

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
JULY 7, 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 Rufus Honeycutt, Eugene McCombs, Charlie Walters, Hall Steele and Bob Mauldin.

Chairman Honeycutt called the meeting to order and Mr. McCombs opened with prayer.

Mr. Steele moved to accept the minutes of the meetings of June 2, 3, and 30 as written. Mr. McCombs seconded with unanimous approval.

Chairman Honeycutt requested a mileage breakdown and comparison between the two smaller cars and the regular sized cars used by the Sheriff's Department.

A notice was received from Edwin Koontz, Director, Social Services, stating that he attended a workshop on June 30, July 1, and 2 and learned that the General Assembly passed two bills that will affect Special Assistance for Adults and Medicaid. The first one increases rest home rates by a dollar per day. The bill only included the State's share of 50% of the cost of Special Assistance for Adults. The second bill raised nursing home rates from \$25 to \$28 per day, but did not raise the State's share of participation. The state only shares in the first \$18.00 of the cost, and the remainder is Federal and County expense of Medicaid.

Chairman Honeycutt read a letter from Stanley Corriher giving notification of his retirement after 31 ½ years of service with the Agriculture Extension Services as of July 31, 1975. Mr. McCombs mad the motion that the Chairman write a letter of appreciation to Mr. Corriher for the fine job he has done.

Mr. McCombs reported the interest received for the year 1974-75 as follows:

School Fund	\$73,872.62
General Fund	199,744.42
Revenue Sharing	55,459.89
Debt Service	4,959.89
Rowan Tech Bonds	<u>49,147.33</u>
Total	\$383,183.92

In 1955 maps in the Tax Supervisors office were drawn showing property owners. A lot charged to Mr. Harry H. Benson was drawn in error and he was charged with 115 feet of road frontage instead of 83 feet. This resulted in an overpayment of taxes. Mr. Benson appeared before the Commissioners to request a refund on this overpayment. However, General Statutes 105-382 allows the tax office to recommend only three years refund. Upon a motion by Mr. McCombs and seconded by Mr. Steele, it was unanimously approved to refund \$1.65 for 1972, \$1.65 for 1973 and \$1.38 for 1974 for a total of \$4.68 to Mr. Benson which he refuses to accept.

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported taxes for June as being \$651,276.80 including advance payments as well as 1974 and prior years taxes.

Mr. McCombs brought up a complain he had received from Mr. Trexler, Pine Ridge Grocery, concerning the increase in his privilege licenses tax because he is now within one mile of the city limits of Salisbury. Mr. McCombs was in sympathy with Mr. Trexler and felt that he should not have to pay this increase in his taxes unless he is in the city limits. Mr. McCombs requested that County Attorney, Clarence Kluttz, check into this to see if anything could be done.

Upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Steele, it was unanimously approved to accept the ordinance granting a franchise to C & M Ambulance Services. (Attached)

Mr. Hardesty came before the Board to request voting machines be purchased for the larger precincts. The Commissioners agreed with Mr. Hardesty on the need for voting machines in Rowan County but explained that due to over whelming budget requests made that there would not be funds available for voting machines this year.

Bids received for one auto for the Juvenile Officer to be financed through the LEAA were as follows:

Earnhardt Motors	\$4,398.66
Aaron Chevrolet	\$4,090.10

Mr. McCombs moved to accept the low bid in favor of Aaron Chevrolet. Mr. Steel seconded with unanimous approval.

Bids were received on the 1976 Tax listing forms as follows:

Baltimore Business Forms	\$1,327.20
Rowan Business Forms	\$1,409.85
Jordan Business Forms	\$1,561.00

Standard Register Company

\$1,751.80

Mr. Steele moved to accept low bid from Baltimore Business Forms, Inc. Mr. Maudlin seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Honeycutt appointed Mr. Walters as delegate to the State Convention Asheville in on July 30, August 1 and 2. If Mr. Walters finds later that he will be unable to attend, Hall Steele will represent the Board.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele and seconded by Mr. Maudlin, it was approved to reappoint C. C. Erwin to the Rowan Technical Institute Board for an eight year term.

Upon a motion by Mr. Walters and seconded by Mr. Maudlin, the following new personnel were approved:

Cathy Shoaf – Clerk \$344/month

Melvin E. Harvell – Deputy \$609/month

Gary W. Bowman – Deputy for Granite Quarry \$609/month

Fred Crawford from South Salisbury Fire District came before the Board to further explain the reasons for wanting to buy county land across from the receiving home for the new fire station. Mr. McCombs suggested that the Commissioners, along with Mr. Crawford go out to the site and look at the situation over after the meeting.

Mr. Murdoch presented copies of the Budget Summary for the Social Services Department showing a cost to the County as follows:

Public Assistance	\$871,812
Aid to the Blind	\$8,306.86

Mr. Steele moved to approve the Budget Summary and authorize Chairman Honeycutt to sign it. Mr. Walters seconded and the vote was unanimous.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned until Monday, July 28, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Glenda Earnhardt, Clerk