

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 2, 1976

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in 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, seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the minutes of July 6 and July 26, 1976, were approved.

Seth Murdoch, County Manager, read an excellent report on the latest inspection of the Landfill by Rick Doby. Upon a motion by Mr. McCombs, a letter of congratulations is to be sent to Mr. Harold Watson, Supervisor of the County Landfill, expressing the Commissioners gratitude for the professional manner in which the operation of this facility is being carried out. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Chairman Honeycutt introduced the following students who were chosen to attend the North Carolina Youth Seminar on Law, Government and Leadership in Chapel Hill, August 8-13, 1976.

Anne Stanback-Salisbury High School
Rebecca Daniel – Salisbury High School
Robert Bettis – South Rowan High School
Randy Long – North Rowan High School

Mr. Murdoch presented each student with a check to cover the cost of transportation and registration fees.

Mr. Mobley sent a letter stating that the Board of Education took official action to request of the County Commissioners permission to transfer \$20,000 of Incentive matching money from line item 682-3 to High School Athletics Coaching salaries, line item 622-7. This request was approved upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Steele. Mr. Walters voted against this motion.

Mr. McCombs said it had been insinuated that the Commissioners bailed out the School Board on this project. No money was appropriated for these sports and

the School Board requested that this money be transferred from a certain account he said. He finished by saying that the only thing the Commissioners did was give a line item transfer; not one dime of this money was appropriated.

A letter was received from H.D. Isenberg, Superintendent, Salisbury City Schools, advising that the Building Committee of the Salisbury City Board of Education is proposing to negotiate a sale with the Salisbury City Council for a vacant lot 200 feet by 100 feet at the corner of Lloyd and Monroe Streets, from Duncan School, for the sum of \$2,800. The addition of this property would provide 32 off-street parking spaces.

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

Legion Club Road-Maintenance and improvement
Black Road-SR2160 abandonment of the last 1.1 mile

Chairman Honeycutt declared the Public hearing on the closing of Aggery Lane open. Bill Hannah spoke in favor of closing the road. He had spoken to the only land owner that will be affected by this action and it met with his approval also.

Clarence Kluttz, County Attorney, said all papers seemed to be in order, whereby Mr. McCombs moved to approve the closing of Aggery Lane. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval. Chairman Honeycutt declared the Public Hearing closed.

Bill Hannah, Chairman of the Rowan County Housing Authority Board and member Julius Wagoner, discussed some problems within the Housing Authority. Mr. Hannah said that they are limited by law to five commissioners and they presently have six serving on the Board; they are having difficulties regarding active participation from some of the commissioners who would attend the meetings but did not offer or contribute anything to the work. He also said they just recently had to dismiss the Director of the Housing Authority.

Chairman Honeycutt told Mr. Hannah that these matters would have to be settled within the Housing Authority Board and that the General Statutes made the rulings on the size of a board.

Chairman Honeycutt said he had been contacted by a Mr. Ray Patterson who claimed he worked for the Housing Authority for a week and a day and received no pay check due to the fact that there were no records of his having been employed. He requested that this be checked into and see that Mr. Patterson gets paid for the work he did.

Glenn Trexler, County Tax Collector, reported collections for the month of July at \$124,482.96.

Ray Hayworth, Director, Salisbury-Rowan Planning Board, presented the following three ordinance for the Commissioners consideration:

1. Subdivision Ordinance – This ordinance sets forth minimum standards of development within the County including those areas of extraterritorial municipal jurisdiction where a municipality is not exercising a subdivision ordinance. The subdivision ordinance could also be made applicable with a municipality upon request by such municipality to the County Commissioners. Some revisions to this ordinance have been made since it was previously under consideration by the Board. The Planning Board amended subsections (2) & (4) of Item A, Subdivision of Section 8, definitions on page 3 of an Ordinance to Regulate of Land in Rowan County. The revision of said section, in effect, authorizes the division of land-for example- by a property owner who wants to cut out a lot for a son or daughter without having to go through the complete subdivision process.
2. Minimum Housing Ordinance – This ordinance has been previously recommended and since that time the Planning Board determined that a set of minimum standards relative to deteriorated and dilapidated housing should be made specifically applicable to vacant dwelling units and rental dwelling units. The Planning Board specifically revised Section 9 on page 7 of the proposed ordinance, so as to make the minimum standards of the minimum housing ordinance applicable to vacant and rental dwelling units. In order that deteriorated and dilapidated owner occupied dwelling units could be inspected as required and to avoid a biased or discriminatory ordinance which precluded the investigation of owner occupied dwelling units of a deteriorated or dilapidated nature, sub-item (b) was included in the revised Section 9. The (b) section sets forth the conditions under which a deteriorated or dilapidated owner occupied dwelling unit could be inspected by the Housing Code Administrator.
3. National Flood Insurance Program, participation – This program, under NC State enabling legislation in effect provides for insurance for development already located within flood plain areas and, to all intents and purposes, prohibits further development, particularly for human habitation, within the flood plain except under unusual conditions. These unusual conditions would be – for example – the remodeling of an existing residential structure and possible other structures. The Planning Board

recognizes that the participation of the county in the National Flood Insurance Program does encumber the county with the responsibilities to develop a program setting forth minimum standards for the development of areas subject to critical flooding.

The National Flood Insurance Program was approved for Rowan County on a motion by Mr. Steele and seconded by Mr. Maudlin.

The Board wanted more time to study the Minimum Housing Ordinance and the Subdivision Ordinance. They felt that at the present time, Rowan County has sufficient provisions to take care of these areas if properly enforced.

