

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
AUGUST 4, 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. McCombs moved to accept the minutes of July 7, and July 28 as written. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Walters read a letter from T. Albert Nickles, Chairman, Rowan Advisory Board of the Tri-County Mental Health Complex, seeking advice and direction as they seek to resolve their role. He stated that with the dramatic growth of the Tri-County program, the role of the Advisory Board has become somewhat unclear and perhaps ineffective. After discussing this matter, it was decided it would be helpful to keep this Board. Mr. Walters will meet with the Advisory Board as they requested.

Mr. Murdoch received a letter from Rowan Museum Incorporated signed by Mrs. Phillip Sowers, President and other members of the Budget Committee thanking the Commissioners for the additional appropriation to their budget for 1975-76.

A letter was received from John J. Tolson III, Secretary, Energy Division, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs informing the Commissioners that Governor Holshouser will proclaim November 2-8, 1975 as NC Energy Conservation Week. He requested that the Commissioners mark this date on their calendar and give thought to making this an outstanding project.

Upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Walters, the following road petitions were approved:

Chapman Road – request for addition

Hatchett & Cunningham Associates appeared before the Commissioners to explain their position and qualifications for administering CETA, Title I programs

for Rowan County. Mr. McCombs requested that a decision on this be deferred until later in the day.

Glenn Trexler, County Tax Collector, reported collections for the month of July, 1975, at \$52,288.94.

Mr. McCombs reported the interest received for July on County funds that have been appropriated but not yet spent:

School Fund	\$5,291.42
School Building	1,945.67
General Fund	8,437.58
Revenue Sharing	916.67
Debt Service	442.71
Rowan Tech Bond	<u>40,047.65</u>
Total	\$57,081.70

Joe Woods came before the Board as spokesman for the Salisbury Jaycees to present their interest in establishing a facility for the mentally retarded. A film was shown on mental retardation activities and he explained that Rowan County has no provisions for the severely and profoundly handicapped adults or children. He went on to say that there were also no provisions here for early identifications and treatment of developmental handicapped children and no infant program. He reported that the Salisbury Jaycees had appeared before the City Council with their request for financial aid for this project and the City Council was very interested and felt that the County should also be a partner in this project. Mr. Walters suggested some thought be given to the possibility of the County making land available for a recreation program. Chairman Honeycutt appointed Charlie Walters and Bob Mauldin to work with the Jaycees.

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

- Harold Watson – Landfill \$813/month
- James E. Haupt – Training Deputy \$702/month
- James R. Gaither – Deputy Sheriff \$609/month
- David M. Kluttz – Deputy Sheriff \$609/month

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. McCombs, and with unanimous approval, it was agreed to furnish the Rowan County ASC the following space at the Farm Center located on West Innes Street Extension in Salisbury free of all charges and to include lights, water, heat, and janitorial service until such time as they may deem necessary to alter this motion due to remodeling, realignment of space requirements or any other legitimate reason:

Upon a motion by Mr. McCombs and seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the following transfers for the Board of Education for 1974-75 year Current Expense and Capital Outlay were approved: Attached.

County Attorney, Clarence Kluttz, presented a proposed ordinance regulating mass gatherings to the Commissioners.

Attorney Graham Carlton, representing a delegation of approximately 19 people in attendance from the Gold Hill area presented signed petitions against the rock festival and suggested several additions to the proposed ordinance. Attached. Mr. McCombs stated the ordinance as presented by Mr. Kluttz was one the Institute of Government believes will stand up. Mr. Kluttz said he thought the suggestions presented by Mr. Carlton were good but might weaken the legal aspect of the substance of the ordinance.

After much discussion, Mr. McCombs moved to pass the ordinance with the exception of a gathering of 500 people be changed to regulate a gathering of 1,000 people. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval. Attached.

Carl Sloop and Wayne Gladden presented an ordinance for soil erosion and sedimentation control for Rowan County as fully approved by the Planning Board. Mr. Sloop explained that what they wanted today would be the Commissioners approval of the ordinance to be sent to Raleigh and returned later for their adoption. Mr. Steele moved to approve the resolution in principal and authorize Chairman Honeycutt to sign it. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval. (Attached).

Two revised floor plans were presented for the new county office building by Doug Tennent for the Commissioners to study. Mr. Tennent reported that he received both approval and complaints from attorneys regarding moving the Register of Deeds out of the Courthouse. He reported that some of the attorneys were interested in meeting with the Commissioners.

Upon a motion by Mr. Walters and seconded by Mr. McCombs, it was unanimously approved to proceed with either Scheme A or B on the new county office building as presented by Mr. Tennent today. After Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor, said it would suit him better for his office to be located on the second floor, it was agreed to proceed with Scheme A.

A letter received from John F. Cline from Cline Realty and Insurance Company stated it was his opinion after inspecting the property located at 408 North Main Street that a present day fair market value for this property is \$24,800.

Mr. McCombs moved to authorize Mr. Murdoch to offer Wallace Realty Company \$24,800 for the property. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous vote.

Wallace Peeler and Jim Sides reported on their meeting with COG, July 30, 1975 concerning a real estate system for IBM. Mr. Sides stated that is was his opinion that the present system was not large enough to handle this. Chairman Honeycutt appointed Mr. McCombs and Mr. Mauldin to work with Mr. Williams and Mr. Sides from IBM to see what the county will need.

Mr. Peeler requested an additional \$25 a month on travel allowance for John Smith as of August 1, 1975. Mr. Walters moved to grant this request and Mr. Mauldin seconded. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Peeler stated that this money would come from his present budget and would only be used until a vacant appraiser position was filled.

Chairman Honeycutt adjourned the meeting until 2:30 p.m. this afternoon.

Chairman Honeycutt called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and Mr. Murdoch reported that Hatchett & Cunningham Associates proposal to administer Title I programs would cost the county \$100,900, whereas the Employment Security Commission's charge would \$98,000. Upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. McCombs, it was unanimously approved to select the Employment Security Commission to administer the CETA Title I programs for Rowan County.

Chairman Honeycutt set up a meeting with Mr. Ken Horton, Department of Transportation, to go over road priorities and the amount of money to be allocated to Rowan County this year. The meeting will be held August 28, at 7:30.

After much discussion, Mr. McCombs moved to leave the salaries for employees of the Tri-County Mental Health Complex exactly as stated in the 1975-76 budget and there will be no salary increases this year. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

Upon Mr. Steele's request, after the meeting the Commissioners will go by and look at the property across from the fairgrounds towards I-85 from Old Concord Road as a possible site for South Salisbury's new fire station.

As there was no further business, Chairman Honeycutt adjourned the meeting until August 28, 1975, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenda Earnhardt, Clerk