawn accounts .04%
- c. credit for out of state service .0%

Mr. Murdoch estimated it would cost the County an additional \$2,422 per year for military service and \$746 per year for repayment of withdrawn accounts. Mr. McCombs moved that the County pass a resolution to allow employees to repay voluntarily withdrawn accounts only. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval. (attached)

Last month three dog damage claims were brought up. Mr. Messinger wanted to check with Mr. Messinger wanted to check with Mr. McNeely to see if the claims were in line and they are.

Paul Daniels – 25 laying hens - \$62.50  
James M. Nesbitt- 12 rabbits 60.00  
15 chickens 15.00  
damage to cages 15.00  
Total \$90.00

Carrie Earnhardt – 14 chickens \$25.00. Mr. Walters made a motion that damage claims be paid. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

A request was made from Kannapolis Sanitary District for inclusion of property owned by Clarence Sloop and Veda Sloop, and Harry Sloop and Hazel Sloop which is adjacent to Kannapolis Sanitary District and is in Rowan County. Resolutions were in order and signed. A motion was made by Mr. McCombs to accept this resolution and seconded by Mr. Steele with unanimous vote. (Attached)

A list of 1974 Farm Census enumerators presented to the Board by Mr. McNeely was passed on a motion made by Mr. McCombs and seconded by Mr. Steele with unanimous approval. (Attached)

A change order from G. B. Weaver & Son, Electrical Contractor, on the Nature Center at Dan Nicholas Park was presented. This project is being funded by more than 25% revenue sharing money, therefore requiring department of labor minimum wage rates. When bids were submitted, the Department of Labor wage rates accompanying them were in error. An electrician was listed at \$3.75 minimum. After bids were received, the new rate for an electrician went from \$3.75 to \$4.42. Since Weaver's bid was based on \$3.75 instead of \$4.42, he is requesting a change order of \$281 to make up the difference. Mr. Walters made the motion that this amount be paid from ABC contingencies fund and Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

The County manager presented a request for payment of gifts and dinner for Commissioners and guests at a dinner meeting of the Commissioners on November 25, for the following amount:

\$150.50 gifts  
71.25 dinner total of \$221.75

Mr. McCombs made a motion that this amount be paid out of account 4591 and was seconded by Mr. Steele with unanimous approval.

Once a year the county pays for a dinner for the special deputies. All commissioners and wives are invited to attend. Mr. McCombs made a motion that the special deputies dinner be on December 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hungry Bull. The money would come from account 4591. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

Reverend John Bolton appeared before the Commissioners to request funds for the Rowan County Nutritional project for the elderly. Last year the state granted funds for 135 meals per day, five days a week, 52 weeks a year. This year the stated granted funds for only 118 meals a day. Mr. Bolton asked that the Commissioners grant funds for the additional 17 meals at a cost of \$2.15 per meal, per day which includes all associated costs would be \$9,503. If funded for \$133 to pay for food service only, the cost would be \$5,878.60. If the full amount were funded, a center in Granite Quarry could be added to the present centers to feed additional people. Mr. McCombs suggested that due to new members being on the Board and not familiar with the project, that it be discussed again at the January 6 meeting of the Board and any action be delayed until then. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

A request from the Rowan County Board of Education for additional funds of \$52,301 was presented to the Commissioners. The school board requested additional funds of \$2,000 for office expense; \$7,000 for school office expense; \$10,000 for janitorial supplies; \$5,000 for repairs and replacement of heating, electric and plumbing equipment; \$16,301 for clerical help; and \$2,000 for new and additional equipment for the Board of Education office.

Mr. McCombs questioned the expenditures and suggested the school board should go back over its figures to determine if money which might be left over from other sources could be transferred to meet the present needs. He also pointed out if the funds were granted it would mean additional money would have to be allocated to the Salisbury City Schools and to the Kannapolis School System. He told Mr. Mobley that funds asked in the 1974-75 budget were granted with the exception of one item. That was the request of \$8,646 for school office supplies and this was cut \$694. Mr. McCombs said requests for the 1974-75 budget, as made by the school board, were as follows and were granted with one exceptions:

Janitorial supplies, \$25,000; repairs to furniture \$8,250; repairs to heat, etc., \$25,000; clerical assistance, \$45,724; school office supplies, \$8,646 and this was cut \$694; general office expense, \$21,300; and equipment office supplies, \$2,250.

Commissioners McCombs and Hall Steele have been named to School Committee and suggested by Mr. Walters, one will attend School Board sessions and be furnished with copies of the minutes. It was decided that any action on this should be delayed and discussed in January.

As there was not further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Glenda Earnhardt, Clerk