

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED MEETINGS
MAY 21, 22,23 & 28, 1979

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Sessions in the Community Building, Salisbury, NC at 7:30 p.m. on May 21, 22, 23rd and at 8:00 on May 28, 1979.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order for the purpose of holding Budget Hearings for the 1979-80 budget.

The following members were present at the May 21st meeting: Chairman Paul Smith, Hall Steele, Rufus Honeycutt, Brad Ligon and John Wear, MD.

The following budgets were heard:

Rowan County Schools	Wade Mobley David Knox Frank Patterson Carl Eagle Melvin Morgan Charles Fleming Curtis Rogers Tommy Menius
Salisbury City Schools	Bob Carmichael Sonny Allen Marcus Smith Bob Loeblein Reid Leonard John Patterson
Rowan Technical Institute	Bill Murdoch Ron Bostian Joe Rutledge

Upon a motion by Commissioner Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Steele, an approval to sign the IBM Lease Purchase Plan for the tabulating department was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Dr. Wear, seconded by Commissioner Honeycutt to approve the 1979-80 Rowan Technical Institute budget. The motion was approved four to one with Mr. Steele voting nay.

The following Commissioners were present for the May 22, 1979 budget hearings: Chairman Paul Smith, Rufus Honeycutt, Hall Steele, Brad Ligon and John Wear, MD.

The following departments were heard:

Rowan Public Library	Phil Barton Charles Montouri
Rowan Planning Board	Ray Hayworth Ray Karriker

Commissioner Honeycutt moved, seconded by Commissioner Steele requesting funds to be set aside in contingencies for an assistant county manager.

The Board then began a general review of the Proposed 1979-80 budget.

A letter was received from Mayor John H. Seaford, Jr. of Granite Quarry requesting the Rowan County Building Inspection Department to assume duties for the Town of Granite Quarry as of July 1, 1979. Upon a motion by Commissioner Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Steele the request was unanimously approved.

The following Commissioners were present for the May 23, 1979 budget hearing. Chairman Smith, Rufus Honeycutt, Brad Ligon and John Wear, MD.

Mr. Harold Caudill, Agricultural Extension Office appeared before the Board to introduce and get approved an Assistant Extension Agent, Darrell Blackwelder, to replace Alan G. McKinney. Upon a motion by Dr. Wear, seconded by Commissioner Honeycutt this request was unanimously approved.

Dr. Wear moved, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt to delete from the Sheriff's budget two new officers. The Board agreed to give financial support to the three officers who are presently working in Faith, Granite Quarry and Cleveland.

A motion was made by Dr. Wear, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt for a change of titles in the Tax Supervisor's Office. John Smith, appraiser to assistant tax supervisor at \$14,450 and Joe Williams, appraiser to senior appraiser at \$13,776.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Commissioners the contract with Bill Ferris is being held up waiting on the bond to come in.

Revenue Sharing expenses were set up as follows:

Schools	\$210,000
Sanitation	\$120,000
General Fund	\$180,469
Post Office	\$67,500
Sanitation Dept.	\$115,000
Fire Marshal	\$7,151
Community Bldg.	\$15,000
Custodian	\$4,900
Donnelly Home	\$2,500
Kerr Mill	\$8,000
Dan Nicholas	\$31,200
Rescue Squad	\$20,000
Contingencies	<u>\$30,000</u>
Total	\$811,710

Mr. Honeycutt read a resolution setting the monthly supplement payments to the Fire Departments within Rowan County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

That the supplement of \$150.00 per month now being paid to each "Fire District" be adjusted and this same \$150 per month be paid by the County of Rowan to each "Fire Station."

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Dr. Wear, the Resolution was unanimously approved effective July 1, 1979.

The public hearings for adoption of the budget was set for June 25, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

The new prepayment tax rate will be set on June 4, 1979.

The Rowan county school budget was reduced by \$435,000 and a letter of intent was given for \$150,000 to be used for the East Rowan Sewer System. This money would come out of the 1980-81 Rowan county budget.

The following members were present at the May 28 meeting: Chairman Paul Smith, Rufus Honeycutt, Hall Steele, Brad Ligon and John Wear MD.

The following transfer were unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Steele. (Attached)

Edwin Koontz, Social Services Director, along with Hall Steele and the County Manager will go to Raleigh on the 29th of May to talk with the legislators concerning the addition of 5.9% to this year's Social Service Medicaid budget.

Mr. Norman Frick of Fricks Furniture appeared before the Board with several comments concerning the 1979-80 budget. He stated he would like to see the Commissioners do away with programs that are funded by the Federal Government. He stated the public should be informed that certain county agency budgets are not controlled by the County Commissioners.

Mrs. Helen Murray also voiced her comments before the Board as to doing away with agencies and programs that were expensive and wasteful to the County.

A motion was brought before the Board by Mr. Honeycutt to accept the proposed 1979-80 budget as it stands and raise the tax .01 cent. It was seconded by Mr. Steele. This motion was defeated three to two. Mr. Honeycutt and Mr. Steele voted for the motion. The Chairman asked if any Commissioner had an alternate solution.

Mr. Ligon made a motion to eliminate the travel for the Commissioners in the amount of \$3,000. It was seconded by Hall Steele. Chairman Smith stated that the Commissioners had a right to use this travel money at the discretion and after much discussion a vote was taken with three Commissioners voting no and two voting yes.

Dr. moved that the proposed 1979-80 budget approved with a one cent increase in the tax rate. Mr. Honeycutt seconded. The vote was four for and one against with Mr. Ligon casting the negative vote.

As there was not further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret B. Olsen, Clerk
Rowan County Board of Commissioners