

MINUTES F THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 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 Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the minutes of November 7 and 15, 1977 were approved.

The Chairman turned the meeting over to Seth Murdoch, County Manager for selection of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and COG delegates for 1978.

Mr. Mauldin moved to appoint Rufus Honeycutt as Chairman to the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

As no further nominations were made, Mr. Mauldin moved to close the nominations for Chairman with a second from Mr. Steele.

Chairman Honeycutt will be the Chairman to the Board for 1978.

Mr. Murdoch opened nominations for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Mauldin moved to nominate Mr. Steele for Vice-Chairman with a second from Mr. Smith.

As there were no further nominations, Mr. Mauldin moved to close the nominations for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Smith seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Steele will be the Vice-Chairman to the Board of Commissioners for the year 1978.

Mr. Smith moved to appoint the following delegates to the Council of Governments for 1978 with a second by Mr. Mauldin:

Rufus H. Honeycutt, delegate
Hall Steele, Alternate
Robert L. Mauldin, Alternate
Dr. John Wear, Alternate
Paul S. Smith, Alternate

Chairman Honeycutt thanked the Board for the vote of confidence given him and Mr. Steele and said he felt that the upcoming year would be the best yet for Rowan County.

In reference to the data processing tax revaluation system, Mr. Mauldin suggested a steering committee composed of the county department heads, two Commissioners and a private sector to make a recommendation on how to proceed with this proposed system.

Chairman Honeycutt asked Mr. Mauldin and Mr. Smith to serve on this committee representing the Board.

Mr. Smith had an IBM print-out sheet for the Rowan County budget for the last three years to show how information could be printed up for the monthly reports. He said that the print out sheet was a trial run to give the Commissioners some idea of what is proposed.

Stamey Carter and Al Brandon, auditors for Sherill and Smith, presented a contract to audit accounts for the Rowan County Council on Aging funds for \$650. Upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin, seconded by Mr. Steele, the contract was approved.

A letter was received from Dennis O. Grady, Director, Community Based Alternatives in Raleigh, stating that 96 out of 100 counties in North Carolina have joined the State in an effort to provide community based alternatives for delinquent and undisciplined youth. The funds that were allocated to counties not wishing to participate this year are being reallocated to the participating counties.

Rowan County is authorized an additional \$460.95 which in addition to the \$13,299.40 authorized in the original letter of intent brings Rowan's total community based alternatives allotment for fiscal year 1977-78 to \$13,760.35. The local matching requirement remains 20%.

Mr. Murdoch reported that Jim Queen, Chairman, of the local needs assessment task force, said he would check and let Mr. Grady know if this extra amount can be included in the local budget.

The following resolution was adopted by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of China Grove:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Aldermen of the Town of China Grove, North Carolina, enter into an agreement with the Rowan County Board of Commissioners providing that the Rowan County Inspections Department enforce and administer the comprehensive building code within the corporate

limits of the Town of China Grove; and further that such agreement shall remain in effect unless and until either party to said agreement (with ninety 90 days written notice) terminates said agreement. This agreement shall be effective upon agreement by the Rowan County Board of Commissioners at the earliest possible date.”

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the above resolution was approved.

The County Manager read a letter from Michael McMahan, Sr. Vice-President of Management Improvement Corporation of American (MICA) requesting to meet with the Board to discuss their services and present a slide show.

The Board has heard a presentation from this company previously but his is a new service they are offering and so the Board agreed to meet with Mr. McMahan.

The following road petition was approved upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Steele:

Chandler Road – Add to state system.

Glenn Trexler, Rowan County Tax collector, reported collections for November, 1977 were \$574,136.02.

Chairman Honeycutt welcomed State Representative Robie Nash to the meeting. Representative Nash said he would just be observing today.

Reverend Ed Long, Edwin Koontz and Juanita Olsen, representatives for the interagency council came before the Board requesting support for an adult Day Care Program to be located at the old Shufford School. Mr. Koontz said there has been a task force assigned to study the needs of an adult day care program and there is a definite need for one. The School Board has approved the use of the Shufford School and the vocational workshop will provide programs through the workshop board and social services board.

