

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 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.

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the minutes of August 7, 1978 were unanimously approved.

A letter was received from Danny Robertson, Chairman Salisbury Holiday Decorations Committee, requesting a contribution of \$200 for holiday decorations. Upon a motion by Dr. Wear, seconded by Mr. Mauldin, this request was unanimously approved.

A letter was received from Governor Hunt's office informing the Commissioners of a one-day statewide conference on "Raising a New Generation in North Carolina." The conference will be centered on the needs of North Carolina's children from birth to eight years of age. The conference will be held on September 29 at the Benton Convention Center in downtown Winston-Salem from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin, seconded by Mr. Steele, the Board unanimously approved a road petition for addition and maintenance of .11 of a mile of Grace Avenue along with a recommendation from the Department of Transportation to put a road number instead of a name change on a road previously called Garmon Road.

A letter was received from the Department of Transportation in reference to a letter from Chairman Honeycutt requesting a portion of Rowan County Secondary Road Funds be used to purchase smaller size stone for use in Eastern Rowan County. It would require an expenditure of an additional \$8,000 to \$12,000 annually to purchase the small stone. Upon a motion by Dr. Wear, seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of the stone.

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

Joanne T. Redman – Social Services
Clerk Typist Hired 7/31/78 at \$602/month

Earlene Gibbs – Social Services
Maid Hired 8/7/78 at \$2.86/hour

William Todd Jacobs – Park
Maintenance – Hired 8/8/78 at \$479/month

Jean Charles Poole – Register of Deeds
Clerk Hired 8/7/78 at \$479/month

Elizah Summers – Sanitation Department
Truck Driver Hired 8/14/78 at \$609/month

Deborah Campbell Miller – Social Services
Clerk Typist Hired 8/14/78 at \$602/month

The County Manager reported the interest received through August 31, 1978 as follows:

General Fund	\$10,489.97
Debt Service	62.59
Total	\$10,552.56

The following refund was unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Dr. Wear.

Moore Bos. Transportation Inc - \$2,759.34

A letter was received from Carl E. Sloop, Jr., Chairman Rowan County Parks and Recreation Commission. The Parks and Recreation Commissioner recommended Mr. William S. Hall, Jr., to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Cecil Whitley on the Parks and Recreation Commission who submitted his resignation. Upon a motion by Dr. Wear, seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

A letter was received from J.L. Miller resigning his membership on the Rowan County Airport Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Wear and unanimously approved to appoint Mrs. G.F. Shipman and Mrs. Fred Cranford to replace Mrs. O.K. Beatty and Mrs. F.J. Constantino on the Library Board.

Mr. Glenn Trexler reported that the tax collections for August, 1978 were \$108,672.50.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Mauldin, a bid of \$7,035 from Hewlett Packard for a tax mapping machine was approved.

Chairman Honeycutt declared the public hearing open on the subject of extending the boundaries of the Rowan-Franklin Fire District. Chairman Honeycutt asked if anyone was present who wished to speak for or against the extension of the Rowan-Franklin Fire District. Present was Mr. Fred Wythenback, Route 9, Box 383, Salisbury, NC who was in favor of this extension. Upon a motion by Dr. Wear, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board unanimously approved the extension of the Rowan-Franklin Fire District. Chairman Honeycutt declared the public hearing closed.

Upon a motion by Dr. Wear, seconded by Mr. Steele, the Board unanimously approved a contract proposal for the Union Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., for a Farmers Home Administration Loan. This will be used to purchase fire protection equipment to serve the Union Fire District. The new equipment will include a fire truck with 1000 gallon tank and a 750 GPM pump.

A letter was received from James C. Queen, Chairman, Needs Assessment Task Force with a proposal requesting Community Based Alternative Funds to continue the in-school suspension program at Knox Jr. High School with a recommendation that it be approved to receive the requested \$5,000 from the remaining balance of \$15,754 of Community Based Alternative funds allocated to Rowan County. A motion was made by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Smith and unanimously approved this proposal.

The County Manager reported on the Community Employment Training Act. (CETA) As of October 1, 1978 we will lose 44 slots in the CETA program. A notice will be sent to all participants concerning the CETA cut-back. The Employment Security Commission will be working with these to find employment.

Mr. Jim Whitton, Whitton Distributing Company, requested that the County lease him a portion of land adjacent to the Airport property for a drain field. The Board was in favor of the lease if Mr. Whitton was unable to hook on to a proposed package treatment plant with other businesses in the area.

The County Manager requested a meeting on Monday September 25, 1978 at 7:30 p.m. concerning the grant for federal funds for the airport.

A letter was received from property owners in the North Kannapolis area asking for the removal of the dumpsters behind the North Kannapolis Police

Department. A petition was signed and reasons given were because of health hazard, odor, fly and maggot infestation, rat infestation, nuisances to Rowan County Sheriff's Department at the North Kannapolis Office, traffic hazard and use of the dumpsters by Cabarrus County residents. Mr. Smith made a motion , seconded by Mr. Steele and unanimously approved the dumpster being moved to the landfill.

The Board received Mr. Don Clanton's application for a license to operate a massage parlor at 1100 N. Cannon Boulevard, Kannapolis, NC. The County Attorney, Clarence Kluttz, told Mr. Clanton his application could not be refused but Mr. and Roy Bostian had violated the County ordinance regulated the business of massage and massage parlors so therefore their application would be rejected. Mr. Clanton stated he would respectfully decline his application.

Mr. Bob Ferrell and Mr. Joe Hinson, representing Rowan County Explorer Scouts along with Jim Sides, Data Processing Manager appeared before the Board to discuss the establishment of an Explorer Scout post in computer science. Mr. Sides would give two hours of the County's time monthly to show the co-ed group some of the principles of computer technology. Upon a motion by Dr. Wear, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board unanimously approved the establishment of an explorer scout post.

Mr. Ed Church, local citizen, requested that a cat walk be built on the Church Road Bridge over Crane Creek where forty or fifty fishermen gather nightly to fish. He also requested 20 mph signs be posted near the bridge. This request will be sent to the Department of Transportation as to the safety of the bridge before any decision is made.

A meeting was held with Chairman Honeycutt, Dr. James and members of the Humane Society concerning improvement at the animal control center. Dr. James recommended that various improvements be made to bring the center up to acceptable standards. Upon a motion by Dr. Wear, seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the improvement recommendations for the Animal Control Center were unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Alan Gray McKinney as Assistant Agricultural Agent effective November 1, 1978.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret B. Olsen, Clerk

Rowan County Board of Commissioners