

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 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: Chairman Rufus Honeycutt, Paul S. Smith and Hall Steele.

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

Miss Virginia Kluttz was present for a short ceremony to recognize her upon her retirement as secretary with the Rowan County Agricultural Extension Service. Chairman Honeycutt presented a Count pin and watch to Miss Kluttz along with a resolution paying tribute for her 42 years of outstanding work. She told the Commissioners she had enjoyed her work and association with the people of Rowan County.

A letter was received from David Bailey, EMS Planner in regards to the Governor's Highway Safety Program. He stated Rowan County is fifth on the priority list for funds for a new ambulance which would be leased to C & M Ambulance Service.

A letter was received from Nancy J. Honeycutt consultant to community based alternative, to delinquent youths stating Rowan County allocation for this program for the coming year is \$29,308 which includes an additional allocation of \$15,659.

A letter was received from the State of NC Utilities Commission referring to a petition filed previously with the Board from Southern Railway Company for a proposed change in the station listing of summer siding. Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Smith, the proposed change was unanimously approved.

A letter was received from Governor Hunt's office on the balanced growth policy. There will be a series of public hearings throughout the State for local government leaders. Chairman Honeycutt urged the Board members to attend the hearing held at T. Austin Finch Auditorium in Thomasville on Thursday, July 13, at 5:30 p.m.

A letter was received from K.L. Horton, Jr., Division Engineer, Department of Transportation, regarding the request to Mr. Gallaher to use Rowan County Secondary Road funds to purchase stone for use on the roads in eastern Rowan

County. He stated that the legality would be determined and the Board members would be advised.

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

Harvey Louis Hall – Sheriff’s Department
Janitor Hired 4/27/78 at \$436/month

Lois Whirlow Rex – Register of Deeds
Deputy – Hired 6/12/78 at \$442.16/month

Douglas W. Rushing – Agricultural Extension
Asst. Agent Hired 6/1/78 at \$437.50/month

William Ray Edwards – Sheriff’s Department
Deputy Sheriff Hired 5/29/78 at \$702/month

Ronnie W. Terry – Sheriff’s Department
Deputy Sheriff Hired 5/29/78 at \$702/month

Thomas A. Swing – Sheriff’s Department
Deputy Sheriff Hired 5/29/78 at \$702/month

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

General Fund	\$165,275.30
Reappraisal	6,610.90
Debt Service	2,066.52
Revenue Sharing	14,959.88
Kerr Mill	655.90
Total	\$189,568.50

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Smith the jail contract with the NC Department of Correction for \$10.00/day for each inmate was unanimously approved.

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Steele and unanimously approved, the contract authorization with the Centralina Council of Governments for communication equipment for the Rowan Rescue Squad, C & M Ambulance Service, Sheriff’s Office and Enochville rescue. The implementation grant by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare will provide 100% funding of this equipment. Rowan County will provide \$409.53 to pay state and local sales tax.

The bids for the jail security equipment were as follows:

ADT	\$25,830.00
Cooper D. Cass	\$20,155.63
2 Way Radio	\$20,937.00

Mr. Steele made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith and unanimously approved, to award the contract to Cooper D. Cass Company. This communication equipment will be purchased with LEAA funds.

The 1977-78 budget amendment was unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Glenn Trexler reported that the tax collections for June, 1978 were \$928,776.49.

Carl Sloop, Jr., Chairman Rowan County Parks and Recreation Commission, made a request to purchase four acres of land adjoining Dan Nicholas Park for \$8,000. Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Steele, the Board unanimously approved this request, subject to an appraisal of this property.

Chairman Honeycutt asked that Mr. Sloop report to the Board any additional land adjacent to the park that might be available to purchase for future expansion of the park.

Mr. Steele requested information on the status of the Kerr Mill site property. The County Manager reported the stabilizing of the mill by the Historical Society Commission and the Archeological survey, to be made by the Division of Archives and History.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board unanimously approved the following transfers. (Attached)

Upon a motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Steele, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of James Harold Caudill to succeed Rowe McNeely as Chairman of the Rowan County Agricultural Extension Service. Dick Smith, District Agricultural Supervisor made the recommendation to the Board. This appointment is retroactive to July 1, 1978.

The following refunds were unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Smith.

Ed Kirkley - \$5.00

Leith C. Foster - \$39.71

Chairman Honeycutt requested the County Manager write a letter to Mr. John Sauls of the North Carolina Animal Control Association in Chapel Hill saying that Mr. Dwight Whitman of Statesville would be invited to attend the meeting of the Board of Health Dog Pound Committee.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m., July 17, 1978 to receive bids on the Courthouse construction.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret B. Olsen, Clerk
Rowan County Board of Commissioners