

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 24, 1975

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in a Special Meeting in the Community Building, Salisbury, North Carolina at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Chairman Rufus Honeycutt, Eugene McCombs, Charlie Walters, Hall Steele, and Bob Mauldin.

Chairman Honeycutt called the meeting to order.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, and seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the commissioners approved the boundary lines for the Locke Volunteer Fire District. (attached)

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from the Office of Manpower Services, North Carolina Department of Administration, informing him that Rowan County had been allocated an additional \$89,185 for the Emergency Jobs Program. They also extended the program an additional three weeks until August 1, 1975. It will take about \$15,500 to extend the forty-seven people presently employed until August 1, 1975, leaving about \$73,685 to hire additional people.

Mr. Murdoch recommended that the following positions be filled:

1. Mechanic for landfill
2. Survey crewman for watershed
3. Helper at dog pound
4. Equipment operator for Spencer
5. Treatment plant operator for Spencer
6. VD Assistant for Health Department
7. Carpenter, helper and painter for County Buildings
8. Environmental worker for Granite Quarry
9. Clerk for Board of Elections
10. Two laborers for Salisbury City Schools
11. Two laborers for Kannapolis City Schools
12. Two laborers for Rowan Tech
13. One foreman and five laborers for Rowan Airport
14. Two foremen and ten laborers for County Roads
15. One man to police garbage cans and schedule crews for clean-up

This would be a total of thirty-six people making a grand total of 83 people under the program.

After a discussion of these positions, Mr. McCombs moved that these positions be filled. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Mauldin moved to request a State man to come in and make a study of the Landfill. Mr. McCombs seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Steele made the motion to approve Sheriff Stirewalt's request for an application to the Division of Law and Order for one additional Juvenile Officer and Mr. Walters seconded. Mr. Steele voted in favor of the motion and Mr. Walters and Mr. Mauldin against. Chairman Honeycutt and Mr. McCombs abstained.

Mr. Walters made the motion that Mr. Murdoch be permitted to send letters to architects in the County as well as outside the County in order to get a proposal and percentage of what they would charge to design a new County Office Building. Mr. McCombs seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Mauldin made the motion to authorize Chairman Honeycutt to sign the deed for property sold to Jessie Poole Griggs on March 13 at a public auction. Mr. Walters seconded with unanimous approval. (attached)

A letter was received from Larry Parrish, Area Director, Rowan County branch for the Tri-County Mental Health Complex requesting the appointment of Mrs. Jerry White to the Rowan County Advisory Board to the Tri-County Mental Health Complex. She would replace Larry Shaw whose term expires in 1976. Mr. Walters was appointed to make a recommendation for this position.

A letter was received from the Christian Action League of North Carolina requesting that April 7-13, 1975 to be proclaimed as Community Standards Week. Mr. Mauldin moved to pass this proclamation and Mr. Walters seconded. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Walters, it was approved that April 1-12 be declared as Countywide Clean-Up Week in preparation for the Bicentennial.

The Commissioners requested that Mr. Murdoch write Senator Jack Childers and inform him that it is their unanimous decision that the proceeds from the .05/bottle ABC tax should be allowed to be used to rent or lease space for halfway houses for alcoholics.

Mr. McCombs made the motion to approve the proclamation declaring May 4-11 as Soil Stewardship Week. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Mr. Herbert Hawley, Director of Rowan County Public Health Department requesting that the position of Health Aide be deleted and that of Personal Care & Family Aide I be set up in its place. The monthly salary rate for the Health Aide position is \$381 while that of the Personal Care & Family Aide is \$414 and the Health Department budget has ample funds to cover the difference in salary. Mr. Mauldin so moved to grant this request and Mr. Walters seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Richard R. Reamer, Kluttz and Hamlin, in re: Lloyd Linn Russell and Rowan County, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina, vs. Charles Leland Floyd and Ottis Ray Floyd. A stipulation of dismissal with prejudice has been placed on record closing the court file on this insurance company in the amount of \$1,119.48 made payable to the County of Rowan in full settlement of the August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1973 action involving the Sheriff's patrol car and also a statement for services by Kluttz & Hamlin of \$381.40.

Mr. Murdoch received a notice from the Highway Department of a Public hearing on the proposed design for the Connector from 601 bypass to I-85 in Salisbury. This public hearing will be on April 17, 1975 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Room of the Salisbury City Office.

A letter was received from the Joint Committee on the Economic Crisis in the Construction Industry urging Rowan County to use local funds as well as monies available from Revenue Sharing and community development block grants for expanded construction activities in the community. Mr. Murdoch said that we were complying with this request.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenda Earnhardt, Clerk