After some discussion, Mr. McCombs moved to instruct the Rowan County Building and Electrical Inspection Department to compile a complete list of requirements of the building, electrical and plumbing codes to inform a potential builder of the present regulations.

Don Carmichael, Chairman, Industrial Facility and Pollution Control Financing Authority appeared before the Board and advised the Board of the Authority's adoption of a Resolution expressing intention to issue pollution control revenue bonds and authorizing the execution and delivery of a Memorandum Agreement pertaining to the financing of a pollution control project for Fieldcrest Mills, Inc. Mr. Carmichael delivered a copy of the Resolution and the Memorandum Agreement to the Board, including the project description attached thereto. A discussion of the project and its consequences for Rowan County ensued.

Upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin, seconded by Mr. Walters, the foregoing resolution was unanimously approved. (attached)

Emma Scarlett, Rowan County School Office, gave to each Commissioner a questionnaire on the use of test information and asked that the questions be answered and returned to her.

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

David C. Crane – Sheriff's Department \$669/month effective 6/28/76
Susan K. Campbell-Health Dept. \$812/month effective 7/6/76
Sylvia E. Vincent-Parks \$436/month effective 7/1/76
Patricia H. Graham-DSS \$679/month effective 6/28/76.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from the Rowan County Parks and Recreation Personnel-Finance Committees requesting the following personnel changes:

1. Park Secretary – Carol Foltz from Clerk I to Clerk II position with 0.12/hour increase.
2. Assistant Secretary-Linda Kepley to Clerk I with 0.11/hour increase.
3. Hire a maintenance operations assistant at \$7,656/year in place of two maintenance IV positions at \$5,232 each year for a total of \$10,464. This would be a savings of \$2,808.
4. The increase for Secretary and Assistant is \$478.40.
5. Total salary savings \$2,329.60

Mr. Walters moved to approve this request. Mr. Steele seconded. Commissioners Walters, Mauldin and Honeycutt voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners McCombs and Steele voted against.

Upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. McCombs, the attached 1976-77 budget amendment resolution was approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the following transfers were approved for the 1975-76 Budget. (attached)

Mr. Murdoch said two new members were needed on the Salisbury Board of Adjustments to replace E. G. Safrit who resigned and James M. Smith who was annexed into the city. Mr. Steele moved to approve Carl Dean from Westcliff to the Board of Adjustments. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval. Chairman Honeycutt said the second appointment would be made at a later date.

Upon a motion by Mr. McCombs and seconded by Mr. Steele, the following refund was approved:

Mercer Grading Company, Rt. 1, Box 11 - \$11.00

Mr. Murdoch received a request from Jim Foltz, County Parks Director, asking to transfer \$50.00 of the \$100.00 on hand, from gold operating petty cash account to be used for Ellis Park Concession petty cash account. Mr. McCombs moved to approve this transfer as long as it did not interfere with the finance officer's bookkeeping. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Mauldin, approval was given to renew the lease agreement with Rowan Investment Corporation for one year at \$150/month for the use of the County's warehouse on Lee Street.

A bill from Kluttz and Hamlin for \$468 was received for services rendered in the matter of Mr. E. C. Short's discharge from the Agricultural Extension Service. Mr. Mauldin moved to approve this bill for payment. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Residents of Dorsett Town of 3rd Street Extension surrounding community, in light of the recent violence, sent a signed petition for the Commissioners approval to be forwarded on to the Sheriff of Rowan county, requesting more frequent patrols through Dorsett Town Community by the Sheriff's Department and that an effort be made to disperse the congregating at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and the public drinking there be curbed and that a curfew be established for the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Third Street Extension.

This petition was approved to forward on to the Sheriff's Department upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Steele.

Mr. McCombs gave the interest report through July 31, 1976 as follows:

General Fund	\$2,506.71
Revenue Sharing	<u>1,280.87</u>
Total	\$3,787.58

Larry Brown, Alderman on Landis Town Board, questioned the Commissioners decision to continue charging municipalities a fee for the use of the Landfill. He felt that it was unfair to charge townships a fee when people living in the County could use the facility at no charge. Chairman Honeycutt explained that the landfill operates on Revenue Sharing and that no ad valorem tax funds are used to run the landfill.

Mr. McCombs said that in view of the fact that there was some dissention on the action taken earlier in this meeting on salaries for the Park, he wanted to make a motion that the action taken by this Board be stricken from the record and the individual items be considered separate. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. McCombs moved that the request to change Carol Foltz from Clerk I to a Clerk II position be denied. Mr. Steele seconded and all voted in favor except Mr. Walters who abstained from voting since he is on the Parks board.

Mr. McCombs moved that the second request from the Park to make Linda Kepley a Clerk I be approved. Mr. Steele seconded. After discussion, Mr. McCombs withdrew his motion and Mr. Steel withdrew his second.

Mr. Walters moved to rescind the action to deny Carol Foltz an increase and that the action be stricken from the records and action on Linda Kepley and Carol Foltz's change in positions be deferred and that the third recommendation to hire a maintenance operations assistant and do away with the two maintenance IV positions be approved. Mr. McCombs seconded with unanimous approval.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 2:00 p.m. this afternoon.

Chairman Honeycutt called the meeting to order and Mr. Mauldin moved to approve the road petition for Wilcoy Road contingent to the figures in the request be verified by Mr. Murdoch as being correct.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Glenda Earnhardt, Clerk