

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 7, 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, Charlie Walters, Hall Steele and Bob Mauldin.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the minutes of August 2, 1976 were approved.

Chairman Honeycutt welcomed Dick Messinger and Don Carmichael, Campaign Chairman of United Way of Rowan County. Mr. Carmichael presented a resolution declaring September 20, 1976, as United Way Day to encourage all the citizens of Rowan County to support, to the best of their ability, the 1977 United Way Campaign. Upon a motion by Mr. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mauldin, this resolution was unanimously approved. (attached)

Mr. Messinger will head up the campaign among the Rowan County employees. He said he would appreciate it if a letter could be addressed from the Chairman of the Commissioners to county employees encouraging their support to this worthwhile cause.

Seth Murdoch, County Manager, read a letter from Governor James Holshouser addressed to Earl Butz, Secretary of Agriculture, requesting that Rowan County be declared an agricultural disaster area for the purpose of making available disaster loans to qualifying applicants under the provisions of Public Law 94-68. Extreme weather conditions starting in the spring of the year with an extended drought, followed by ten days of hard rains, followed by two more months of drought, have caused considerable damage to the farming operations and affecting all farmers in the County. Mr. Steele said that this request has been approved.

Listed below are crops affected and estimated acres and percent of yield losses of each crop.

Wheat – 12,000 acres 30%

Barley – 6,000 acres 40%

Oats – 4,000 acres 50%

Corn – 16,000 acres 60%
Pastures – 51,000 acres 70%

Mr. Murdoch read letters from the students who attended the North Carolina Youth Seminar on Law, Government and Leadership at Chapel Hill, expressing their appreciation of this opportunity and how much they learned.

The following road petitions were approved upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. McCombs:

Fish Pond Road – request for change of work order 6.632216
Eastbrook Circle- addition to state system.
Subdivision or subdivision roads added to state system:

Pine Valley sub.
Dogwood Lane #1
Hazel
Crescent Terrace
Dogwood Road
Dogwood Lane #2
Bost Drive
Spring Garden Ave.
Greenway Park
Eastview Sub. #1
1st Corriher St.
Mt. Vernon Park
Bonanza Drive
Streets Rockwell Park Sub.
Dogwood Drive
Sunset Drive
Hillcrest Drive

Glenn Trexler, County Tax Collector, reported \$53,548.41 taxes collected for August, 1976.

Mr. McCombs moved to give the Tax Collector authority to collect 1976 taxes. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval. (attached)

Robert L. Bridwell, Planner, Rowan Municipal and County Planning Board, was present to further discuss the Ordinance to Regulate the Subdivision of Land in Rowan County. At the August 2 meeting, the Commissioners had requested certain changes in this ordinance. Mr. Bridwell went over these changes:

1. Change part 2 to read “the division of land into parcels greater than five acres”.

2. Change part 4 to read “the division of a tract in a single ownership into not more than three lots within a five year period where the resultant lots are equal to or exceed the standards of the Rowan County Health Department.”
3. Add a part 6 to read “division of tracts by inheritance or as gifts of donors to members of the immediate family provided the deeds shall result in lots which are equal to or exceed the standards of the Rowan County Health Department.”
4. Add a part 7 to read “properties qualifying as exceptions to Section 8, paragraph A, shall obtain the following certificate from the Rowan County Subdivision Administrator prior to recordation:
 “Certificate of Exception. I (we) hereby certify that I am (we are) the owner(s) of the property shown and described hereon, which was conveyed to me (us) by deed recorded in Book ____, Page ____, and that said property qualifies as an exception to the Subdivision Ordinance of Rowan County, North Carolina, under Section 8, Paragraph A.”

Clarence Kluttz, County Attorney, suggested that part 6 be changed to read “this shall not invalidate the deed or gift but owner should be notified that it is substandard under Health Department Regulations.”

Mr. McCombs said he would like more time to study this ordinance and defer any action until the meeting in November.

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

General fund	\$9,435.11
Revenue Sharing	1,451.83
Debt Service	354.54
Total	\$11,241.48

Upon a motion from Mr. McCombs, seconded by Mr. Mauldin, approval was given to the Tax Supervisor to send bills on late listings for automobiles.

Mr. Peeler said that in January, 1975, the same business was listed twice; once as Krim Knits and also as The Manufacturing Company. Krim Knits never paid taxes on the inventory and since that time, the federal government has dissolved this business. The Manufacturing Company has paid taxes on the inventory. Since this was listed twice for the same inventory, Mr. Peeler wanted to know what action the Commissioners wanted to take against Krim Knits. After discussion, Mr. McCombs moved to mark Krim Knits off our records and Mr. Walters seconded with unanimous approval.

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

Richard E. Miller-Sheriff's Department \$580/month effective 8/11/76
Patricia Nelson-Board of Elections \$436/month effective 8/20/96
Brenda H. Abernathy-IBM Key Punch \$457/month effective 7/27/76
Donna Smith Rouse-Social Services-\$679/month effective 8/2/76
Jack C. Jones-Social Services \$776/month effective 8/2/76
Steven C. Stroud-Sheriff's Dept. \$3.74/hour 7/12/76
Beverly T. Dingler-Social Services \$565/month effective 7/12/76

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

Larry Elliott - \$20.00
James A. Agner, Jr. - \$20.00
Gerald W. Talley - \$15.00

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, and seconded by Mr. Walters, the Commissioners appointed Mr. Harold E. Roseman to the China Grove Planning Board as requested by the China Grove Board of Aldermen.

Julius Waggoner was re-appointed to another five year term on the Rowan County Housing Authority upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Steele, with unanimous approval.

Mr. Walters moved to appoint Sonny Carpenter as an ex-officio member to work with the Rowan County Housing Authority. Mr. McCombs seconded with unanimous approval.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Walters, a program with Deferred Compensation Corporation of North Carolina providing a plan whereby County employees who voluntarily elect, may join this plan, was unanimously approved.

Mr. Walters moved to adopt a resolution naming North Carolina National Bank, Depository for the purpose of facilitating operation of the Deferred Compensation Plan. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval. (attached)

Mr. Murdoch announced that Rowan County and the City of Salisbury would host the Centralina Council of Governments meeting at the Holiday Inn, Wednesday, September 15, at 6:15.

Chairman Honeycutt suggested a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Dan Nicholas on the loss of her son and that individual contributions from the

Commissioners to the Park in memory of Richard Nicholas be enclosed with the letter.

Mr. Walters reported that the Historical Commission has received the federal grant money for the restoration of Kerr Mill and they have raised the first \$12,500 through private contributions for the County's matching share. He said that before the Historical Commission could start work on Kerr Mill and spend any money provided by the federal grant, Mr. Sloan would have to deed the property to Rowan County which he has not done as yet.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Glenda Earnhardt, Clerk