

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 2, 1979

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 Paul Smith, Hall Steele, Rufus Honeycutt, Bradford Ligon and John Wear, MD.

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

Dr. Wear moved to approve the December 4, 1978 minutes upon corrections with a second from Hall Steele. These errors have been duly noted and corrected.

Mr. Honeycutt recommended that County Department heads meet with the personnel committee at least once a month. This would promote better communication and understanding among department workers.

A letter was received from A.T. Harris Executive Director, Salisbury Rowan Community Service council, Inc. requesting the use of the remaining funds in the Title VII Nutrition Program for Title III Transportation for the elderly. Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Ligon, \$1,172 was unanimously approved for Title III.

A letter was received from Joe Hudson, Chairman, Centralina Council of Governments stating as of December 19, 1978 forty three of the fifty nine local governments in our region have adopted resolutions in support of the Housing Opportunity Plan. These local governments represent 98% of the population of our region.

Two letters were received from Sandra Babb, Director, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Grants concerning project applications for a shelter, basketball court and playground for Ellis Park in the amount of \$20,600 and an amphitheater for Dan Nicholas Park at \$33,432. At this time they were unable to recommend the approval of the projects for funding. Consideration will be made at the review meeting in March.

The following road petition was unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Ligon, seconded by Mr. Steele. An addition of .70 miles in the Spencer Forest Subdivision.

The following school transfers were unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Dr. Wear.

- 1- \$4,000 from 8020199-541 to 8930199-551
- 2- \$6,642.23 from 2229000001 to 3351250000.

Mr. Honeycutt stated there was a definite problem with dogs and cats in the County. Clarence Kluttz, County Attorney, read the dog ordinance to the Board and Mr. Honeycutt requested copies of this ordinance be sent to members of the Sheriff's department. He recommended the ordinance be strictly enforced.

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported \$3,350,342.54 taxes collected for the month of December 1978.

John Ramsey, Architect, presented redesigned plans for the remodeling of the Courthouse. Mr. Honeycutt stated it was a good plan and within the budget. He moved that the Courthouse plans be accepted and to proceed to advertise for bids. Dr. Wear seconded and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting with Commissioners from Davie and Davidson counties will be held on Friday, January 5th at the Country Club.

Mr. Bill Murdoch along with Mr. Richard Brownell of Rowan Technical Institute met before the Commissioners with a proposal to extend the service road from Klumac Road to Julian Road. This extension would be 2/10 of a mile at an estimated cost of \$40,000. Dr. Wear moved to accept this proposal if funds were available in Secondary Road Funds or other state sources. Hall Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Steele read a resolution stating the Board of Commissioners of Rowan County opposed the change of the name of Rowan Technical Institute to Rowan Technical College or a similar name. Mr. Steele moved to accept this resolution, seconded by Mr. Ligon. Chairman Smith, Mr. Ligon and Mr. Steele voted in favor, Dr. Wear and Mr. Honeycutt voted against.

Mr. Leo Wallace met with the board to discuss the need to widen Highway 70 west from the stoplight at Woodleaf Road to the entrance to the Mid-Carolina Mall because of the traffic congestion in that area. The Board agreed with Mr. Wallace and Chairman Smith's request that Mr. Honeycutt contact Mr. Gallaher, Department Transportation for a study of this traffic situation.

Rob Corbo of the Rowan County Planning Board and Harold Watson, Sanitation Department presented the Board of Commissioners with a new plan for garbage container sites. This new plan would provide four, 40 cubic containers on

County owned property off Julian Road across from the fairgrounds. The new containers will cost from \$2,100 to \$2,400 each and the total cost of the site was estimated to be about \$30,000. Mr. Steele stated we needed to maintain the amount of service we are rendering along with improvements. Mr. Honeycutt moved the monies come from Revenue Sharing funds already allocated for expansion of the Clerk of Courts office but will not be used this year. Dr. Wear seconded and it was unanimously approved.

Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor reported 1978-79 valuation as of November 22, 1978.

Real Property	\$644,458,436
Personal Property	500,209,401
Utilities	<u>157,069,219</u>
Total	1,301,737,056
1978-79 Valuation	1,301,737,056
1977-78 Valuation	<u>1,224,203,223</u>
Total	77,533,833
1978-79 Valuation	1,301,737,056
1978-79 Budget Valuation	<u>1,220,000,000</u>
Gain over 1977-78	81,737,056
Total Gain Over Budget	81,737,056
Tax Rate	<u>0.54</u>
Total Dollars Over Budget	\$441,380.10

Mr. Peeler and Jim Sides discussed cost estimates for revaluation. The following estimates had been received:

TMA	786,980
Assoc. Survey	778,000
W.P. Farris	450,000

Chairman Smith recommended that Mr. Peeler, Mr. Sides and Mr. Farris meet together and the information received would be brought back before the Board.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Dr. Wear and unanimously approved board appointments for a three year term as follows:

Library Board	Mrs. Tom Porter
	Mr. Charles H. Harris, Jr.

