

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 4, 1977

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, Hall Steele, Bob Mauldin, Paul Smith and Dr. John Wear.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the minutes of December 6, 1976, and December 22, 1976, were unanimously approved.

Seth Murdoch, County Manager, read a telegram from J. David Pickard, President and Chief Executive Officer of Piedmont Natural Gas Company to Richard L. Dunham, Chairman, Federal Power Commission, requesting approval of Houston Pipeline Company's request for advance approval of a proposed section 2.68 sale of 60-day emergency gas to Transco's Distribution Customers. Upon a motion by Dr. Wear and seconded by Mr. Steele, approval was given for Mr. Murdoch to send a similar telegram to the FPC supporting this request for approval of Houston Pipeline's request.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Dick Messinger giving a summary of the United Way promotion with county employees. Total commitments for 1977 totaled \$1,377.

A letter from Roy C. Deyton, Chief, Kannapolis Village Fire Department, informed the Commissioners of the inadequate street markings in the southern part of the County, especially in North Kannapolis. At the present time, there are streets that are unidentified, and the ones that still have the concrete upright markers are not legible. Mr. Deyton feels that Kannapolis Fire Department and the Kannapolis Sanitary District Fire Department answer calls in the North Kannapolis, which is in Rowan County, could be more efficient and in many instances get to the scene of the fire quicker if the streets were properly identified. Mr. Smith made a motion for Mr. Deyton and two or more people to form a committee and come up with a recommendation for the Commissioners to study. This would include repainting existing signs, and number new signs required in order to get some idea of the cost involved. Mr. Steele seconded and the vote was unanimous.

A letter from Pat B. Whitman, Director, Rowan County Housing Authority, requested additional office space when the county offices are moved from the Courthouse.

Rowan County has been participating in a U.S. Department of Agriculture Livestock Feed Program which has assisted farmers affected by the drought of several months ago. The funds to continue supporting this program are now coming from the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration instead of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Committees. As a result of the transfer, both a new damage assessment and new request for assistance will have to be made. Mr. Murdoch informed the Commissioners that this request had already been sent to Raleigh.

Mr. Mauldin moved to approve the road petition for Bost Road, SR 1537 for paving under the Property Owners Participation Plan contingent upon the fact that there are funds available. Mr. Smith seconded with unanimous approval.

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

Neighborhood help Road
Kirk Street Extension
Meadow Lane
Goodnight Farm Road

Chairman Honeycutt suggested that Mr. Maudlin contact O. D. Rentz, District Engineer, Department of Transportation, and set up a meeting for the Board to discuss road priorities and the Secondary Road fund program.

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector reported collections for December 1976, totaled \$3,246,455.27.

Jim Dunn, Chairman Rowan County Historic Properties Commission presented a proposal for a complete inventory of all properties of historical and/or architectural significance in Rowan County and its municipalities.

With an inventory such as this completed and in the hands of the County Commissioners, local and regional planners, projects can be planned from the outset to take into consideration their effects on the county's cultural and historical resources. The inventory, which is keyed to a map, can serve local and regional planners on a constant and long-term basis; land use planning, zoning planning, development planning, all can take into consideration the value of the county's historic resources. Such an inventory as a published documents, available to schools, organizations, local and state agencies, and private individuals, can serve

as a valuable resource with many positive uses. The Division of Archives and History is planning to print 1,000 copies of the inventory and Mr. Dunn said these could be sold at a profit.

The total cost of this project is \$20,000. The State of North Carolina, Division of Archives and History will pay one-half of this or \$10,000. Of the \$10,000 local matching share, Ray Hayworth and his staff with the Rowan Municipal and county Planning board have agreed to provide \$5,000 worth of "in-kind" services. This would mean that \$5,000 is required as a cash outlay on the local level. If this was split evenly between Rowan County and the City of Salisbury, the cost to Rowan County would be \$2,500.

Chairman Honeycutt said the Board is to have a luncheon meeting with the City Council at 12:30 today and this will be discussed.

Upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Smith, the following tax refunds were approved:

Goshen Lands Inc. - \$119.12
Elizabeth D. Koontz- \$17.16

Mr. Peeler said the tax supervisor's office was behind in deed transfers and there are approximately 800 that have to be done. He recommended that West Mapping Company from Lancaster, South Carolina, be contracted for this work. Mr. Peeler estimated the cost would run between \$3,000 or \$4,000 to catch them up to January 1, 1977. Dr. Wear moved to approve this request with the money to come from contingencies. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

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

General Fund	\$39,685.99
Revenue Sharing	13,805.27
Debt Service	<u>575.54</u>
Total	\$54,066.80

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

Barry Thomas McBride-Sheriff's Deputy \$609/month effective 11/29/76
Thomas Franklin Black-Patrolman \$638/month effective 12/20/76
Kimberly Ann Shaver-Parks \$396/month effective 12/13/76
James M. Steele-Jail janitor \$378/month effective 12/6/76

A letter from Mr. Craige Wilborn, Agriculture Extension Retirement and Insurance Office, stated that Edith Hinshaw had worked for eight years in Stanly County and at the time Stanly County was not under the Local Government Retirement System. Ms. Hinshaw would like to receive credit for these years by paying her share of the retirement. Mr. Smith made a motion to grant the service and request cost to County for the eight years credit. Dr. Wear seconded with unanimous approval.

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

Library Board – Mrs. Ray Kiser, Dr. tom Thurston
Airport Board – Jim L. Bost, Billy Brinkley, Hugh Bost
Board of Health – Dr. Grover Palmer, Dr. Robert Tannehill
Historic Properties – Edith Clark, Stanly W. Corriher, Zelia Misenheimer, Pearl Thompson, James A. Sloan.
Good Neighbor Council – W. C. Wilkerson
Salisbury Planning Board – Donald Carter

Upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Steele, Bob Earnhardt was unanimously appointed to represent Rowan County on the Regional Manpower Advisory Committee to replace Ms. Dorothy Perkins who resigned.

The Chamber of Commerce is planning a civic publication as a unique sales tool for the community. Prices for an ad in this publication are attached.

Dr. Wear moved to match whatever the City of Salisbury does unless they go full page color, with the money to come from contingencies. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mauldin, a one year lease agreement between the County of Rowan and Percy G. Smith for the use of the boarding home for the aged on Old Concord Road was approved. The lease agreement is the same as in the past with \$300 per month payable on or before the 15th day of each month.

Mr. Mauldin moved to approve a one year lease agreement with Home Oil and Coal Company of Salisbury for the building located at 300-02 N. Main Street, Salisbury, North Carolina, for a rental sum of \$225 per month. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

After much discussion and upon Chairman Honeycutt's recommendation as a delegate for Region F, Centralina Council of Governments, Dr. Wear moved to leave

the present voting plan for COG as is. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Dr. Wear, the following refund was approved:

H.E. Poteat- \$5.00

Chairman Honeycutt told of a resolution presented to Rowan County through him from Floyd Burton, Grand Master of Masons on the history of masonry in Rowan County. It is being framed and will be presented to the Board at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned until after a luncheon meeting with the City County.

The meeting was reconvened at 2:00 with Vice-Chairman Steele presiding.

The Parks and Recreation Board appointments were tabled until next month.

Mr. Smith moved to change the Regular County Commissioners meeting time from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval. It is hoped that the change in meeting time will cause additional participation throughout the county as far as attendance is concerned.

Mr. Murdoch said he would run a legal ad in the newspaper announcing the change in meeting time as is required by law.

Mr. Smith moved to approve Jim Dunn's request for a complete inventory of all properties of historical and/or architectural significance in Rowan County and its municipalities with the City of Salisbury contributing \$2,250 and Rowan County contributing \$2,250 and the Historic Properties Commission participating up to 10% of the total of \$5,000 which would be \$500. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

Dr. Wear withdrew his previous motion to leave the voting plan at COG as it is now. Mr. Steel withdrew his second.

Mr. Smith moved to go along with the proposal favoring weighted voting for Centralina Council of Governments. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Smith moved to go along with the proposed bylaw amendments recommended by the bylaw and charter committee and the executive committee at COG. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned until January 11, 1977, at 2:00, at which time the Commissioners will meet with department heads to discuss views on proposed legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Earnhardt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners