

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 6, 1977

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building, Salisbury North Carolina at 1:00 p.m. The following members were present: Chairman Rufus H. Honeycutt, Hall Steele, R. L. Mauldin, Paul S. Smith, and Dr. John Wear.

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

Upon a motion by Dr. John Wear, seconded by Mr. Smith, the minutes of August 1, 1977, were unanimously approved.

The North Carolina Conference on Systems Development for State and Local Governments will have a seminar on computer systems at the University of North Carolina on November 9, 10 and 11. Mr. Smith said he will attend this seminar.

A letter was received from the North Carolina Board of Alcoholic Control requesting that a member of the Board of Commissioners be designated as a government official to receive the local opinion form sent to the county governing authority prior to issuance of a wine or beer permit to an applicant. Mr. Smith moved to appoint Chairman Honeycutt as the official to receive these forms. Dr. Wear seconded with unanimous approval.

Dennis O. Grady, Director of Community Based Alternatives, State Department of Human Resources wrote asking for a letter of intent to participate from Rowan County implementing a program for delinquent and undisciplined children. Under the formula agreed upon, the allocation of State funds appropriated by the General Assembly, Rowan County is entitled to receive up to \$13,299.40. Mr. Steele moved to adopt the Letter of Intent to Participate with a second from Dr. Wear. The vote was unanimous. (Attached)

A letter from Paul E. Fisher, President, Salisbury-Rowan Chamber of Commerce, wrote thanking the Board for their approval of voting machines for Rowan County.

Pastor Gary Blackburn, Gospel Light Baptist Church, invited the Board to the dedication of their new sanctuary on November 6, 1977.

Warren Beaumont, President, Proctor Chemical Company, Inc. invited the Commissioners to tour their facilities. The Board will visit on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 p.m.

Mr. Smith and Dr. Wear asked the rest of the Board to be their guests at Rotary for lunch at 12:30 prior to the visit to Proctor Chemical.

The Board received a copy of a letter from Chris Morgensen, Conservation Officer, NC Department of Commerce, to the Director, Centralina Council of Governments, concerning the North Carolina Energy Conservation Plan. The Board would be interested in seeing and hearing this presentation. The County Manager will set this up for the Regular October Meeting.

A Community Beautification Award from the Salisbury-Rowan Chamber of Commerce was received by the Board in recognition of their efforts to beautify Salisbury/Rowan with the countywide clean-up, spring, 1977.

Dr. Wear said he received a letter from Dr. Page Hudson, Chief Medical Examiner, Chapel Hill, NC, informing him of the following five appointed medical examiners:

Dr. Richard W. Martin  
Dr. Donald Lomax  
Dr. John M. Blount  
Dr. Steve Thurston  
Dr. J. Cullen Hall

Dr. Wear said he had not heard from Dr. Sarah Morrow, Secretary of Human Resources, whom he has written concerning the fact that the Tri-county Mental Health Board does not have any liability insurance. Dr. Wear stated that if the Board is still unable to get liability insurance by the first of the year, he will resign.

Glenn Trexler, Rowan County Tax Collector, reported collections for the month of August, 1977, were \$105,222.45.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele and seconded by Dr. Wear, Mr. Trexler was authorized to collect taxes for fiscal year 1977-78. (Attached)

Reverend Ed Long, President, Salisbury-Rowan Interagency Council, was present to discuss the interagency council's action procedures of reporting and making recommendations to the County Commissioners. He also went over the Council's activities and what they have accomplished thus far. Reverend Long requested a \$500 loan from the County for the purpose of running 100 copies of their programs which will be sold for \$5.00 each.

Dr. Wear moved to approve this request for \$500 for the purpose of printing material and the county to be reimbursed in this amount at a later date. The money is to come from contingencies. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

Also present representing the interagency council were the following members:

Melvin Morgan  
Hilda Wendt  
Carolyn Isenberg

Edwin Koontz  
Herbert Hawley  
Ann Medlin

Dwight Wilhelm, Colonial Steele and Iron Company, came before the Board asking that the penalty on unpaid taxes for Colonial Steele for 1974 and 1976 be dropped. Mr. Wilhelm explained that through some error, he reverted back to using year end inventory rather than fiscal year inventory for his company those two years and he was not aware of this error until he received a notice of delinquent taxes.

After much discussion, Mr. Steele moved that the request to drop the penalty for unpaid 1974 and 1976 taxes in the amount of \$601.77 be denied. Mr. Mauldin seconded with a unanimous vote.

Robert Gunn, Rowan County Fire Marshall, was present to request approval of James Wilson and G. Henry Sides to be appointed to the Board of Trustees for Rockwell Rural Fire District. The request was approved upon a motion by Mr. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mauldin.

Discussion followed concerning a section of the State Building Code pertaining to mobile home tie downs. It was undecided whether to adopt a County Ordinance to take care of this or to adopt the State Building Code and follow the regulations therein. The board directed Mr. Gunn to get together with Hurley Bowers, Rowan County Building Inspector and come back with a recommendation at the next regularly scheduled meeting in October.

Ken Barrett, Representative for Henningson, Durham & Richardson, was present to bring the Commissioners up-to-date on the Greater Salisbury 201 Facility Plan. He said the municipalities elected to go with separate plans and went on to explain the basics of what each municipality is planning to do. He said a public hearing on the 201 Plan will held next month.

Mr. Smith moved to approve a resolution accepting and agreeing to the implementation of the facilities plan for the greater Salisbury facility planning area

with the following stipulation: that the revised management plan meets with the Boards approval and it reflects that when and if the County goes into countywide sewage, that it should tie in with the existing systems. (Attached)

Robert Corbo, Planner, Rowan Municipal and County Planning Board, gave a presentation reviewing the existing municipal and private water and sewer systems operating in Rowan County. With maps and overlays, he showed locations of present water and sewer systems and areas that have severe limitations for septic tanks.

