

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
FEBRUARY 3, 1975

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 Honeycutt, Eugene McCombs, Charlie Walters, Hall Steele and Bob Mauldin.

Chairman Honeycutt called the meeting to order. The minutes of the meetings of January 6 and 13 were read and approved upon a motion by Mr. McCombs and seconded by Mr. Mauldin.

Mr. Stamey Carter from Sherrill and Smith submitted to the Board the Rowan County Audit for the year ended June 30, 1974 and also an additional 1973-74 appropriations to eliminate over-expended balances. Upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Walters, these changes to the 1973-74 budget were approved. Attached.

Mr. Steele reported that Edwin Koontz requested that the two people hired by the county on a temporary basis to work with the Food Stamp program be kept two days longer than previously authorized in order that they could help sign up recipients for food stamps at Fiber Industries. Mr. Steele moved that Mr. Koontz's request be approved. Mr. McCombs seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch, County Manager, read a letter from Mr. J. H. Lemmon, Vice President – Real Estate, Cook United Inc. stating that due to the general economic climate within the United States today and other priorities by Cook United, it is now necessary that they discontinue consideration of the distribution facility previously proposed for development near Salisbury and have discontinued negotiations for the acquisition of land on Webb Road.

A letter was received from the Town of Spencer thanking the Commissioners for their selection of a mechanic under the Public Employment Program for the Town of Spencer as requested.

A copy of a letter was read from City Manager, F. M. Luther, to Representative Robie Nash requesting that he support General Statutes 66-76 entitled "Closing-Out" Sales as supported by the Salisbury-Rowan County Merchants Association. Mr. Steele moved that the Rowan County Commissioners also approve adding Rowan County to General Statute 66-76 subject to a reading of the statute by Mr. Kluttz. Mr. Mauldin seconded and the vote was unanimous.

A memorandum from Centralina Council of Governments was received with information concerning the dates and places of their meetings in 1975. Rowan County will be the host in July.

Upon a motion from Mr. Mauldin and seconded Mr. Steele with unanimous approval, the following road petitions were approved:

Broad, Butler and Barber Streets – request from the Town of East Spencer that these streets be abandoned from the state highway system.

Graham Road – maintenance improvement

Mr. Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported collections for January 1975 were \$1,428,548.34.

Mr. McCombs made the motion to hold the County Tax Lien Sale the first Monday in June and to be advertised the four weeks preceding the date. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. McCombs reported the interest received through January 31, 1975, as follows:

General Fund	\$105,797.32
School	55,346.41
School Bldg.	636.35
Revenue Sharing	33,970.40
Debt Service Regular	2,092.46
Debt Service Rowan Tech	<u>20,091.29</u>
Total	\$217,934.23

Mr. Robert Linkner reported to the Board that Rowan County has been given priority for a Step 1 grant for the planning for its sewerage program. This grant will be to cover most of the cost for the development of a 201 Facilities Plan for the Greater Salisbury 201 Planning Area, in accordance with the requirements of the Federal pollution law. Mr. Linkner stated that Henningson, Durham & Richardson propose to prepare the 201 Facilities Plan for Rowan County in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency regulations (PL 92-500) for their payroll costs times a factor of 2.5 plus their actual out of pocket expenses. The fee for the 201 facilities plan, which must be approved by local, state and federal authorities prior to final acceptance, will not exceed \$10,500. The final fee will be based on actual time and expenses, but will not exceed \$10,500. An application for a 75% grant from the Environmental Protection Agency and a 12.5% grant from the State of North Carolina (Clean Water Bond Act) has been submitted. Therefore, Rowan

County's share for participating in the greater Salisbury 201 facilities plan will be 12.5% of their final fee.

Mr. Charlie Baker, also of Henningson, Durham and Richardson, went into some background information concerning this proposal for the benefit of the new Board members. Chairman Honeycutt told Mr. Linkner and Mr. Baker that the Commissioners would like to talk with the mayors of Faith and Cleveland before a decision was made.

R. H. Hardisty, Chairman, Board of Elections, reported on information secured from other counties having voting machines as requested at last month's meeting. He stated that there was a wide range of opinions, methods and suggestions. All counties using voting machines recommend and support the use of the machines stating simplicity of reporting and voter acceptance. There is a pressing need for realignment for all precincts in Rowan County, the cost for which in postage alone would exceed \$4,000. Mr. Hardisty stated that in his opinion, it was impractical and too expensive to realign the precincts to take care of manual voting and then realign again as voting machines are introduced on a partial basis. He indicated that he would like to see voting machines installed county-wide.

Chairman Honeycutt said that the Board would have to wait until the first of the county's fiscal year to see how finances were before any action could be taken. In the meantime, he suggested that he and one other County Commissioner meet with the Board of Elections to learn of some of their problems and in turn they could learn of some of the Commissioners problems.

Mr. Wayne Gladden, Rowan Municipal and County Planning Board, reported that the Salisbury Board of Realtors reviewed the County Subdivision Ordinance and recommended its adoption. Upon a motion by Mr. McCombs and seconded by Mr. Mauldin, it was unanimously approved to hold a public hearing for the proposed subdivision ordinance on Wednesday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. This would be advertised in the paper two weeks prior to that date.

Mr. Jim Lloyd reported on the last known handmade grist mill still standing in North Carolina. The Historical Properties Committee would like to restore this mill. The owner stated that he would donate the mill and property to the County of Rowan if its eventual restoration could be assured. Mr. Lloyd stated that now there are bicentennial funds available on a matching funds basis. The total preservation of property and mill in every way would be approximately \$100,000. Mr. McCombs suggested that we might received some matching funds on the historical value of the mill. Also, he suggested to see how much money could be raised in a publicity campaign and for Mr. Lloyd to see what could be done.

