

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 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. Mauldin and seconded by Dr. Wear, the minutes of October 2, 1978 were unanimously approved.

After reviewing the monthly report from Social Services, Mr. Steele requested that Mr. Koontz provide the Commissioners with a breakdown of the Social Services budget. Mr. Steele stated that over half of the total budget is now being used to provide medical assistance.

Marie L. Hartsell, Administrator, Family Services for the Rape, Child and Family abuse council appeared before the Board to request that November, 1978 be designated as Abuse Awareness Month in Rowan County. Mr. Smith moved this be done by Resolution. Mr. Steele seconded and it was unanimously approved.

A letter was received from Governor Hunt's office requesting three people from Rowan County be appointed to a Volunteer Energy Conservation Corps which is being formed to save energy and money both for business and government. An organization and training workshop will be held for this Corps in Raleigh, on December 7,8, and 9 at the Hilton Inn. Upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Steele, the following were appointed: Commissioner Smith, Gerald Jordan and E.W. McLeod.

A letter was received from James F. Bullock, Deputy Attorney General in response to a letter written him from Mr. Ron Bowers, Assistant District Attorney, in Concord, NC. Mr. Bowers had requested information on purchasing a microcomputer for records management. The Commissioners were given the authority to appropriate the 5% matching local funds either from General Funds or from the County Court facility fees.

A letter was received from Ed Church, publicity chairman, Rowan Soil and Water Conservation with a Salisbury Post editorial attached. The NC Wildlife Commissioner wishes to require fishing license for these people fishing in their own

counties with live bait. The commission feels this is necessary due to increasing cost of the Wildlife Development program. Mr. Church stated the Rowan Soil and Water Conservation wishes to oppose this licensing and asked the Wildlife Commissioners to take this into consideration before it becomes law.

A letter was received from Jasper Eley, Chairman, Board of Commissioners in Northhampton County, Jackson, NC, with a copy of a resolution opposing the abolition of the NC Board of Registration for Engineers and land surveyors. Mr. Eley requested that each Board of Commissioners consider passing a similar resolution. Mr. Smith requested the County Manager acquire additional information and present it to the Board.

A letter was received from Larry E. Tise, State Historic Preservation Officer, NC Department of Cultural Resources, stating the request for a grant in aid for the downtown post office had been denied. Mr. Tise requested that consideration be given to reapplying for fiscal year 1980 money.

A letter was received from H.L. Hinkle, Jr., NC Department of Correction requesting additional space for two offices in Rowan County Courthouse. Dr. Wear moved the County Manager see if space was available for this use.

It was seconded by Mr. Smith with unanimous approval.

Mr. Mauldin moved to approve the following road petitions. Dr. Wear seconded with unanimous approval.

Home Road and Pinewood Drive-Addition to State System
Morgan Road – paving
\$2000 from Secondary Road fund to pave 500 years of driveway at Locke Fire Department.

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported his office had received \$700,694.41 in taxes during October from all sources.

Bill Burgin of John Ramsay Association presented the result of the second bidding on the Courthouse renovation. They were as follows:

General:	Cabarrus Construction	\$190,651
	Kannapolis Construction	\$204,941
Electrical:	Walter Carter	\$18,988
Mechanical:	Cohen Sheet Metal	\$20,099
	Smith Air Condition	\$12,480

The low bids totaled \$200,020 as compared to \$190,119 for bids received on July 13.

Mr. Burin gave the Commissioners four options:

1. Cut \$82,000 from the project and attempt to meet the stipulated sum of \$140,000
2. Postpone project indefinitely for construction during depression predicted by some economist.
3. Abandon the project entirely and hope to find other solutions for courtroom requirements.
4. Use portion of County surplus funds to bridge the gap between bid construction cost and estimated construction cost.

Mr. Smith moved to postpone the project until March of 1979 and redesign the project to fall within the budget. Dr. Wear seconded with unanimous approval. The Chairman appointed Mr. Smith, Mr. Steele and the County Manager to work with the architect.

Ms. Elaine Stiller, Chairman Historic Properties Commission appeared before the Board along with other members of the Historic Society. She reported that the application for a grant-in-aid from the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service for \$8,000 had been approved. She stated that the Commissioners should formally accept this grant and have the Chairman sign the letter of acceptance. Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Steele, this was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Paul Smith and seconded by Commissioner Hall Steele for the adoption of the following resolution designating the Kerr Mill site as Jim Sloan Park. Mr. Sloan expressed his pride and appreciation in accepting this honor.

Ms. Stiller asked the Commissioners for direction in applying for a museum grant. This would be a legislation grant with matching funds. The Commissioners advised to work with Representative Nash and Representative Smith for the introduction of a bill in the 1978 Legislative Session.

