

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED MEETING
JUNE 19, 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 member were present: Chairman Rufus H. Honeycutt, Hall Steele, R.L. Mauldin, Paul S. Smith and John Wear, MD.

The Adjourned meeting was set specifically for a public hearing on the 1978-79 budget for Rowan County. Chairman Honeycutt declared the public hearing was officially open and asked if anyone was present that would like to be heard. As no one was present, Chairman Honeycutt said he would leave the hearing open for another twenty minutes in case any one would happen to come in late. In the meantime, he said he would act on other business.

A new contract for C & M Ambulance service the year 1978-79 was received. The emergency service will add two additional stations, one in Cleveland and one in Granite Quarry. The new contract will be for \$66,000. Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Mauldin, this contract was approved. The County Manager had received information for pre-applications for matching funds to purchase new ambulances. Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Mauldin and unanimously approved, the Manager was authorized to apply for one ambulance.

A letter was received from Jerome T. Davis, MD., expressing his pleasure in being appointed as a representative of Rowan Count in the Region F Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council. His is very interested in the emergency medical service. MR. Mauldin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Steele and unanimously approved to appoint Dr. Davis to a committee to form guidelines for the emergency medical service and return them to the Board for approval.

An application for public official liability insurance was received and signed by Chairman Honeycutt, Mr. Steele and Dr. Wear.

Mr. Smith reported on the Department of Transportation meeting in Winston-Salem to review and update the Highway Improvement Program.

The Board requested that the County Manager write a letter to Mr. John Gallaher, a member of the Board of Transportation, to request that a portion of our Secondary Road funds be used to purchase Spar Top Size ABC Aggregate for use on the roads in Eastern Rowan County. A motion was made by Dr. Wear, seconded by Mr. Mauldin and unanimously approved, to purchase the stone.

At this time, no one had appeared for the budget hearing. Chairman Honeycutt officially declared the hearing closed. Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Steele, the 1978-79 budget was adopted as presented and unanimously approved. (Attached)

The high bid for the purchase of the Hancock scraper at the landfill went to Tate Construction Company for \$9,850. Upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin, seconded by Mr. Steele, the bid was unanimously accepted.

Mr. John Ramsey presented specifications and architectural drawings for the renovation of the main floor of the Rowan County Courthouse. The work for this project had previously been approved. Mr. Ramsey requested the tracings be signed and approved by the Chairman. The bids for this project will be opened on Thursday, July 13, 1978 at 3:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Board of Health was held with Chairman Honeycutt, Mr. Herbert Hawley, Mr. William Jones, and members of the Humane Society present. Chairman Honeycutt reported that recommendations were made for improvements in policies and methods used at the dog pound. He suggested that a committee be formed to follow-up on these recommendation. Chairman Honeycutt also asked that one of the Commissioners serve on this committee along with Mr. Jones, the Dog Warden. Mr. Smith moved that Mr. Honeycutt represent the Commissioners. Dr. Wear seconded with unanimous approval.

Mrs. Bonnie Smith, Vice-President of the Humane Society, along with other members were present. Mrs. Smith discussed different methods of disposing of the dogs. There was also discussion concerning better animal control by enforcing rabies control ordinance. He stated that a program is needed to educate dog owners of their responsibilities.

A road petition was received by property owners at I-85 at Peeler Road. They requested the paving of .4 miles on SR 2584. The petition will be sent to the Highway Department for their information.

A road petition was received from property owners on Hickory Street in Landis to add this street to the State System. Upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin, seconded by Mr. Smith, this petition was approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Mauldin, seconded by Mr. Steele and unanimously approved, authorizing the County Manager to sign the contract with Sherrill and Smith for the audit for the coming year for \$22,575.

The Board appointed Dr. Robert E. Boyd for a three year term on the Board of Social Services beginning on July 1, 1978. He will replace Mr. C.H. Watson, Jr. Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Mauldin, this appointment was unanimously approved.

A letter was received from Miss Virginia Kluttz who is retiring on June 30, 1978, from the Agriculture Extension Office. She expressed her enjoyment of the time spent with the people of the County along with the friendship shown her through the years. A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Mauldin and unanimously approved, to purchase a watch for Miss Kluttz upon her retirement.

A letter was received from T.W. Ellis, Jr., Representative of the 13th District, Henderson, North Carolina, with a copy of a proposed bill he plans to introduce in the 1979 legislature. The bill will exempt from Ad Valorem taxes any livestock, poultry, crops and other farm products that are one year old or less. Dr. Wear suggested we ask the Tax Supervisor for advice and clarification of this bill before the taxes are filed in January of 1979.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret B. Olsen, Clerk
Rowan County Board of Commissioners