

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADJOURNED SESSION  
JUNE 7, 1977

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in an Adjourned Session in the Community Building, Salisbury, North Carolina, at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Chairman Rufus H. Honeycutt, Hall Steele, R. L. Mauldin, Paul S. Smith and Dr. John Wear.

The following members of the Department of Transportation were present: Fred Corriher, Jr., Secondary Roads Councilman for the 9<sup>th</sup> Division, Ken Horton, Division Engineer, Don Rentz, District Engineer, Charles Kluttz, Road Maintenance Supervisor and Doug Waters, Division Superintendent.

Chairman Honeycutt called the public hearing on Secondary Road Funds to order and welcomed those attending.

Fred Corriher, Jr. addressed the public explaining how the secondary road system works, how the money is allocated to the counties and then how its use for the county is determined. He said as of June 1, 1977, there were 226 miles of unpaved roads in Rowan County and although he would like to see all these roads paved, there would be funds available to only pave approximately six miles this year. He said there are other needs for secondary road funds besides unpaved roads. Part of the money will be used to repair paved roads, replace unsafe bridges, repair dangerous intersection, widen narrow bridges and to supplement the property owners participation policy. He also explained the priority rating system for roads that are already on the state system.

Ken Horton then discussed the proposed secondary road program for 1977-78 for Rowan County. (Attached)

The following people spoke at the public hearing:

Reverend Sidney Wydell- Bradshaw Road- He asked why only half of this road is paved and requested the remainder be paved. He said maps show his road is paved all the way through. Mr. Rentz informed him that this error had been corrected.

Paul Kerr –Bradshaw Road – He said he was promised twelve years ago that his road would be paved and it is still unpaved.

Louise Cavin- Morgan Road- She said she felt the road count was unfair. If Morgan Road was paved it would be a short cut from Highway 52 to Stokes Ferry Road. She requested that a sign be placed on the end of Morgan Road that is paved to show that the pavement ends. She complained that the type of gravel put on her road is very bad on tires.

Jerry Holt- He asked when the road count was made. It would not be an accurate count if it was made during the week because a church is located on his road and there is more traffic on the weekends.

Donald Hart – Bradshaw Road – Wondered why there were no points on the priority system for having cemetery on a road.

Frank L. Cornelius – Bradshaw Road – He said this road was promised to be paved twelve years ago and he wondered if there was a possibility of it being paved in the near future. Mr. Horton said he had nothing to do with promises made twelve years ago and that he has no way to say when it would be paved.

C. K. McNeely – He said it looked like some parts of the county got more money than other parts and asked if there was some way this could be corrected. Mr. Horton said roads to be improved or paved are chosen by need and not location.

Floyd F. Lentz – Sue Jones Road – He said a priority system needs to be set up for improving unpaved roads. Mr. Corriher said he would bring this up at the next Secondary Roads Council meeting.

Johnny Anderson – Sue Jones Road – He asked why his road dropped on priority list and was told it was due to the new road count.

Ezra C. Gilliam – Lake Fork Road – He requested the priority number of his road which is number 14.

Glenn Wagner- Rockwell Rd. – He requested priority number of this road which is number 4.

Pat Watson- Rockwell Rd. – She requested oil be put on her road and asked tat her road be put on the state system.

Greer Goodman – He asked about the possibility of getting the one-half mile road from Bringle Ferry into Driftwood Cove paved but was told there are no houses on this road and it would not be paved.

Lady living on Poole Road – SR 1356- She requested information about the property owner's participation policy.

Mike Shue – He questioned the road count for Camp Road.

Gentleman living on Road SR 2345-Johnson Dairy Road- He said he believed the road length as listed on the priority sheet is incorrect. This will be checked out.

Neely Moore – He asked what the cost would be to base and pave one mile of road and was told between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

The Board discussed the jump in the priority of Camp Road from number 148 to number 1 and felt it was due to the construction of the new high-rise prison system being built on that road.

Dr. Wear asked about priority systems of other counties and was told they are the same statewide.

As there was no further business, the public hearing was closed and the meeting adjourned until June 20, 1977.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenda Earnhardt, Clerk  
Board of Rowan County Commissioners