

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 4, 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 November 6, 1978 were unanimously approved.

Chairman Honeycutt read a resolution for Mr. Mauldin, who is the outgoing member of the Board. Mr. Steele moved to adopt the resolution and Mr. Smith seconded with unanimous approval. The Board presented Mr. Mauldin with a plaque in honor of his dedicated service to the citizens of Rowan County. A gift from the Board was presented to him at this time. The official meeting was adjourned.

Oaths of office for Mr. Honeycutt, Mr. Ligon and Mr. Steele were administered by Francis Glover, Clerk of Court.

County Manager, Seth Murdoch presided over the meeting as nominations were made for Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 1979. A nomination for Mr. Smith as Chairman by Dr. Wear was seconded by Mr. Steele with unanimous approval. Mr. Honeycutt moved to close the nominations for chairman and Mr. Steele seconded and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Honeycutt moved to nominate Mr. Steele for Vice-Chairman and Mr. Ligon seconded. Mr. Smith nominated Dr. Wear as Vice-Chairman. The motion was not carried. Mr. Honeycutt moved that Mr. Steele be accepted as Vice-Chairman and the nominations be closed. Dr. Wear seconded with unanimous approval. Paul S. Smith was unanimously elected as Chairman to the Board and Hall Steele as Vice-Chairman. Chairman Smith presided over the meeting with the New Board.

A letter was received from officials of the Holiday Caravan expressing their appreciation for the contribution received from the Board.

A report along with a cover letter was submitted from James C. Queen, Chairman, Needs Assessment Task Force with the final Planning Chart prepared by the Juvenile Needs Assessment Task Force on programs of local needs. Upon a

motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Steele, the Planning Chart and cover letter was unanimously approved.

A letter was received from C. Wade Mobley, Board of Education, requesting approval of a "letter of intent" for \$600,000 against the School Capital Outlay allocation in the 1979-80 budget. Mr. Honeycutt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Steele to approve this letter of intent. This would allow a much needed building program at South Rowan High School.

A letter was received from Bob Ferrill, District Executive, Rowan District, BSA, expressing their thanks and appreciation for the support and cooperation of the Scouting Program in Rowan County.

A letter was received from H.L. Hinkle, Probation Supervisor, North Carolina Department of Correction expressing his appreciation for the use of the two offices on the second floor of the Rowan County Courthouse.

A letter was received from Jean Ramsey, Register of Deeds, requesting an outside microfilm company be considered to photostat old mortgage books and process aperture cards at the cost of \$19,282.90. Ms. Ramsey asked that this request be acted upon in December in order for the project to be done at the quoted price. Mr. Honeycutt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wear and unanimously approved the authorization with the money to come from Account 4591, contingencies.

The following committees, boards and officials were approved upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt and seconded by Dr. Wear:

School Committee – Hall Steele and Paul Smith  
Rowan Tech – John Wear  
Building & Property – Brad Ligon, Rufus Honeycutt & Hall Steele  
Airport Board – Airport Board  
Fire Commissioner – Hall Steele  
Purchasing & Contracts – Brad Ligon and Seth Murdoch  
Parks & Recreation – John Wear  
Road Committee – Brad Ligon  
Social Services – Hall Steele  
Sheriff's Committee – Hall Steele and Paul Smith  
Board of Health – Rufus Honeycutt  
Council of Governments – Rufus Honeycutt  
Library – Paul Smith  
Personnel – John Wear, Rufus Honeycutt and Seth Murdoch  
Community Service Council – Brad Ligon  
Mental Health – John Wear

County Attorney – Clarence Kluttz  
Tax Collector – Glenn Trexler  
Clerk to the Board – Margaret Olsen  
County Manager – Seth Murdoch  
Budget & Finance Officer – Seth Murdoch

Lee Armour, Centralina Council of Governments appeared before the Board with a request to adopt a resolution to participate in the area wide housing opportunity plan. Mr. Honeycutt moved that this resolution be accepted, seconded by Dr. Wear. Mr. Ligon opposed but the motion carried. (Attached)

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported his office had received \$650,954.43 in taxes during November from all sources.