Reverend Long said the space is available and arrangements have been made for personnel to run the program, but money to renovate the school in order to begin the program is needed as follows:

Two heaters	\$400
2 bathroom walls built	500
Electrical work 220 line	1,200
Smoke detectors	100

Fire extinguishers	30
Plumbing handicap stools	200
Painting	200
Paint	<u>100</u>
Total	\$2,530

Mr. Steele moved to approve \$2,530 to come from contingencies for the adult day care program. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

Reverend Long also presented a request for up to \$25,000 for moving of the enrichment center from Milford Hills Methodist Church to North Middle School and renovation work. There will be three rooms for the enrichment center with the major cost going for bathroom facilities. The rooms will also have to have air conditioning, a canopy over the steps, outdoor fencing for the playground and space for a staff office.

The Board took no action on this but accepted it as information.

Lt. Ed Haupt, Sheriff's Department, presented a sub-grant application entitled Evidence Technician equipment. This grant is aimed directly toward crime scene investigation and will also train two men to use the equipment; one man from Salisbury and the other from Kannapolis.

Dr. Wear moved to approve the grant application providing the money comes from the Sheriff's Department budget. Mr. Smith seconded with unanimous approval.

Hurley Bowers, Building Inspector, presented an ordinance to license insulation contractors and others who install materials and equipment designed to meet the energy conservation standards of the stated building code. He said the cost of the license itself would be \$10.00 per year.

Dr. Wear moved to approve this ordinance with a fee of \$3.00 for each insulation and energy utilization permit issued and \$10.00 per year for a license. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

John Sutherland, Representative for the Water Resources Planning Branch, NC Department Natural Resources and Community Development was at the meeting with a slide presentation entitled "Water and Our Future".

He explained the North Carolina Water Resources Framework Study. He said it lays the groundwork for a comprehensive State water policy and a plan of action for the orderly development of the State's water resources. The Framework study is an initial step in the careful assessment of North Carolina's water resource

needs, the declaration of the State's water policy and long term goals for development and the integration of existing programs and plans into a comprehensive State Water Plan.

Mr. Sutherland said the framework study is a state project, funded by state and federal funds, title III of the Water Resources Planning Act of 1965.

Lorraine Coates, County Executive Director, and Clarence Sink, County Supervisor from the Farmers Home Administration came before the Board to give an up to date report on the ASCS- Emergency Federal Programs for farmers who have suffered property damage or severe crop losses from a natural disaster.

Mrs. Coates explained the drought conservation program, the disaster program concerning corn, barley and grain sorghum, and the depressed price program. She said the approximate loss for Rowan County this year was \$12 million.

Mr. Sink then explained how the farmers could apply for these loans. He said the interest rate for emergency loans for actual losses is 3%. Interest rates for other farm real estate purposes and for operating purposes is 8% at the present time.

David Cook, City Fire Marshall, spoke in favor of the Enrichment Center discussed earlier in the meeting by Reverend Ed Long. He believes that parents of mentally handicapped children should not have to pay a fee for their child's education as these parents pay taxes just like everybody else.

Chairman Honeycutt instructed Mr. Steele and Mr. Smith to talk to the School Board and see if Captain Cook is being illegally charged.

Dr. Wear told Captain Cook to write him a letter explaining his problem and he would present it to the Tri-County Mental Health Board.

Bob Bridwell, Salisbury/Rowan Municipal Planning Board, read a resolution requesting designation as a redevelopment area and authorizing the submittal of a Rowan County overall Economic Development Plan to the Economic Development Administration for review and certification and providing for the ongoing study and evaluation of the Rowan County economy by the overall Economic Development Planning Committee in regulation of the Economic Development Act of 1965.

The Board would like to review this Economic Development Plan before taking any action.

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Dr. Wear, the following people were approved to form a committee to compose the Economic Development Plan for Rowan County:

Leonard Josey	Jack Crowell
W. A. Roberts	Leo Wallace
Richard Harman	Wayne Gladden
Robert Kello	Richard Lambert
Don Carmichael	Mrs. Addie Campbell
Seth Murdoch	Robert Bell
Rudy Wise	John Isley
O. K. Beatty	Carl Hall
C. Norris Holloway	Murray Corriher
Francis Luther	

A meeting will be held later this month for action on the Economic Development Plan.

