

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 6, 1976

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in a regular session in the Community Building, Salisbury, North Carolina, at 9:15 a.m. The following members were present: Chairman Rufus Honeycutt, Hall Steele, Bob Mauldin, Paul Smith and Dr. John Wear.

Oaths of office for Mr. Smith and Dr. Wear were administered by Francis Glover, Clerk of Court.

County Manager, Seth Murdoch, presided over the meeting as nominations were made for Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

A nomination of Mr. Honeycutt as Chairman by Mr. Steele was seconded by Mr. Mauldin with unanimous approval. Dr. Wear moved to close the nomination for Chairman and Mr. Smith seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mauldin moved to nominate Mr. Steele for Vice-Chairman and Mr. Smith seconded with unanimous approval. The nomination for Vice-Chairman was closed upon a motion by Dr. Wear and seconded by Mr. Smith. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Honeycutt was unanimously re-elected as Chairman to the Board and Mr. Steele as Vice-Chairman on a motion by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Dr. Wear.

Mr. Murdoch received copy of an announcement inviting the Commissioners to the Third Joint Conference Co-Sponsored by the NCSBA and the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners to be held at the Royal Villa Inn, in Raleigh on January 13-14, 1977.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Rep. Robie Nash resigning from the Tri-County Area Mental Health Board as his official duties require him to be away so much of the time that he misses a good many of the meetings.

Dr. Wear moved to accept Rep. Nash's resignation. Mr. Smith seconded with unanimous approval.

Upon Chairman Honeycutt's suggestion, Mr. Steele moved to send Rep. Nash a letter of appreciation for his services and Mr. Smith seconded with unanimous approval.

A letter from Janet McCanless, President Rowan County Council on the Status of Women recommended that Mrs. Elizabeth Barber Honbarrier of the Franklin Community be appointed to the Council to replace Mrs. Evelyn Allison who resigned recently. Mr. Steele moved to appoint Mrs. Honbarrier as recommended and Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

A memo from Francis Luther, City Manager asked that the Commissioners set aside Tuesday, January 4, 1977, at 12:30 p.m. for a luncheon meeting at the Holiday Inn in Salisbury with Sen. Jack Childers, Rep. Robie Nash, Rep. Neal Smith and Sen. Robert Somers.

Mr. Mauldin presented the following road petitions:

Dead End Road off Gheen Road
Rowan-Franklin Volunteer Fire Department-driveway
Neelytown Road

Mr. Mauldin moved to approve these three requests and Mr. Steele seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The following Committees, Boards and Officials were approved upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Steele. (Attached)

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported collections for November, 1976, totaled \$621,846.24.

Mr. Murdoch gave interest report for November, 1976, on money that has been earned this fiscal year but not yet spent:

General	\$35,870.14
Revenue Sharing	12,495.88
Debt Service	<u>575.54</u>
Total	\$48,941.56

Upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Dr. Wear, the following new personnel was approved:

Scott H. Dayvault-Dispatcher \$609/month effective 11/12/76
Emma Alice Willis- Clerk \$378/month effective 11/1/76
Rachel L. Beck-Jail Matron \$415/month effective 10/18/76
George M. Adkins – Deputy \$638/month
Rickey Bill Bauguess-Dispatcher \$609/month
Richard Wayne Eagle-Deputy \$638/month

Paul Stewart Canup-Soil/Watershed \$702/month

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele and seconded by Dr. Wear, it was unanimous approved to appoint Reverend Ed Long and Dr. Mary Sandler to the Tri-County Mental Health Board.

Mr. Smith moved to approve the following true accounting and faithful performance bonds. Mr. Steele seconded and the vote was passed unanimously.

Building Inspector	5,000
Coroner	2,000
Register of Deeds	25,000
Sheriff	5,000
County Manager	75,000
Tax Collector	75,000
Electrical Insp.	3,000
Blanket	10,000

The following bids were received on furniture for the new county office building:

Miller's Office Equipment	\$11,597.41
Earle's Office Equipment	12,253.64
Rowan Office Furniture	12,221.71

All bids were over budgeted amount. Three desks and nine chairs were deducted from Miller's low bid making it \$10,253.78.

Mr. Steele moved to accept this bid of Miller's for \$10,253.78. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

The Board of Elections had an extra election that was not provided for in the budget this year. The following transfers were requested with the money to come from contingencies. (Attached)

A motion made by Commissioner Mauldin and seconded by Commissioner Steele that Rufus Honeycutt, Chairman of the Board of Rowan County Commissioners be authorized to sign the necessary right of way agreement on behalf of the Board granting to the North Carolina Department of Transportation the necessary right of way needed to add the North Carolina National Guard Flight Facility Access Road to the Highway System. The vote was unanimous for this motion to be approved.

Mr. Murdoch announced the Special Deputies party would be December 15 at 6:30 a the Hungary Bull and all Commissioners and wives are invited.

Chairman Honeycutt read a statement concerning ambulance service in Rowan County stating the Commissioners would work with C & M and back the operation one hundred percent. Dr. Wear moved to accept this resolution and Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

Dr. Wear stated that he had the opportunity to go out to the last inspection of the ambulance service by the State and he was certainly impressed with the operation of C&M Ambulance Service.

Wendy Vaughn, Centralina Council of Governments, EMS Service, was present to discuss a state grant application for emergency medical VHF communications for hospitals and ambulance services. Under this program, the state wide plan is to upgrade hospitals and ambulance services equipment to the 155.340 MHz and 155.280 MHz frequencies and associated equipment.

Earl Bullard, Administrator, Rowan Memorial Hospital, stated that due to the age of the radio equipment at their base station, it is down for repair the majority of the time and Rowan Memorial Hospital is applying for the VHF equipment.

Bill Mills, C & M Ambulance Service, asked the Commissioners to apply for this grant for the ambulance service so they would be compatible with the proposed Rowan Memorial Equipment and would also upgrade the capability of the ambulance service to communicate on the standard statewide VHF high band system for EMS with other hospitals when transferring patients.

Mr. Murdoch will prepare the application for this grant for the ambulance service and submit to Ms. Vaughn at COG as approved by a motion from Mr. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mauldin.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenda Earnhardt, Clerk