Parks & Recreation	Mr. W.S. Hall, Jr. Mr. E.L. Setzer Mrs. Murtis Nicholas Mr. Fred Ponder
Airport Board	Mr. John Frazier, Jr. Mr. Ben Kistler Mrs. Dianne Greene Mr. Bob Mauldin
Historic Properties	Mrs. Clayton Davis Mrs. Ida Duncan Mr. Curtis Graham
Good Neighbor Council	Mrs. Lou Clement
Salisbury Planning	Mr. George Rusher III
Rowan Co. Planning	Mr. David Roberts Mr. Jack Ramsey, Jr.
Salisbury ZBA	Dr. Sanford Silverburg (Primary) Mr. Charles Shuping (Alternate)
Board of Health	Mrs. W.L. Fink Dr. Steve Thurston Mr. D.A. Thompson

Julius Wagoner, Chairman of the Rowan County Housing Authority and Sandra Bradfield of Bradfield and Associates asked the Board's approval on a resolution to apply for funds for 100 low cost housing units which are needed and would require at least two years to get constructed if funds were approved by HUD. Mrs. Bradfield stated there would be obligation to the County. A motion was made Commissioner Steele to approve the proposal but there was no second to the motion.

Charles Coughenour, local citizen met before the Board to protest the service he was receiving from the Sheriff's Department concerning the vandalism of his property. Chairman Smith asked Commissioner Steele as a member of the Sheriff's Committee if he would discuss this problem with Sheriff John Stirewalt.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Ligon the following new personnel was approved:

Joseph R. Allen – Deputy Sheriff

Hired 12/14/78
Salary \$737/monthly

A request to appropriate \$23,334.40 for Mrs. Ruby Lentz's retirement at the Health Department for prior service in Chowan and Iredell Counties was denied by a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Ligon. The decision was based on the denial of similar request they had received in the past few years.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ligon, seconded by Commissioner Steele, the following refund was approved:

Robert Corriher - \$5.00

The County Manager reported on the sale of three 1978 Ford cars from the Sheriff's Department. The bids were Campbell's Body Shop, \$2,400, Joe chambers, \$3,750, Grant Robertson, \$4,200. The bid was awarded to Grant Robertson at \$4,200 and was unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Ligon.

A motion was made by Mr. Ligon, seconded by Mr. Steele to accept the bid on two Emergency Generators from RCA for \$6,317. This is an LEAA grant with only 5% of the total cost to the County.

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

General Fund	\$62,806.73
Debt Service	285.67
Revenue Sharing	<u>4,416.38</u>
Total	\$67,508.78

A letter was received from Percy Smith requesting a renewal of his lease from January 15, 1979 to January 15, 1980 at \$300 per month. Mr. Ligon moved the lease be renewed, seconded by Mr. Steele and unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Commissioner Ligon, Mr. J.C. Stirewalt's request to lease forty four acres at \$10 an acre behind the County Home for Agriculture purposes was unanimously approved.

Mr. Murdoch presented a revised pay plan for County Employees as a result of the minimum wage going to \$2.90 an hour on January 1, 1979. This would affect twenty one low paid personnel at a cost of \$4,000 for a six month period. Upon a motion by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Ligon, this pay plan was unanimously approved with the money to come from account 4528.

The Budget amendment for CETA funds was unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Ligon (Attached).

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Ligon a bid from Jim L. Bost Construction Company for the removal of the old bus station at a cost of \$4,500 to come from the contingency fund, was unanimously approved.

Chairman Smith said he had appointed a Blue Ribbon Committee to conduct a study of the County Departments and make recommendations as to improvements of service and consolidation of efforts in order to better serve the citizens of the county.

The members are:

Eugene McCombs-chairman
Mrs. Marjorie DeBerry
Rowe McNeely
Bob Mauldin
Jessie Carson

Chairman Smith acknowledged the possibility of hiring an assistant manager for Mr. Murdoch. He asked the commissioners for further discussion on this at the next meeting.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret B. Olsen, Clerk
Rowan County Board of Commissioners