

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED SESSION
JANUARY 17, 1978

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

Vice-chairman Steele called the meeting to order.

Jim Dunn, Chairman, Historic Properties Committee was present along with the following members: Stanley Corriher, Zelia Misenheimer, Beulah Davis and Jim Sloan.

Jim Foltz, Director, Parks and Recreation, and Curtis Graham and Jake Walton from the Parks and Recreation Commission were also present.

Jim Dunn brought the Commissioners up to date on Kerr Mill. He showed some detailed drawings and elevations drawings of the Mill as done by Architect Bill Sloan.

Mr. Dunn said the original idea was to renovate Kerr Mill and make it a working grist mill but after some investigation, this might not be financially feasible. One alternative being studied would be to use the Mill as a museum.

Slides of Kerr Mill were shown pointing out some of the damages to be repaired and of the historic properties in the area.

Mr. Dunn introduced Tony James, Project Manager from the Division of Archives and History in Raleigh. Mr. James reported that he has been conducting interviews with Jim Sloan, present owner of Kerr Mill, concerning the activities of the grist mill. He is looking for a final use decision before moving on to a working plan specification.

Mr. Gardner Gidley, President of Gardner-Gidley Associates, a consultant for the Kerr Mill project was introduced. Mr. Gidley talked about the proposed development program for this project and showed maps of the property with phases 1 and 2 of a plan for the surrounding area to be utilized as a park.

The first phase of this plan is the restoration of the Mill. It would also involve acquiring an additional 32 acres of land, possible restoration of the mill pond, a large parking area, nature trails and picnic areas.

State two would include acquiring an additional 55 acres with a lake for possible swimming, more nature trails and picnic facilities and another parking area with a look out point.

The overall plan cost estimate is \$250,000 at present prices. The county would be eligible for a 50% matching land grant on historical properties.

This figure is just an estimate and Mr. Dunn said he would meet with the Board later on a more definite figure but right now they were interested in the Commissioners reaction to the project and how it was progressing.

The Board was very impressed with the proposed plans but said they could not make any financial commitment at this time.

Mr. Smith moved to receive the information regarding the situation and the concept of the park and also that the Board receive the 3.57 acres and Kerr Mill from Jim Sloan with the understanding that the mill would be a historical site and the area will be designated as a county park. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Smith moved to take \$1,270.00 from contingencies to purchase a metal storage building for the North Kannapolis Sheriff's Department. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Mauldin moved to nominate Representative Robie L. Nash of Salisbury to represent Rowan County on the Yadkin Pee Dee Citizens Advisory Committee. Mr. Smith seconded with unanimous approval. The Board also suggested that Mr. H. Frank King of Route 5, Salisbury, who is associated with Alcoa, be considered as a member on this committee if there is space available.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenda Kluttz, Clerk
Board of Rowan County Commissioners