

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 1979

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in an Adjourned Session in the Community Building, Salisbury, North Carolina at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Chairman Paul Smith, Dr. John Wear, and Bradford Ligon.

The following members of the Department of Transportation were present: John Gallaher, Ken Horton, Division Engineer, Wade Hoke, Assistant Division Engineer, Don Rentz, District Engineer, Don Honeycutt, Assistant District Engineer, Charles Kluttz, Road Maintenance Supervisor, Ken Rusher, Area maintenance supervisor, Glenn Orrell, Engineer technician.

Chairman Smith called the public hearing on secondary road funds to order and welcomed those attending.

Mr. John Gallaher addressed the public explaining how the secondary road system works, how the money is allocated to the counties and then how its use for the County is determined. He stated there were 226 miles of unpaved roads in Rowan County. He explained the priority rating system for roads that are already on the state system.

Mr. Horton presented the Proposed Secondary Road Program for 1979 for Rowan County. (Attached) He also read the resolution adopted October 13, 1978.

The following people spoke at the public hearing:

James E. Helms – resident on Agner Road at Shore Acres. He asked why the state would not pave his road. Mr. Horton explained the policy of the Department of Transportation that roads would only be paved in subdivisions by property owners participation. This would be left up to the developer or the homeowner at the cost of \$2.00 per front foot with the state paying the remainder of the cost.

Jack Ramsey- Anchor Downs- he asked if the state would widen Long Ferry Road to Anchor Downs approximately two feet. The road at the present time is dangerously narrow.

Hal Brandon- Resident on Long Ferry Road – He stated that he did not wish to see the state widen this road if the present homeowners would lose the front of their property.

Gentleman – resident on Lakeview Road- He requested that Granite dust be put on this road. Complaints were that after the road was scraped there were pot holes, clogged drain ditches, cement driveways cracking and lowering of the ground. He inquired about the cost to the property owner if they decided to pave the road. The cost would be \$2.00 per front foot. This would cover grading, draining and asphalt.

Neely Moore – Rt. 1 Cleveland- He stated the traffic count on his road had been taken incorrectly. The counter only stayed a few hours and left. He stated that a better way should be devised to determine priority on roads to be paved.

Dr. Wear asked about his request made to the Department of Transportation for the Spar Top size ABC aggregate stone to be used on the roads in the eastern part of the county. Mr. Horton stated that the rock was already being used on the roads as had been requested.

Chairman Smith – He asked why the adjacent county was allocated 40% more money for roads than Rowan County. Mr. Gallaher stated the percentage was based not on the population of the counties but the number of unpaved roads.

Mr. Gallaher said there was an estimate made on the cost of widening Old Concord Road but this was underestimated at the additional cost of \$90,000. This is to remove the existing poles along this road.

As there were no further comments the public hearing was closed. Chairman Smith informed the Department of Transportation Representatives that the Commissioners would take action on their Secondary Road Proposals at the March 5, 1979 meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret B. Olsen, Clerk
Board of Rowan County Commissioners