David W. Erdman, Attorney for Vision Cable Communications presented to the Board a Cable Television Ordinance and a Franchise grant to Vision Cable Communications, Inc. Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Steele the Board unanimously approved the adoption of the first reading of the Cable Television Ordinance and the grant of a franchise to Vision Cable Communications.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the following personnel were approved.

Steven Lee Douglas – Deputy Sheriff
Hired 9/25/78 Salary \$669/month

Mitzi B. Crane – Social Worker
Hired 10/16/78 Salary - \$948/month

William L. Logan, Jr. – Landfill
Hired 10/10/78 Salary \$520/month

Constance K. McMahon – Ceta
Hired 10/1/78 Salary \$561.60/month

George A. Miller – Ceta Director
Hired 10/1/78 Salary \$812.50/month

A letter was received from Carl Sloop, Jr., Chairman Park and Recreation Commission requesting that Carol Foltz be reclassified as a bookkeeper/accountant, fourth grade on pay scale and the assistant secretary position which is presently vacant be changed to a 30 hour per week position. Upon Dr. Wear's recommendation, Mr. Smith moved to approve these two changes. It was seconded by Mr. Maulding and unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Mauldin the following refunds were approved:

1. Gary Wante Aldridge - \$41.18
2. Richard Beck - \$18.60
3. Cebran Henley - \$40.50
4. Saunders Investments, Inc. - \$10.00
5. David Aldridge - \$10.00

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

General Fund	\$34,949.92
Revenue Sharing	1,149.37
Debt Service	<u>285.67</u>
Total	\$36,384.96

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Mauldin and unanimously approved the bid from Corvette Auto Sales for the purchase of two Ford LTD's for \$2,600 and on Chevrolet Nova for \$100 from the Sheriff's Department.

The following bids were received for 15 police cars and one station wagon.

City Motor Company -	Patrol \$5,963.50/car Station Wagon \$6,562
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Aaron Chevrolet	Patrol \$6,205.56/car No station wagon
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Mr. Smith moved to accept the low bid from City Motor and Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

Upon a motion by Mr. Mauldin, seconded by Mr. Steele and unanimously approved the low bid of \$9,345.44 from Tar Heel Equipment Company for a John Deer 301A loader for the parks and recreation department was accepted.

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Mauldin a 1978-79 budget amendment was unanimously approved.

A letter was received from the Rowan Municipal and County Planning Board regarding appointments of members for the Town of Spencer's Planning Board and Board of Adjustment. A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Wear and unanimously approved for the following appointments.

Planning Board: Clyde Miller for a term expiring February 19, 1979, Harold Headen for a term expiring February 19, 1980, Harold Henderson and Herman Beaver for terms expiring February 19, 1981, and W.E. Goollet to a term expiring February 19, 1979.

Board of Adjustments: Clyde Young for a term expiring March 14, 1981, Robert Reese be transitioned from alternate member to regular member for a term expiring March 14, 1981, and Mrs. Jimmie Brown as an alternate for a term expiring March 14, 1980.

A letter was received from Centralina Council of Governments with guidelines for the appointment of a Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee. The County Manager requested the Board appoint five people to serve on this committee at the December meeting.

A sketch of the improvements for the Animal Control Center was presented to the Commissioners along with the following recommendations:

1. Increase rate for adopting dogs from \$2.00 to \$5.00 in order to charge the same rate as Salisbury.
2. Limit dog adoptions to 3 in any calendar year to one person or family.
3. Require the cost of rabies vaccine to be deposited with the Dog Warden at the time of adoption to insure immunization is performed.
4. The admission data sheet reflect the wishes of the person committing the animal as to its disposition and a release be signed. All dogs classified as stray, unknown owner, will be retained for 3 days. Other dogs, voluntarily committed will be put up for adoption or in the case of old age, disease or injury will be administered euthanasia.

Dr. Wear moved that the recommendations be approved and Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mauldin and seconded by Commissioner Smith for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

THAT WHEREAS, the County of Rowan (hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor") has made a formal application to the Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as "Department") for State financial aid for the Rowan County Airport; and

WHEREAS, a grant in the maximum amount of \$155,737 has been approved;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of the Sponsor be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to enter into a grant agreement with the Department as may be necessary to effectuate the aforesaid expressed purpose, thereby binding the Sponsor to the fulfillment of the obligation incurred under this resolution and to its agreement under the said grant agreement with the department.

Chairman Honeycutt requested the County Attorney bring before the Board up to date information on county leash laws.

Mr. Smith moved that the old bus station be removed and the space be used for a parking facility and that Ceta personnel be moved to office space in the Courthouse. Mr. Mauldin seconded with unanimous approval.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret B. Olsen, Clerk
Rowan County Board of commissioners