A slide presentation on the management improvement corporation of America was shown by Mr. William M. Hobbs, Area Manager. MICA offers their services by implementing concepts to increase revenues, decrease expenditures and improve services, at no risk to their client. The two plans explained were:

1. Deposit Plan- plus fee of \$18,700 and if MICA does not fulfill the minimum performance standards set forth in the agreement, MICA refunds the difference between the deposit plus interest and the established value of the work performed.
2. No deposit plan – fee is \$21,500 with the same agreement as in plan 1.

The Board will study this further before making any decision.

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

Johnson Street – add to state system  
Webb Road- finish paving  
Arrowood Road – grad and stabilize  
Market Street –SR 2341- maintenance & improvement

Mr. Robert F. Jones wrote concerning the paving of Wilson Street SR1462) and the part of Frye Street of Marshal Park, which connects to Saw Road. He stated that all property owners concerned had agreed to pay the amount designated for them under the Property Owners Participation Policy except Mrs. Louis (Wilma) Carrigan. The property owners submitted to the Board a request tot ask whatever action is necessary against Mrs. Carrigan in order that these streets may be paved. Upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin, seconded by Dr. Wear, this request was denied.

Rowan County Sheriff, John Stirewalt, came before the Commissioners with a contract he received from the North Carolina Department of Correction for reimbursement of \$8.00 per day per inmate per diem costs of maintenance of persons in local confinement facilities serving sentences of 31 to 180 days.

Dr. Wear moved to approve the state contract to the extent that it does not conflict with the federal standard plan of prisoner classification assignment. Mr. Mauldin seconded. Dr. Wear and Commissioners Mauldin and Steele voted yes and Mr. Smith and Chairman Honeycutt voted no.

Clarence Kluttz, County Attorney, and Sheriff Stirewalt will talk to Judge Seay concerning this contract.

Jack Ramsey came before the Board requesting their support of the High Rock Lake Association in its efforts to improve safety on the lake by putting buoys up where the lake is low.

Dr. Wear moved that the Board support the High Rock Lake Association in anything that they would endeavor to do in regards to the safety and protection of Rowan County citizens at no expense to the County. Mr. Smith seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Ramsey invited the Commissioners to a meal with the High Rock Lake Association; a date to be decided upon later.

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

Burchard P. Tutterow-Deputy Sheriff \$702/month effective 8/8/77  
Nadine P. Marshall – Social Services Aide \$463/month effective 8/8/77  
Katherine Ann Shaver – Social Worker \$948/month effective 7/11/77  
Elaine C. Wooten – Social Worker \$905/month effective 7/18/77  
Sharon E. Draughn – Day Care Teacher \$756/month effective 7/20/77

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

Luvena Gandee - \$20.00  
Johnnie Avery Ridenhour - \$24.80  
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Mr. Julian Carpenter was appointed to the Rowan County Housing Authority upon a motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Mauldin. Mr. Carpenter will replace George Crowell whose term expires September 16, 1977.

The following bids were received on a bulldozer with ripper:

E. F. Craven Company - \$92,159.38  
Carolina Tractor & Equipment - \$76,946.63

Upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin, seconded by Mr. Steele, the low bid from Carolina Tractor and Equipment was accepted.

Mr. Murdoch said this was a new kind of bid. It includes a guaranteed maximum total cost for repairs for 5,500 operating hours or five years (whichever comes first).

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mauldin, a federal grant from the NC Department of Transportation entitled Urban Mass Transit Grant was approved. The federal portion of this grant is \$10,800; state share, \$600 and local in-kind share \$600. The planning Board will supply the local in-kind share.

Mr. Murdoch presented the following two BOR grant applications for the Board's consideration:

Ellis Park – for an additional playground area, shelter & basketball court

Federal	\$10,300
Local	\$10,300

Dan Nicholas Park – for an outdoor assembly area

Federal	\$16,716
Local	\$16,716

Mr. Smith moved to approve submitting applications for these two grants. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch reported interest for the month of August 31, 1977, on General Fund was \$13,241.64.

Mr. Smith moved to approve a lease agreement with H.K. Krider for the use of 20.96 tillable acres of land and one barn belonging to Rowan County. The lease is for one year at \$10.00 per acre and \$60.00 per year for the barn. Mr. Steele seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Mauldin, approval was given to advertise for bids to sell a 1941 D6 Caterpillar Tractor.

Mr. Mauldin moved to approve an agreement from the North Carolina State Department of Natural and Economic Resources for the protection, development and improvement of forest land in Rowan County. The federal amount is \$33,241; state \$19,945; County \$13,296. Dr. Wear seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch received a copy of a letter from Clarence Kluttz informing him that American Bankers Insurance would no longer cover any liability arising out of his legal services as County Attorney. The only insurer who will do so is Stubblefield Insurance Inc. in Raleigh at an increased premium, \$1,950 per year instead of the premium charged by American Bankers, \$1,140.

Mr. Smith moved to pay the additional \$810 from contingencies to cover this premium. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Upon a motion by Dr. Wear and seconded by Mr. Steele, and Emergency Civil Assistance Plan between the Rowan County Civil Preparedness and Army Aviation Flight Facility was approved for Chairman Honeycutt's signature. This plan is similar to the SCRAMBLE plan presented by the Sheriff's Department several months ago.

Dr. Wear informed Commissioners that C & M Ambulance have already purchased with a red light for Dr. Rodney K. Justin to use as emergency physician for Rowan County. Mr. Smith moved to approve a salary of \$5,000 to Dr. Justin this year; the money to come from contingencies. 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