

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 7, 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, Hall Steele, R.L. Mauldin, Paul S. Smith, and John Wear, MD.

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

Mr. Steele requested that copies of the Social Services Food Stamp Report be sent to Congressman Bill Hefner and Senator Jesse Helms regarding a review of the Food Stamp Program.

A letter was received from Margie Rose, Chairman Task Force on redirection of family planning administration structure on developing a statewide family planning program which would make quality family planning services available for all citizens in the state, using federal and state resources in a cost-effective and efficient manner.

A letter was received from Attorney Kenneth Eagle of the Library Committee of the Rowan Bar Association, expressing appreciation for assistance in providing additional shelving for books in the law library in the Courthouse.

A letter was received from Nathan H. Yelton, Assistant Secretary, Department of Human Resources, stating the 1977 General Assembly passed a Nursing Home Patients' Bill of Rights requiring that a Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee be established in each County of North Carolina which has a nursing home by March 1, 1979. The Board of County Commissioners has the responsibility for appointment of these committees prior to January 1, 1979. Mary Bethel, Nursing Home Ombudsman will be in contact with the Commissioners in the near future with guidelines and suggestions.

A letter was received from Jack Goodnight, President G&S Metal Company, Inc., with a proposal to allow contractors to secure heating, air conditioning and electrical permits by telephone. They would be billed at the end of the month on a credit basis. Mr. Smith made a motion this proposal would be applicable to all licensed contractors with approved credit and would be on a trial basis. Mr. Mauldin seconded and the Board unanimously approved.

The County Manager asked that Mr. Steele be appointed as a delegate to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Convention in Asheville, North Carolina. Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the Board unanimously approved this appointment.

A letter was received from Harold E. Little, Chief, Airports District Office, announcing an allocation of \$48,600 under the 1978 Airport Development Aid Program for specific development of the Rowan County Airport to acquire land for clear zone and transitional areas.

A letter was also received from Congressman Bill Hefner informing the Commissioners of the grant.

A letter was received from Susan Greene, President, Mecklenburg Association to approve or oppose using state funds in the amount of \$60 million to be used for a proposed outer belt loop for Charlotte. Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Steele to oppose using state funds for this proposal. It was unanimously approved.

A road petition from property owners on Craven Avenue to add .06 miles to the State System was unanimously approved by a motion from Mr. Mauldin, seconded by Mr. Steele.

A Road petition was received from property owners on Garmon Road requesting the name be changed to Beaver Road. The road had been incorrectly named Garmon Road. Chairman Honeycutt asked that Mr. Rentz, Department of Transportation be advised of the request and report the findings to the Board.

Mr. Glenn Trexler reported that the tax collections for July, 1978 were \$169,725.75.

A request for a license to operate a massage parlor in North Kannapolis was made by Mr. Don Clanton. He also requested a license for Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gilbert to work as masseuse. June Bost, Chief, North Kannapolis Sheriff's Department stated that Mr. Bostian had operated a Massage parlor without a license. Chairman Honeycutt said he had previously talked with Mr. Bostian and told him that an Ordinance was adopted on April 7, 1975, requiring a license to operate and work in Massage Parlors. One of the requirements of the Ordinance is that each applicant be fingerprinted and a check be run to determine if the applicants have a prior record that would be in conflict with the ordinance. The results of this check have not been received. Since this information was not available, no action could be taken on Mr. Clanton's request. Chief Bost will prepare a written report and let the Commissioners know when the information is available for their action.

Charles Coughenour, local citizen who has a hobby dealing in old cars, appeared before the Board concerning the service he was not receiving from the Rowan County Sheriff's Department. North Kannapolis Chief June Bost and Sheriff John F. Stirewalt stated all complaints had been answered. The problem seemed to be a property line dispute between Mr. Coughenour and his neighbors on the location of his automobiles. County Attorney Clarence Kluttz reminded Mr. Coughenour that the officers could not enter a dispute involving property. Chairman Honeycutt suggested that a meeting to be held between Chief Bost, Sheriff Stirewalt, and Mr. Coughenour to resolve their differences.

A County ranger report was given by Wayne Alexander, North Carolina Forest Service. The report summarized the work done in Rowan County by the North Carolina Division of Forest Resources during the fiscal year 1977-78.

The following personnel were unanimously approved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Steele:

Alice Regina Hill – Register of Deeds
Clerk Hired 6/22/78 at \$422.16/month

C. Steve Beaver – Social Services
Deputy Sheriff Hired 7/10/78 at \$669/month

Carrie Miller Cozart – Social Services
Clerk Typist Hired 7/10/78 at \$602/month

Sandra K. Drolette – Health Department
Public Health Nurse Hired 7/10/78 at \$791/month

Gary Monroe Shue – Janitor
Hired 7/17/78 at \$421.84/month

LeeAnn Allison Christy – Social Services
Social Worker Trainee Hired 7/10/78 at \$756/month

Mitzi Daniel Powers – Data Processing
Key Punch Operator Hired 6/26/78 at \$503/month

Frances H. Caudle – Agriculture Extension
Steno II Hired 7/1/78 at \$320.25/month

Catherine Fisher Steele – Jail
Matron Hired 6/26/78 at \$527/month

The county Manager reported the interest received through July 30, 1978 as follows:

General Fund	\$4,485.53
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The following refund was unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin, seconded by Mr. Steele:

Paul Karriker - \$14.55

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Steele to appoint Mr. Carl Short, Attorney, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. D.C. Linn on the Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority.

John Ramsey, along with associate Jeffrey Johnson, presented recommendations to the Board concerning the plans to remodel the courthouse. After hearing the recommendations made by Mr. Ramsey, the Board moved to table the renovation plans of the courthouse until the winter months. At that time the project would be open for re-bids.

Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor and Jim Sides, Data Processing Supervisor, reported to the Board the progress being made on plans for the tax revaluation program. The two system plans and the estimated cost discussed were TWA of Charlotte and Associated Survey of Greensboro.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Smith the Board unanimously approved a public hearing on September 5, 1978 at 7:30 p.m., in the Commissioner's Meeting Room to enlarge the Franklin Fire District.

Bob Bridwell, Rowan County Planning Board, presented three applications for historic preservation grants-in-aid with the Division of Archives and history for heritage conservation and recreation service funds to the Commissioners for their approval. The first one was for a total of \$10,000 for Archeological investigation at the Kerr Mill site. This investigation is necessary before any major renovations can be made. The second one was for a total of \$24,000 for architectural engineering service and electrical/mechanical design for the renovation of the Old Post Office in case the County acquires this property. The third was for a total of \$294,000 for the renovation of the post office building. All three of these grants are on a 50/50 basis. The cost to the County would be \$5,000, \$12,000 and \$147,000 respectively. Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Steele, it was unanimously approved to apply for these grants.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret B. Olsen, Clerk
Rowan County Board of Commissioners