Mr. Edwin Koontz, Social Services, reported that his appropriated budget is sufficient for operation at the present time but it should be checked again before the end of the fiscal year. Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Steele the following transfers for the Social Services Department were approved:

1. From account 6299, \$40,000, from account 6290, \$42,000 to account 6286
2. From account 6289, \$6,000 account 6291 \$6,000 to 6284

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Dr. Wear the following new personnel were approved.

Allan Gray McKinney – Hired 11/17/78  
Asst. Agricultural Ext. Agent  
Salary \$520.83 monthly

Jill Trawick Lomax – Hired 11/15/78  
Public Health Nurse  
Salary - \$791.00 monthly

The following refunds were approved upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt and seconded by Mr. Steele.

Harold Lee Coughenhour - \$17.50  
Henry Jenkins - \$3.00  
Robert Tysinger - \$25.00  
Lynn Dagenhart - \$20.55  
Kannapolis Service - \$5.00

Mr. Murdoch gave the following interest report for November:

General Fund	\$49,826.96
Revenue Sharing	3,435.98
Debt Service	285.67
Total	\$53,548.61

A memorandum from the County Manager concerning the Nursing Home Advisory Committee stated the following people have been nominated by the Nursing Home Administrators for appointment to this Committee:

Mr. John Irvin Steele  
Mr. Wayne C. Simpson  
Rev. Dale Pederson

It was suggested that two of the five appointees be women, a nurse and a social worker. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Koontz and Mr. Hawley, Mr. Steele moved, seconded Mr. Honeycutt and unanimously approved that Dorothy Ellis, Health Department Nurse and Bertha Russell, Social Services Department, Social Worker along with the three nominees from the Nursing Home Administrators were appointed to the Committee.

Dr. Wear requested that a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission be appointed to the Historical Properties Commission in order for the Commissioners to be better informed of the Kerr Mill Project. Dr. Wear moved, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt and unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Curtis Graham to serve as a liaison at this time until further information could be obtained from the Planning Board on the composition of the Historical Properties Commission.

James E. Haupt, Jr., Sheriff's Department presented a Federal Grant Application, third year continuation for the Juvenile Officer assigned our North Kannapolis Office. Upon a motion by Dr. Wear, seconded by Mr. Ligon the application for the \$3,600 federal funds and \$288 state funds was unanimously approved.

Dr. Wear made a motion, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt and unanimously approved the Kannapolis Sanitary District Annexation (attached)

Clarence Kluttz, County Attorney stated that at the last meeting a Cable Vision Ordinance and Vision Cable Franchise was adopted. The law requires a vote at two successive meetings. Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Dr. Wear and unanimously approved the Cable Vision Ordinance and Grant of Franchise to Vision Cable communications, Inc.

Larry Parrish, Director, Tri-County Mental Health, and Chip Bridges, Chairman, project committee, presented the Commissioners with a plan for a detoxification center. They requested that the Board of Commissioners construct the building or allocate \$73,000 per year to operate it. After much discussion the Commissioners decided to table the plans until the next budget hearing. Mr. Parrish requested \$1,000 for a site survey. Mr. Honeycutt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wear and approved that the \$1,000 come from their funds. If the decision is reached to accept the proposal the County would then reimburse the mental health the \$1,000. Hall Steele abstained.

A letter was received from George L. Reed, Harland, Bartholomew and Associates requesting a three month time extension until March 15, 1979 of their agreement with Rowan County for the Rowan County Transit Development Plan. This would allow time to complete remaining study activities. Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Dr. Wear. It was unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Steele, a proclamation for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of powered flight was approved.

Mr. Honeycutt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Steele and unanimously approved an additional \$2,000 request for a loan from the Farmers Home Administration for the Miller Ferry Fire Department. The board had previously approved \$30,000 from Farmers Home Administration in November, 1977.

Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Dr. Wear and unanimously approved the continuation of a lease agreement with Home Oil and Coal in the amount of .