

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADJOURNED SESSION  
JUNE 20, 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.

Chairman Honeycutt called the public hearing to order and read the notice of public hearing for the proposed 1977-78 Budget from the newspaper.

Mrs. Murray was present and spoke on her concern of increasing taxes.

As there was no one else present to speak for or against the budget, Chairman Honeycutt closed the public hearing.

Seth Murdoch, County Manager, read two petitions that opposed increasing county taxes. They were signed by approximately 100 people.

A letter from Robert H. Ward, Director, Division of Social Services in Raleigh, advised that the Rowan County Social Services Budget Estimates for FY 1977-78 has been approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the 1977-78 Budget Ordinance as presented by Stamey Carter, Sherrill & Smith, was unanimous approved.

An audit contract between Sherrill and Smith and Rowan County to audit Rowan County accounts for \$21,500 was approved on a motion by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Smith.

Doug Tennent from Tennent and Tennent presented the final bill for \$834,211.93 for the new County Office Building.

Grand Total	\$848,956.08
Less Sales Tax	<u>-14,739.15</u>
	\$834,216.93
Budget	<u>825,456.00</u>
Over Budget	\$8,760.93

Mr. Tennent discussed the four change orders in the amount of \$8,760.93.  
(Attached)

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Steele, these four change orders were approved for payment.

Mr. Mauldin moved to approve an amount up to \$8,760.93 to come from contingencies to pay these four change orders. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

A letter was received from the Salisbury-Rowan Community Service Council, Inc. enclosing a copy of a request to Centralina Council of Governments for \$36,529 or a total of \$40,182 to provide transportation for the elderly and handicapped. At least one-half of the total cash match of \$1,826 or \$913 is requested from the County. Mr. Mauldin moved to pay \$913 from contingencies to Salisbury/Rowan Community Service Council for this service to the elderly. Mr. Smith seconded with unanimous approval.

Upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Steele, a bill from Kluttz & Hamlin, Attorneys and Counselors at Law, for \$85.00 in the case entitled "John Bowen, Plaintiff, vs. Rowan County, Defendant" was approved for payment from contingencies.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Mayor T. Roy Burdette, Jr. and the Spencer Board of Aldermen expressing their support of a Rowan County Animal Clinic for spaying and neutering of dogs and cats as proposed by Mrs. Fannie Gobbel.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the following refund was approved:

Ellis Torralba - \$2.00

The Board further discussed the Secondary Road Funds priority list as presented to them from the Roads Council on June 7, 1977.

After some investigation, the Board felt West "C" Street did not warrant widening as far as safety is concerned. They also agreed with the road council on the priority of Fisher Mill Road and the intersection at Stokes Ferry Road and Richfield Road.

However, after much discussion and thought, it is the feeling of the Board that the paving of camp Road is not justifiable at this time.

The Commissioners felt that the increased road count was due to the construction of the new high-rise prison system and they felt that paving this road would be unfair to the citizens of Rowan County who have been waiting, in some cases for many years, to have their road paved.

They would like to see a comprehensive plan on connector roads that would benefit a large number of people and they felt there are other roads in the County needing attention that would benefit the citizens more. The Board is interested in hearing the re-count on Rogers Road before making a final decision.

Mr. Smith said the Salisbury-Rowan Associates have consented to deed the old Pearson house to the county free and clear if the county will remove it from the property it is now on. Mr. Smith would like authorization from the Board to pursue this project and follow up on the cost of moving this house and getting it in functional shape for county use.

Mr. Steele moved to give Mr. Smith this authority and Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Earnhardt, Clerk  
Board of Rowan County Commissioners