The Salisbury-Rowan Juvenile Bureau Board of Advisors requested the return of the Juvenile Bureau to the Sheriff's Department and the City Police Department for supervision and operation. Mr. McCombs moved that Officers Chares Herion and Audrey Smith be assigned to the City Police Department and that the salaries be paid by the county until the first of July. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

The following bids were received on the four new autos for the Sheriff's Department:

Aaron Chevrolet	\$16,553.56
City Motor Co.	16,505.84

Mr. McCombs moved to accept the low bid from City Motor Company. Mr. Walters seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Mauldin moved that the following transfers be approved. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval. (Attached)

A letter was received from Carl Sloop, Jr., Vice-Chairman, Rowan County Parks and Recreation Commission requesting that \$11,398.50 be transferred from account 6874 to 6835 along with a partial list, authenticated and estimated, for expenditure of the money. Chairman Honeycutt said the Commissioners would wait until Mr. Walters could find out a little more about this and what the difference between actual cost and donations would be.

Mr. Walters moved the following new personnel be approved and Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval:

Calvin Honeyblue, landfill helper \$328/month  
Charles Joseph Bracken, Janitor \$344/mont  
Cindy Tatum, Clerk I \$360/month

A letter from Robert Wolf, Veterans Service Officer was read requesting that a complete evaluation of clerk in his office be made and potion be reclassified from Clerk I to Clerk II.

Mr. McCombs made a motion that the five refunds requested by the Tax Supervisor and Electrical Inspector be granted. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval:

Rick Kluttz - \$20.00  
Mary Overcash - \$46.53  
Wilford L. Moss - \$48.55

Gene Ketchie O'Kelley - \$4.62  
Norman's of Salisbury - \$14.86

Mr. Walters made the motion to grant a request from Adrian N. Hall and wife, Sandra S. Hall, to be annexed into the Kannapolis Sanitary District. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval. (attached)

Last week Chairman Honeycutt, Mr. Steele, Mr. McCombs and Mr. Murdoch met with the architect to hold final inspection of the new health center. A punch list of items that contractors are to complete was made and money will be withheld to cover the line items on this punch list until completed. Mr. Steele moved to give Mr. Murdoch authority to sign documents of substantial completion on each of contracts involved. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch stated that he had received a call from the Manpower Administration in Raleigh informing him that Rowan County has been allocated \$29,829 extra for the first six months of this employment program. This means that additional people can be hired under this program. Mr. Steele made the motion that one person be hired to work with Seth Mull and one six-man crew to work for the municipalities with municipalities furnishing their own transportation, and one six-man crew to clean up along the roads in Rowan County. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. McCombs made the motion to amend the present budget for 1974-75 to include revenue from the North Carolina Department of Administration of \$85,356 and put \$85,356 in account 4501. Mr. Walters seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch received a letter from Mrs. Jane Smith asking the Board to accept her resignation as a member of Rowan County Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Mauldin moved to replace Mrs. Smith with Mr. Richard Brinkley, Box 1100, Salisbury. Mr. Walters seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Honeycutt said the Board should write a letter to Mrs. Smith to thank her and commend her for past service. Mr. Walters so moved and Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous vote.

Wallace Peeler presented the 1975 bids on Tax bills as follows. Attached.

Mr. Steele moved that the low bidders, Jordan's Business Forms, Inc. be accepted. Mr. Walters seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. McCombs made the motion to pay for Mr. Kluttz's activities in Raleigh in re the appeal of Yadkin, Inc. to the North Carolina Tax Commission from 1974

valuation of its property in Rowan County which amounted to \$2,566.50 to be paid from contingencies. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

A request was made from Aaron Chevrolet, who received car #6 on a trade that they be compensated \$140 for the burned value of the car. Delivery of the new cars was to be in four to six weeks but actual delivery time was 13 weeks. Mr. Walters made the motion to deny the request and Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch suggested the adjustment in hourly rates for two people working at the park and on at the landfill to \$2.35 per hour. Their rate is less than what we are paying the people employed under the public service employment program. He also requested that Roland Moore's salary be adjusted to \$6,324 per year. Mr. Mauldin so moved to adjust the rates of the following:

Leo Starnes  
Arthur Jones  
Calvin Honeyblue  
Roland Moore

Mr. Walters seconded and the vote was unanimous.

At the present time there are three garbage trucks at the Rowan County landfill. However, one truck is old and is broken down fairly often. Mr. Mauldin made the motion to advertise for bids for a new tuck for the landfill. Mr. McCombs seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Steele gave a report on the School Board meeting that he and Mr. McCombs attended. Mr. Steele moved to approve \$1,000 for West Rowan High School for a backstop to come from School Fund Unappropriated Surplus. Mr. McCombs seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. McCombs reminded the Commissioners that the School Board's request for \$55,000 has been put off for two months now. He requested authority to tell them that the County will grant them \$15,000 additional funds. Mr. Mauldin so moved the appropriation of \$15,000 for additional funds to be used as follows. Attached.

The Salisbury City Schools would receive a pro rata share of \$3,748.48 and the Kannapolis Schools would receive \$1,546.47 for a total of \$20,294.95 to come from unappropriated school fund surplus. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Upon a motion by Mr. Walters seconded by Mr. McCombs, Mr. Kluttz was authorized to advertise for sale a piece of property with a welfare lien against Mrs. Jessie Poole Griggs. The bids will begin at \$2,000.

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