

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
MARCH 1, 1976

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. Commissioner McCombs opened with prayer.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the minutes of February 2 and 10, 1976, were unanimously approved.

Director of Social Services, Edwin Koontz, reported the outcome of the two recent sessions held by a development disabilities training workshop in January and the Needs Assessment Hearing on February 25, 1976. The following priorities were established:

1. Transportation under Title XX
2. Home health care services for the elderly
3. Establish a group home for emotionally disturbed adults
4. Prenatal care services
5. Emergency foster care for adults

Seth Murdoch, County Manager read a letter from Sherrill & Smith notifying that the audit for Rowan County for 1975-76 is completed.

Upon a motion from Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Walters, the following road petition was unanimous approved:

Subdivision roads in Green Acres-addition to state system.

Mr. McCombs reported the following interest collected as of February 1976, on money appropriated but not yet spent:

School Fund	\$36,136.12
School Building	1,945.76
General Fund	66,890.26
Debt Service	3,630.49
Revenue Sharing	19,493.00

Tech Bonds	<u>67,321.07</u>
Total	\$195,416.70

Upon a motion by Mr. McCombs and seconded by Mr. Walters the following personnel were approved:

Josephine S. Starnes-Public Health Nurse \$707/month  
Sarah L. Waddell-Public Health Nurse \$707/month

The following refunds were approved upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Steele:

Betty Seamon Elliott- \$10.05  
Terry Davis-\$48.10

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the Commissioners agreed to renew a lease agreement with H. K. Krider for 86 acres of county owned land for \$10/acre for one year from March 1976 to March 1977.

Lt. Ed Haupt, Training and Planning Officer from the Sheriff's Department presented a new federal grant for Crime Prevention and Crime Prevention Officer. This grant would include an officer, van and equipment. Total cost to the County the first year will be \$1,077.

Mr. Steele requested a report from the Sheriff's Department on the plans and goals for the other tow grants now in effect. Lt. Haupt will retune later to present this.

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported total collections for the month of February as \$107,128.56.

Doug Tennent, Architect reported on the status of bids for the new county office building. He said new bids are being advertised for the heating and air conditioning and that new bids have been received on the electrical work as follows: (attached)

Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, and seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the four change orders listed above and \$15,887.27 in additional funds to come from contingencies to finish paying for extra work, was unanimously approved.

Don Carmichael, City executive of NCNB, came before the Commissioners with a resolution on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce endorsing passage of Amendment No. 2 which will permit local governments to issue revenue bonds for private industry.

Mr. Carmichael explained that passage of the amendment, which will be voted upon in North Carolina on March 23, will no cause any tax increase and any bonds which may be issued will not be secured by or payable from any public funds. Mr. Steele moved to pass this resolution with a second from Mr. Mauldin. The vote was unanimous. (attached)

Robert Gunn, Fire Marshal, requested on behalf of the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department a special election be held in April or May for the purpose of levying a fire tax. Mr. Steele moved to approve an election for the purpose of levying a fire tax for Franklin to coincide with the next scheduled election. Mr. McCombs seconded with unanimous approval.

Charlene Broome was present with a report on activities from Centralina Council of Governments.

Lt. Ed Haupt returned to the meeting with the reports on the Juvenile Officer and the Detective/Narcotics Division as requested by Mr. Steele.

Upon a motion from Mr. McCombs, seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the grant application from LEAA for the Sheriff's Office for Crime Prevention was approved and the grants for a Juvenile Officer and the Detective/Narcotics Division were renewed upon correction from the COG Criminal Planning Justice Board.

Upon a motion from Mr. Walters and seconded by Mr. Steele, the Budget Amendment for the Rowan County Board of Education was approved. (attached)

Mr. Mauldin approved the following transfer with a second from Mr. Walters and unanimous approval:

\$295 from reserve Sheriff's Department

Mr. Murdoch announced that the NACo Legislative Conference will be held in Washington, D.C. March 28-31, 1976.

Mr. Murdoch said the Rose Society approached him with the idea to make a rose garden out of the triangle piece of land left when Willow Street was cut through from West Innes to Old West Innes at the Social Services Department. They said if the County would furnish the property and have the area plowed and furnish a supply of lime, organic material and water, they would take over the upkeep with no additional cost to the County. Mr. Steele approved the expenditure leaving the matter of which account the money will come from up to the County Manager. Mr. Walters seconded with unanimous approval.

Appointment of two new Library Board members was postponed until the April meeting.

Mr. Murdoch told Commissioners that he had advertised for bids for an elevating scraper to be used at the County Landfill and bids will be in on March 11, 1976.

As there was no further business, Chairman Honeycutt recessed the meeting until March 15 at 7:30.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Glenda Earnhardt, Clerk