

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 3, 1978

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: Hall Steele, R.L. Mauldin, Paul S. Smith and John Wear, MD.

Vice-Chairman Steele called the meeting to order and Commissioner Mauldin opened with prayer.

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Wear, the minutes of December 5 and 20, 1977 were unanimously approved.

Mr. Smith moved to approve a written request from Percy Smith to renew a one year lease agreement from January 15, 1978 to January 15, 1979 for use of the county home for a rest home at \$300 per month. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous vote.

Seth Murdoch, County Manager, read a letter from Mr. James T. Coe, Field Supervisor, Real Estate, US Postal Service, offering Rowan County the opportunity of obtaining the Old Post Office at 130 West Innes Street of Salisbury.

The Board is interested in this offer and upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Wear, an appraisal and performance statement will be initiated regarding this piece of property. Mr. Coe's letter stated an offer must be received by January 27, 1978. Mr. Murdoch will write a letter stating the Commissioners action and asking for a two week extension if they do not have the necessary information by that date.

The County Manager said Jim Dunn, Chairman, Historic Properties Committee had requested to meet with the Board in order to bring them up to date on Kerr Mill. A meeting was set up for Tuesday, January 17, at 7:30 p.m.

A letter was received from Sandra P. Babb, Director, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Grants Program, North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development. Her letter stated that due to limited funds and the heavy demand for those funds, the grant application for an outdoor theater was not approved in this current funding cycle. The project application will be kept in the active file for consideration at their February review meeting.

A letter from Rodney K. Justin, M.D. was received withdrawing his offer to Rowan County to act as a twenty-four hour advisor to the ambulance service and the rescue squad. He said no real action has been taken to implement this proposed program other than to offer him \$5,000 for his services and equipment. He stated he could not function properly without a defibrillator or portable radio as requested earlier and therefore, concluded that the Commissioners do not feel that the money invested would be worthwhile for the people of Rowan County.

Mr. Murdoch will write Dr. Justin and advise him the Board is still interested in this service and they are working with Centralina Council of Governments in an effort to obtain a grant. In any event, whether the grant money is available or not, the Commissioners would like to consider Dr. Justin's services in the next budget year if he would make them available at that time.

A letter was received from Sheriff John F. Stirewalt requesting that Seth R. Mull be made a regular deputy sheriff in order to issue citations in accordance with the Rowan County Parking Ordinance enacted recently. Upon a motion by Dr. Wear, seconded by Mr. Smith, Seth Mull will be a regular Deputy Sheriff at an additional salary of \$1.00 per year.

Upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin, seconded by Dr. Wear, the following road petition and scratch work order was approved:

Chandler Road - Scratch work order in the amount of \$4,000 to correct drainage and stabilize 3,839 feet of Chandler Road for addition to the Secondary Road System.

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

Charles D. Barnhardt – Janitor - \$436 effective 12/19/77
Anne Elizabeth Reed – Tax Clerk I - \$457 effective 12/5/77.

Mr. Murdoch reported interest for 12/31/77 was as follows:

General Fund	\$45,040.26
Revenue Sharing	1,880.56
Debt Service	<u>346.61</u>
Total	\$47,267.43

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Dr. Wear, two new members were added to the Rowan Library Board for six year terms:

Mrs. O.K. Beatty

Mr. Thomas M. Caddell

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Mauldin, Representative Neal Smith was approved to serve as an ex-officio member on the Library Board.

Dr. Wear moved to re-appoint the following to the Parks and Recreation Commission for three year terms with a second from Mr. Smith:

Mr. Charlie Walters
Mrs. E. O. Norvell
Mr. Jake Walton

Upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin seconded by Mr. Smith, the following were approved for three year terms on the Airport Board:

Mr. Ashley Roberts – reappointed
Mr. Earl Wagoner – reappointed
Mr. Stuart M. Snider

Upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Dr. Wear, the following were approved for three year terms on the Board of Health:

Ms. Gladys Beaumont – reappointed
Mr. A.R. Kelsey
Mr. T.L. James

Mr. Smith moved to re-appoint the following members to three year terms on the Historic Properties Committee. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval:

Mr. Jim Dunn
Mrs. John DeMarcus
Mrs. Elaine Stiller

Mr. Smith moved to re-appoint Mr. Julius Bickett to the Good Neighbor Council for a three year term. Dr. Wear seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Mauldin moved to approve Mr. H.R. Frymoyer to a three year term on the Salisbury Planning Board. Mr. Smith gave a second with unanimous approval.

Upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin, seconded by Dr. Wear, Mr. Paul Canup was appointed to a three year term on the Salisbury Board of Adjustments.

Persons to be considered for possible future appointments were Gaynela Sowers for the Parks and Recreation Commission; Mrs. Stahle Linn, Jr. for the Library Board; and Van Steele for the Airport Board.

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported that collections for December, 1977, were \$3,037,949.97.

Lt. Ed Haupt, Sheriff's Department, presented a second year continuation grant application entitled "Juvenile Officer-North Kannapolis". Second year funding will be federal 65% - \$9,361; state buy-in 3% - \$432; County matching - 32%-\$4,608, for a total of \$14,401.

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, this grant application was approved with two months funding to come from contingencies. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

Lt. Haupt presented another grant application for communications. He said if approved, there is no guarantee that this grant will through but it needs to be signed and sent to Raleigh in case the money becomes available. Federal portion of this grant is \$27,720 and local matching would be \$1,540. This project will provide funds for three mobile radios for three vehicles operated by the Sheriff's Department which do not have radio communication equipment and 19 portable units to provide portable radios for each deputy on the departments peak shift.

Mr. Mauldin moved to approve this application with a second from Dr. Wear. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. Wear said he would like to have an opportunity to look at any grant applications an study them before voting. The Board discussed this and all were in agreement with him.

Mr. Smith moved that any department planning on submitted a grant application or any unbudgeted request for funds to send a copy to each Commissioner at least one week prior to their meeting on order that they may have time to digest the material and ask any questions which may arise. Otherwise, any action will be postponed until the following meeting. Dr. Wear seconded with unanimous approval.

A letter from John Seaford, Jr. Mayor of Granite Quarry, said they had recently changed the composition of the Planning Board from seven to 13 members with six new members to be residents of the extra-territorial area.

Mr. Mauldin moved to approve their request for the following six new members on their Planning Board and Mr. Smith seconded with unanimous approval.

Bill Hannah
Clarence Bost
Wilford Brown
Sue Fisher
Matt Thompson
Cleveland Sheck

Jean F. Blank, Manpower Planner for Centralina Council of Governments wrote a letter stating that Virginia Miller and John Robinson had been nominated to serve on the Regional Manpower Advisory Committee representing Rowan County. Neither of these two committee members have attended a meeting since their appointments. She said if Mrs. Miller and Mr. Robinson cannot serve on the RMAC, nominations are needed from the county fill these two positions.

Mr. Murdoch advised the Board that the City Council appointed Jim Dunn to serve on this committee and that Ms. Mildred Fain of the Salisbury/Rowan Community Service Council will try to find someone to fill the other opening.

Bids were received for an offset duplicator for the Agricultural Extension Office as follows:

Gray & Creech	\$3,147.30
Gestetner Corp.	\$3,995.00

The low bid is \$147.30 over the amount set up in Revenue Sharing for this purpose. Rowe McNeely said this amount could be taken out of his budget under New Equipment.

Upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin, seconded by Mr. Smith, the low bid from Gray & Creech of Charlotte, North Carolina, was unanimously approved.

A bill from Kluttz & Hamlin in the amount of \$240 was received for services in connection with obtaining a court order allowing the County Dog Warden to enter premises and capture biting dog for quarantine for rabies observation and other related services.

Mr. Mauldin moved to approve this bill for payment with money to come from contingencies. Dr. Wear seconded with unanimous approval.

Upon request of Rowe McNeely, County Extension Chairman, a meeting was set for Tuesday, February 7 at 5:00; dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Wear, the following refunds were approved:

Tanya A. Peeler - \$10.88
Lewis A. Meng - \$45.00
Winfrey E. Whicker - \$30.36

Commissioner Smith talked about plans for a satellite library in Southern Rowan and showed some preliminary drawings for information.

Mr. Murdoch had received from John Ramsay, FAIA, preliminary plans for the courthouse renovation to show to the Commissioners. The Board approved these renovations as presented and gave their authorization to proceed with detail plans and cost estimates to be presented to them upon completion for final approval.

The Board would also like for Mr. Ramsay to proceed with a study of the Clerk of Court's present office space with the view in mind of possible expansion and/or rearrangement to accommodate his needs. This should be ready with a cost estimate in order that it may be included in the county's 1978-79 budget.

Mr. Murdoch will pass this information on to Mr. Ramsay.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned until January 17, 1978 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

Glenda Kluttz, Clerk
Board of Rowan County Commissioners