

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 1, 1978

The Rowan County Board of 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, R. L. Mauldin, Paul S. Smith, R. Hall Steele, and John Wear, MD.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the minutes of the meetings of April 12 and April 17, 1978, were unanimously approved.

A letter was received from Brunswick County Commissioners asking Rowan County to endorse a resolution to start a high school for the blind in Wilson, NC. Mr. Smith made a motion to table this request until the next meeting. He asked that each Commissioner be sent a copy of the letter and resolution for further study. Mr. Steele seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

A letter from Rowe McNeely, Farm Agent, resigning his position because of ill health. Each Commissioner expressed his regret at the resignation of Mr. McNeely. Mr. Smith made a motion that a letter be written expressing the Board's feelings. He also asked to request from the State a letter of the long leaf pine recognizing persons of Mr. McNeely's caliber. Mr. Steele seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

A resolution proclaiming May 15-19, 1978, as Chamber of Commerce Week was unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Mauldin.

A letter was received from the National Association of Counties concerning the Spring Conference. The County Manager said he had further information if anyone was interested in attending.

A letter was received from the NC Department of Natural Resources and Community Development concerning the Salisbury 201 Facility Plan. There is to be a meeting to discuss the joint-State-EPA comments at 10:00 a.m. on May 30, 1978 in the Archdale Building, 512 Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC. All local officials are asked to participate.

A letter was received from the Division of Community Assistance concerning workshops to be held. Mr. Smith said he is planning to attend and will follow up.

Letters were received from the Boards of Commissioners of Davie and Stanley Counties concerning the transfer of water from the Yadkin-Pee Dee river basin to other river basins. These boards are opposed to such action and have written resolutions to that effect which have been sent to Raleigh. They asked Rowan County's support along these lines. Mr. Steele moved that a resolution from Rowan County be drafted opposing such transfers of water between river basins. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The following road petitions were unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin, seconded by Dr. Wear:

1. North Central Avenue, Landis – addition to the system.
2. Rutledge St. & Vanderbilt Ave. – addition to the system.
3. Garmon Road – addition to the system.

Upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin, seconded by Mr. Steele, a request was approved to remove a high bank on the south side of the entrance onto Saw Road from the L.L. Goodnight & Sons store.

Thomas Lamar and Robert J. Dunmire, of NC Civil Preparedness, gave a presentation on a population relocation plan in the event of a disaster. In the event of a disaster- war-time, man made, or natural – the population from designated target areas – military bases, industrial complexes, metropolitan areas, etc. – are dispersed to designated host areas surrounding the target area. Rowan County has been designated a host area for Greensboro. Medical facilities, food, and shelter areas are pre-determined so that everything is planned and ready for execution. The United States is the only large nation that does not have a pre-determined plan for dispersal of population.

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported the tax collections for April, 1978 as \$126,479.98.

The following new personnel were unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin, seconded by Mr. Smith:

Sidney A. Helms – Sheriff's Department
Janitor Hired 3/22/78 at \$436/month.

William E. Lentz – Sheriff's Department
Deputy Sheriff/Dispatcher Hired 3/27/78 at \$638/month

Terry L. Morrell – Sanitation Department
Public Health Nurse Hired 4/10/78 at \$856/month

Stella B. Stirewalt – Health Department
Public Health Nurse Hired 4/10/78 at \$856/month

Anis M. Boyd – Health Department
Health Nurse Hired 4/10/78 at \$865/month

Duke Power has requested permission to run an underground powerline across County property to the new National Guard building at the Airport. Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Mauldin, this request was unanimously approved. Chairman Honeycutt asked the County Manager to ask for permission to tap into this line some time in the future for lighting at the end of the runway.

The County Manager reported on the offer to purchase land received from Mrs. Esther Fine. The tax valuation for the land is \$1,200 house - \$1,240 and pool - \$2,380. The pool was build across the property line and therefore was never completed. The total taxes due on the property are \$578. Mr. Smith moved that the property be advertised for sale with the bids beginning at \$578. Mr. Steele seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Attorney Clarence Kluttz se the date of the sale as of June 12, 1978, at 12 noon on the Courthouse steps.

The County Manager reported the interest received through April 30, 1978, as follows:

General Fund	\$102,920.02
Debt Service	1,040.00
Revenue Sharing	6,150.23
Reappraisal	<u>3,047.22</u>
Total	\$113,157.47

Upon a motion by Dr. Wear, seconded by Mr. Steele, the attached budget amendment were unanimously approved. (Attached)

The following transfers were unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin, seconded by Mr. Steele: (Attached)

The county Manager presented a grant application for the Council on Aging for the year October 1, 1978, through September 30, 1979. The funds are divided as follows:

County Share	\$1,674
In-Kind	1,060

Federal Share	<u>24,614</u>
Total Budget	\$27,348

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Steele, the grant application was unanimously approved.

A replacement for Don Carmichael, and the reappointment or replacement of W.S. Hall, Jr. on the Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority will need to be appointed at the next meeting. A replacement for Gary Moss on the Kannapolis Street Planning Commissioner will also need to be made.

A letter was received from the Division of Social Services requesting the Commissioners' nomination for appointment to the County Social Services Board by June 30, 1978.

Traffic conditions of Highway 70 in front of Mid-Carolina Mall were discussed. Mr. Smith moved to recommend to the Department of Transportation that the highway be widened to four lanes beyond the Mall property. Mr. Steel seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Dr. Wear asked for confirmation of his authority, as a member of the Mental Health Board, to approve payroll changes at the Mental Health Clinic without direct authorization from the other Commissioners. The County Manager confirmed that he was given this authority by the Board of Commissioners last year.

Dr. Wear reported he had received a letter from Mr. Rentz, Department of Transportation, stating that "Spar Top Size ABC" aggregate is an additional \$.80 per ton. Dr. Wear said he needed to know how many tons of rock are used on a road.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned until May 22, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela M. Ribelin, Clerk
Rowan County Board of Commissioners