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

Lamount H. Harris – Janitor \$457/month effective 10/31/77
John Scott Tutterow – Eligibility Specialist \$723/month effective 11/7/77
Willie Mae Beatty- Social Worker \$826/month effective 11/4/77
Bernace E. McCain – Truck Driver \$553/month effective 11/14/77
Cynthia Lynn Beaver-Cashier \$457/month effective 11/14/77
Dianne Elizabeth Moore – Health Educator \$826/month effective 11/14/77
Joel Dean Voyles – Truck Driver \$553/month effective 11/22/77

The following bids were received for an additional truck for the dog warden and one for the sanitation department.

Mr. Steele moved to approve the low bid from Aaron for the $\frac{3}{4}$ ton truck and low bid from City Motor for the compact. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

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

Rema W. Canup - \$25.00
Wanda Snider Redden - \$7.63
Raymond Wagoner, Jr. - \$20.00

A lease agreement between Rowan County and Home Oil and Coal Company was approved upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Smith. This agreement is for the building at 300-02 N. Main to be used as a filling station for the rental sum of \$225 per month.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mauldin the following were approved to attend the delegates conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, on January 9-11 with the County to bear the expenses of the trip.

R. O. Everett-delegate
Rufus H. Honeycutt – alternate
Rowe McNeely – alternate

Mr. Murdoch presented a new jail contract for reimbursement per diem costs of maintenance of persons in local confinement facilities. Instead of \$8.00 per day per inmate, the state will now pay \$10.00 per day per inmate retroactive July 1, 1977.

Mr. Mauldin moved to approve the new jail contract. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

The County Manager announced that Friday, December 9, Judge Montgomery will meet with John Ramsay in his office to go over plans for the renovation of the courthouse and they would like for a member of the Board of Commissioners to attend also. If Chairman Honeycutt is available he will go; otherwise Paul Smith will attend.

Mr. Murdoch gave the following interest report through 11/30/77:

General Fund	\$35,009.01
Revenue Sharing	1,880.56
Debt Service	<u>346.61</u>
Total	\$37,236.16

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, Rowan County will supply the Salisbury-Rowan Art Guild with janitorial supplies. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

Clarence Kluttz, County Attorney, reported he received a call from Bill Joyner, Southern Railway. Mr. Joyner stated that Rowan County owns 1,200 shares of Southern Railway Stock. As the County has no record of this stock, Chairman Honeycutt asked that Mr. Murdoch and Mr. Kluttz get together with Stamey Carter of Sherrill and Smith and investigate it.

As requested by the Rowan County School Board, Mr. Steele moved to approve the transfer of \$20,000 from their capital outlay to incentive matching and also to authorize a letter of intent stating that the County Board of Commissioners will budget \$16,667 in incentive matching for FY 1978-79. The remaining \$3,333 will come from North Rowan High School under an agreement made last year. Mr. Smith seconded with unanimous approval.

A request was received from Bill Murdoch to rent one barn and adjoining four acres from the County. Rent for the barn is \$60 per year and \$10 per acre per year for a total of \$100 for the one year lease. Mr. Mauldin moved approve this request with a second from Mr. Smith. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. John Pence was at the November 7, 1977, meeting of the Board to request the paving of SR2034 on a property owners participation cost basis. All but two of the property owners on the street have agreed to participate and they requested the Board to make a Special Assessments Process against benefited property.

Chairman Honeycutt suggested that the County Manager write Mr. Pence a letter and make him aware of the situation; the time and additional money it will cost the property owners before the Board takes any action.

Mr. Murdoch announced that all county offices will be closed Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26 for the Christmas Holidays, and Monday, January 2 for New Years.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned until a date can be set to meet with Bob Bridwell of the Planning Board on the Economic Development Plan.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenda Earnhardt, Clerk
Board of Rowan County Commissioners