

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED SESSIONS
MAY 22, 23, 24, 1978

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Sessions in the Community Building, Salisbury, North Carolina at 7:00 p.m. on May 22, 23, & 24, 1978.

Chairman Honeycutt called the meeting to order for the purpose of holding budget hearings for the 1978-79 budget.

The following members were present at the May 22 meeting: Chairman Rufus H. Honeycutt, R. L. Mauldin, Paul S. Smith, Hall Steele, and Dr. John Wear.

The following budget presentations were heard:

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| Rowan County Schools | Wade Mobley Melvin Morgan Charles Fleming Tommy Menius David Knox Frank Patterson Curtis Rogers Lamar Trexler |
| Marcell Williams | |
| Salisbury City Schools | Harold Isenburg John Copeland Bob Carmichael Reid Leonard Carroll Overton John Patterson Bob Loeblein |
| Rowan Tech. Institute | Richard Brownell John Rutledge Carroll Overton Ronald Bostian Aubrey Cheek |

After discussing the Rowan Tech budget proposal, Mr. Smith moved to approve the budget as presented. Dr. Wear seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

A letter was received from Jean Ramsey, Register of Deeds, requesting an additional \$3,934.11 for account 5351, supplies, to cover bills incurred due to a raise in the cost of copy paper and increased use of the machines. After discussing this matter, Mr. Smith moved to table the request until the Tuesday meeting to give the Commissioners more time to consider this request. Mr. Steele seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Ramsey also requested an additional \$400 for account 5356, travel. There was a conference in Washington which she had not been aware of last year. The additional funds would enable her to go to the Chicago conference as planned. After much discussion, Mr. Steele made a motion to deny the request. Mr. Mauldin seconded and it was unanimously approved.

Chairman Honeycutt asked Commissioners to consider the possibility of a feasibility study for all departments of the County to be done some time in the future.

The County Manager presented a bill from architect John Ramsey for \$1,547.50 for a study to rearrange the Clerk of Court's offices. The Commissioners felt this fee was too high.

Mr. Smith asked to see these plans, so the County Manger went to his office and got them. Dr. Wear asked that the minutes to determine the exact request to Mr. Ramsey. Chairman Honeycutt asked Mr. Murdoch to talk with Mr. Ramsey about this fee.

The following change orders for the Park Nature Center were unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Mauldin:

1. Change order no. HAC-1 heating & air conditioning \$88.21
2. Change order No. P-1-plumbing \$115.20

A letter was received from Dr. George Hyatt, Jr. of NC State University School of Agriculture stating that Harold Caudill has temporarily been appointed to fill Rowe McNeely's position until a permanent chairman can be appointed.

Mr. Steele reported that he has been informed by Jim Graham, Secretary of Agriculture, that the long leaf pine award is not applicable in Mr. McNeely's situation. However, Mr. Graham is continuing to investigate this matter further.

The County Manager reported that another employee of the Agriculture Extension Office, Ms. Virginia Kluttz, is retiring June 30. She has been with the County since 1936. A decision will be made at the next meeting as to a commendation for Ms. Kluttz.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present at the May 23 meeting: Chairman Rufus H. Honeycutt, R. L. Mauldin, Paul S. Smith, Hall Steele, and Dr. John Wear.

The following budget presentations were heard:

Rowan Public Library

Phil Barton
John Hall
Bill Roberts

Planning Board

Ray Hayworth

The County Manager read an excerpt from the January 3, 1978, minutes authorizing John Ramsey to make a study and cost estimate to remodel or rearrange the Clerk of Court's Offices. He also read part of the letter that was written to Mr. Ramsay requesting this study. Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Smith, the County Manager was authorized to negotiate and settle this bill with Mr. Ramsay. Payment is to be made from contingencies, account 4591.

Upon a motion by Dr. Wear, seconded by Mr. Mauldin, Jean Ramsey's request for an additional \$3,934.11 for her supplies, account 5351, was unanimously approved. These funds will come from contingencies, account 4591.

The County Manager requested a change in the Personnel Manual concerning accumulating vacation and sick leave. Presently an employee may accumulate 12 days vacation and 90 days sick leave. Mr. Murdoch recommended that this be changed to 30 days vacation and unlimited sick leave. This is the same policy as the Health Department and the Department of Social Services. Seventy-six other counties have elected to do the same. Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Smith, Part V, section 4 (d) Vacation Leave Accumulation, was changed from 12 to 30 days; and Part V, Section 5 (f) Sick Leave Accumulation, was changed from 90 days to unlimited.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, May 24, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present at the May 24 meeting: Chairman Rufus H. Honeycutt, R.L. Mauldin, Paul S. Smith, Hall Steele, and Dr. John Wear.

The Board made a review of the proposed 1978-79 General Fund Budget.

There was discussion concerning the need for additional funds in this budget year for the watershed commission. Mr. Steele made a motion to authorize the transfer of up to \$1,000 from contingencies, account 4591, to Third Creek Watershed Maintenance, account 7247, if necessary. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

After discussing the Rowan County School proposed budget, Mr. Steele was asked by the Board to notify the School Board that they would have to reduce their proposed budget by \$385,000.

The County Manager reported he had talked with John Ramsay concerning his bill for the Clerk of Court's offices. They agreed on a price of \$1,000 for this work. Mr. Murdoch mailed Mr. Ramsay a check for this amount.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned until May 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela M. Ribelin, Clerk
Rowan County Board of Commissioners