

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
MAY 3, 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, Hall Steele, Bob Mauldin and Charlie Walters.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the minutes of April 5, 1976 and April 22, 1976 were unanimously approved.

Seth Murdoch County Manager, read a letter from Bruce Strickland, Jr., North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources, acknowledging the filing as of April 22, 1976, by the Rowan County Board of Commissioners of notice of intent to adopt a resolution creating the Rowan County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority.

A letter from Renee P. Hill, Department of Human Resources, gave notice that the term of Mrs. Hayden Davis who is presently serving as a member of the County Board of Social Services expires June 30, 1976. Mrs. Davis is eligible for reappointment. Mr. Steele said he thought that she had already been reappointed. Mr. Murdoch will check this out.

Alan Cooper, Administrative Coordinator, Third Century Artist Program, North Carolina Arts Council, wrote stating that the Third Century Artist program has been made possible by a grant received from the State Office of Employment and Training through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, Title VI. He states that due to a shift in program origination emphasis, there is a possibility that they will not be able to continue to fund the artists through this office after June 30 and is requesting that the county continue this program. Upon a motion by Mr. McCombs and seconded by Mr. Steele, it was unanimously agreed to drop this program.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from D. P. Dickey, Chief Management Services, Department of Human Resources, regarding Rowan County's participation in the North Carolina Technical Advisory Committee on Delinquency Prevention and Youth Services. The Board took this as information and will wait to hear from Ms.

Nancy Honeycutt, Division of Youth Services Western Regional Community Support Coordinator, before making a decision.

A letter from C. Wade Mobley, Superintendent, Rowan County Board of Education states that Budget Code 633 (utilities) is going to be approximately \$75,000 in the red by June 30. There will be approximately \$20,000 left in code 632 (fuel). These estimates will leave an approximate \$55,000 deficit for electricity for this school year. Mr. McCombs moved to authorize the School Board to transfer funds from Capital Outlay to Current Expense after all other excess funds in Current Expense have been expended with exact amounts to be approved when transferred. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch presented a petition with about 100 signatures on it complaining of the intolerable level of noise in the Rainbow Lake area. Chairman Honeycutt ask County Attorney, Clarence Kluttz, what could legally be done to help these people out. Mr. Kluttz said the noise ordinance concerning decibels discussed at an earlier meeting would work if the Commissioners cared to pass it but it would entail finding an expert on the subject that would know how to enforce it. He suggested going to court and getting a restraining order on a public nuisance. Mr. Kluttz will check into this further.

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

Mitchell Avenue – addition to State System

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported that collections for April, 1976, were \$185,076.16. He stated that the first advertising list of unpaid 1975 real estate taxes will be May 10<sup>th</sup>. All delinquent accounts have been billed and we have started on garnishments and tax suits.

Chairman Honeycutt congratulated Mr. Trexler on being awarded Tax Collector of the Year and commended him on the fine work he does.

Mr. McCombs reported the following interest collected as of April 30, 1976, on money appropriated but not yet spent:

School Building	\$1,945.76
School	42,725.14
General	98,779.26
Revenue Sharing	24,501.34
Debt Service	6,094.36
Tech Bond	<u>70,298.17</u>
Total	\$24,344.03

Edwin Koontz, Director, Department of Social Services, presented the 1976-77 proposed budget for his department. He went over the budget and stated that most of the items are covered by a closed in budget system and if and when approved by the Commissioners, will be forwarded on to Raleigh.

The Board will discuss this budget and act on it at their May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mrs. Helen Linn accompanied Mr. Koontz to the meeting.

Kenneth Simpson from Centralina Council of Governments was present to answer any questions that might arise concerning Centralina. He said there would be a meeting May 12<sup>th</sup> in Charlotte at Jefferson Towers and asked the Commissioners to attend. Chairman Honeycutt said they would be in budget hearings that week.

Robert Gunn, Fire Marshal, requested a part-time secretary for a couple of days a week and to work the week of May 25 while he goes to Fire Prevention School. He stated he needs someone to answer the phone, take messages and do general office work. Chairman Honeycutt asked if he wasn't using Mr. Lee's secretary. Mr. Gunn stated that she did answer the phone for him but was too busy with work for Civil Preparedness to be able to give him any help. Mr. Steele said he felt as if one girl should be able to take care of the work for both of these offices. Chairman Honeycutt said it would be checked into before the new fiscal year.

Lt. Ed Haupt, Training and Planning Officer for the Rowan County Sheriff's Department came by on behalf of the Sheriff and the Deputies to express the fact that the lines of communication are open between the Sheriff's Department and the Commissioners and thanked the Board of its help and support.

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

Lottie C. Forney – Social Services \$590/month  
Charles D. Barnhardt- Janitor \$378/month

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Jean K. Ramsey, Register of Deeds, requesting that she be allowed to hire two young girls as summer help in her office. She would like to hire Janet Bost, who as worked in the Register of Deeds office for two summers and Ann Richardson, who meets with her approval. Mr. Steele moved to approve this request and Mr. Walters seconded. The vote was unanimous.

A letter from Jim Sides, Programmer, IBM Department, was discussed concerning his request to hire one new Data Processing Operator; to transfer Faye

Bartlett from Data Processing Operator II to Computer Operator and bring her salary up to the minimum for the Computer Operator salary range; and to transfer Pam Lee from Computer Operator to Programmer salary range. Upon a motion by Mr. McCombs and seconded by Mr. Mauldin, this request was unanimously approved.

Mr. Mauldin moved to approve the following refunds with a second from Mr. Steele and unanimous approval.

Phillip Eugene Corriher - \$5.07  
Jimmy Fortune - \$4.65

Mr. Murdoch presented the following bids on five new automobiles with trade and one new station wagon for the Sheriff's Department.

Aaron Chevrolet	\$22,059.16
Five cars	
Station wagon	no bid
City Motor Company	\$21,666.85
Five cars	
Station Wagon	5,561.61

The station wagon will be used only to take patients to the mental hospitals and will not be used for a patrol car. Mr. Mauldin moved to accept the low bid on the five cars from City Motor Company and the purchase of a new station wagon from City Motor for \$5,561.61. Mr. Walters seconded with unanimous approval.

An ordinance regulating activities in the Rowan County Parks was unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Walters and seconded by Mr. Mauldin. (attached)

Mr. Mauldin moved to approve the lease agreement with W.S. Murdoch for the use of barns owned by the County at a price of \$175 per year for a one year period. Mr. Walters seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Upon a motion of Mr. Mauldin, seconded by Mr. Walters, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners, for reasons fully set forth in the memorandum hereto attached, deems it impracticable for the office of Register of Deeds to be in the Rowan County Courthouse and determines that it is necessary that said office be moved to the new County Office Building.” (attached)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Earnhardt, Clerk