

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
NOVEMBER 1, 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 Mr. McCombs opened with prayer.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the minutes of October 4, 1976, and October 24, 1976, were unanimously approved.

Mr. Murdoch, County Manager, received a notice of the 1976-77 legislative goals conference of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners to be held December 1-3, 1976 at the Royal Villa Motor Inn in Greensboro, North Carolina.

A letter from Dr. S. P. Puri, Chairman, Business Department, Livingstone College, solicited the counties participation in the cooperative education program at Livingstone College for the second semester of 1976-77. This program is the integration of classroom study with practical experience under which students have specific periods of attendance at the college and specific periods of employment for learning situations outside the classroom environment. They would like one or two students placed in the county organization for a semester to work in a field related to their studies.

Jerry D. Adair, Chairman, EMS Advisory Council wrote asking the County Commissioners to nominate one additional person to serve on the Region F Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council. Action was tabled until next meeting.

A letter from William L. Allison, Mayor of Town of Cleveland, requested the Commissioners to allow Rowan County building codes to be enforced within the town limits of Cleveland. Mr. Steele moved to approve this request with a second from Mr. McCombs. The vote was unanimous.

Colonel Erwin T. Koch from St. Louis, Missouri, wrote requesting to become an honorary citizen and good will ambassador of Rowan County. Colonel Koch sent lists of counties, cities and states that consider him an honorary citizen. Mr. Steele

moved not to grant the request for honorary citizenship to Colonel Koch and Mr. McCombs seconded with unanimous approval.

Sandy McKinney from the Humane Society of Rowan County invited the Board to a special meeting on November 18, 1976 at 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. Miss Phyllis Wright, Animal Control Specialist of the Humane Society of the United States, will be present to discuss animal control in our area.

Mr. Mauldin moved to proceed with the plans to pave Cemetery Drive in Faith for the County to pay \$1,000 from secondary road funds. Mr. McCombs seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Mauldin moved to approve a request to grade, drain and surface West Corinth Baptist Church Road, SR 1468, under the Property Owner's Participation plan with \$1,824 coming from the Secondary Road Funds. Mr. Steele seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mauldin recommended that a signed petition received requesting the reopening of a turn lane in Kannapolis going south to turn into 17<sup>th</sup> Street east off Highway 29 be turned over to the Department of Transportation for investigation and further handling.

Upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Steele, the following resolutions regarding proposed road projects in Rowan County were approved:

1. That secondary bond work order no. 6.6320399 in the amount of \$5,000 originally set up to alleviate vertical curve on SR 1517 at entrance to Rowan County Airport, be taken down.
2. That work order be set up in the amount of \$8,000 (using the \$5,000 taken down from work order no. 1 plus \$3,000 from Secondary Road Fund balance in Rowan County) to base and surface Access Road .15 mile in length, from the landfill road to N.C. National Guard Helicopter flight activity center entrance.
3. That work order be set up in the amount of \$10,000 to widen, install curb and gutter and resurface portion of Milford Drive Extension SR 1713, .12 mile in length, from the Salisbury city limits to the 601 by-pass for adequate access for school bus traffic to the new Isenburg School located on the 601 by-pass. Total cost of project will be \$20,000 but \$10,000 will be in matching funds from Access and Public Service funds in Raleigh.
4. That work order be set up in the amount of \$15,000 to construct approaches to new bridges to be construction on the St. Paul Church Road over Crane Creek between Glover Road and Yates Road, northwest of Faith, North Carolina.

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported collections for October, 1976 were \$580,277.69.

Mr. Edwin Koontz, Director Social Services, and Mr. Herbert Hawley, Director Health Department discussed the Title XX contracts- one from Salisbury Housing Authority and one from Tri-County Mental Health Complex, requesting funding as of January 1, 1977. In order to be considered for an additional allocation of Title XX monies, Social Services must submit a revised budget and in preparing this budget have included an expanded program for the Board's approval.

The Health Department and Social Services are mandated to provide Family Planning Services. Mr. Hawley and Mr. Koontz have a project underway that they feel is of benefit to the County. The Department of Social Services has Mrs. Julia Brown, who is in a CETA Eligibility Specialist position. Mrs. Brown is assigned by Social Services to the Health Department with her major responsibilities being in the Family Planning Program. They requested that the Eligibility Specialist position be reallocated to a Social Worker I position as of February 1 when the Division of Social Services' CETA program terminates. They further requested a clerical position, effective immediately to handle the paper work.

This would involve no additional county money as there is money in the Social Services budget to cover. The reallocation will mean 75% or 90% Federal Matching, according to the function, as compared to 50% as originally figured. The clerical position would be a 75% match.

Mr. Steele moved to approve the revised Social Services budget and Mr. McCombs seconded with unanimous approval.

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

Louis Steven Bost-Draftsman \$580/month  
William Herbert Holmes-Janitor \$396  
Lee Henry Gray-Janitor \$378  
March Carrigan Seaford- Clerk \$580/month

A letter from Jim Sides, Data Processing Supervisor, requested a promotion for Linda Miller from Data Processing Operator I to Data Processing Operator II. Mr. Murdoch recommended to wait until January 1 before taking action on this request.

Upon a motion by Mr. McCombs and seconded by MR. Steele, it was approved to finance the Special Deputies Christmas Party again this year.

Mr. McCombs moved to appoint the following people to a committee to conduct a needs assessment study as provided by House Bill 456, Act to Provide Community Based Alternatives to State Training Schools. Mr. Mauldin seconded the motion with unanimous approval.

Donald Dunson	Social Services
Edith Alcorn	Health Department
Dr. Ron Gardner	Mental Health
James Queen	Court Counselor
John DeMarcus	Probation Officer
Jim Dockins	Juvenile Officer
James Smith	County Schools
William Robinson	City Schools
Frank Montgomery	Judge
Mrs. Clyde McSwaim	School Counselor
Betty Parnell	Southern end of County

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the following refund from the Tax Supervisor's office was approved:

Mr. Richard D. Messinger- \$96.75

Lt. Ed Haupt, Sheriff's Department, came before the Board to present a sub-grant application from the Division of Community Assistance, law and order section for \$19,492 for a juvenile officer to be assigned to the Sheriff's Department satellite station in North Kannapolis. This officer will handle the youth problems in the area with emphasis toward prevention and alternatives to arrest. In addition to salary, operating expenses and equipment are budgeted for the officer.

This grant comes from 1974-75 funds and will run for three years with a starting salary of \$8,844 per year.

Hall Steele said this had not been brought before the Sheriff's Committee and therefore, the Commissioners had not had a chance to study and discuss it. Chairman Honeycutt said they would study this grant and make a decision later.

Reverend Ed Long, Chairman Salisbury/Rowan Interagency council, discussed some recommendations from the Executive Committee. The main two concerning the Commissioners was the recommendations that the Rowan County Commissioners fund the construction of a facility to house a program for unserved, severely retarded multi-handicapped adults on Vocational Workshop property. Construction should incorporate plans for use of the building for respite care services; and that the County Commissioners establish and fund a program for pregnant students as part of the county school system. Approximate cost: \$25,000.

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

General Fund	\$24,014.33
Revenue Sharing	6,153.30
Debt Service	<u>575.54</u>
Total	\$30,743.17

Mr. Murdoch said he had received bids on a 31 Cubic Yard Front Loading Unit. (Attached)

Mr. Murdoch requested time to talk to Harold Watson, Landfill Supervisor, to see which units he thought would suit their needs.

After some discussion, Mr. Steele moved to officially stand with the City of Salisbury in being in opposition to capacity use of the Yadkin River. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

Upon a motion by Mr. Walters and seconded by Mr. McCombs, it was unanimously agreed not to adopt the ordinance to regulate the discharge of firearms in the county.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned until November 15, 1976 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenda Earnhardt, Clerk