

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 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 Smith, Rufus Honeycutt, Hall Steele, Brad Ligon and John Wear, MD. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order and Commissioner Honeycutt led in prayer.

The minutes of June 25 on page 2 should read: "There was \$20,000 for merit raises and overtime in all departments not just one department." "The eligibility specialist at Social Services are CETA workers who are already on the payroll." "These would not be new employees hired by the County." Mr. Honeycutt moved to approve the June 4 and 25, 1979 minutes upon corrections with a second from Mr. Steele. These errors have been duly noted and corrected.

Chairman Smith suggested that the Commissioners consider meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in each month. This would result in shorter meetings. Mr. Ligon asked the Commissioners to consider meeting in the evenings and asked that the Agenda be mailed out at last seven days before the meeting. The citizens would then have the opportunity to attend the meetings. Dr. Wear stated there was a motion approved previously to send all grants out at least seven days before the meeting so there would be ample time for reviewing before the Board met. No action was taken on this suggestion.

A letter was received on behalf of the Larry W. Hayes family to Robert C. Gunn, Fire Marshall expressing their appreciation for his time and effort in locating the body of Larry W. Hayes during the weekend of June 15-18.

A letter was received from Bob Melton, General Manager, Vision Cable enclosing the second quarterly progress report for Rowan and Cabarrus Counties. Construction effort is centered in the Concord/Kannapolis area of Cabarrus County and in the North Kannapolis, Enochville, Landis and China Grove area of South Rowan. These areas will be served from the same tower and earth station facility as Cabarrus.

A letter was received from Betty Jean Bostian requesting permission to apply for a license to operate a massage parlor which would be located in a building on Highway 29 next door to the Yadkin Package Store. Mr. Honeycutt reminded Mrs. Bostian that previously they had been operating a massage parlor without a license and had knowingly violated the county ordinance. County attorney, Clarence

Kluttz stated that it was permissible under the law for the Bostians to apply for a license. Commissioner Ligon moved, seconded by Dr. Wear to approve authorization to apply for a license.

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector reported tax collections for June, 1979 were \$851,876.72.

A letter was received from Reginald Massey, Mayor Town of East Spencer requesting authorization from Rowan County Commissioners to let Ted Boykin serve as a temporary Building Inspector until this position could be filled. Commissioner Honeycutt moved, seconded by Commissioner Steele to grant this request.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Ligon, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt the following road petition was unanimously approved. The maintenance of 4/10 mile of farm road with access to Parks Road.

Mr. Charles Page appeared before the Board to give Commissioners a summary of consolidation of Rowan County Aging programs. Two provisions have been agreed upon:

1. There shall be one contract between COG and a lead agency in Rowan County.
2. There shall be joint planning in regard to staffing and budget formation.

There are three alternatives which are acceptable:

1. Centralina could contract with Rowan County directly to provide services through a county department or office on aging.
2. Centralina could contract directly with one of the existing contractors who could provide an umbrella office on again.

Commissioner Honeycutt moved, seconded by Dr. Wear and unanimously approved the consolidation of programs for the Aged with the Salisbury-Rowan Community Service Council contracting with COG.

Danny Johnson, Planning Staff, presented a proposed amendment of the Rowan County Transit Development Plan to the commissioners. The proposed plan had been received by the Commissioners and is presently under consideration for adoption. The plan is to be amended to designate an agency or an individual of an agency to have the title of transportation coordinator who will be responsible for planning, implementation, and coordinator activities of the Transit Development Plan. Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt and unanimously approved the first two pages of the amendment for inclusion in the overall plan.

Jim Foltz, Parks Director, Dan Nicholas Park gave a report of 1978-79 fiscal year revenue from the park. Mr. Foltz commended Chairman Smith and Dr. Wear on the excellent job he is doing as Director of Dan Nicholas Park.

The following transfers were unanimously approved by a motion from Dr. Wear, seconded by Mr. Ligon. (attached)

Upon a motion by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Dr. Wear, the following new personnel were unanimously approved.

Clara S. McKenzie  
Park Secretary  
Hired 6/18/79  
Salary \$3.09/hour

Lois B. Teeter  
Social Services Clerk Typist III  
Hired 6/18/79  
Salary \$602/month

Darrell E. Blackwelder  
Asst. Agriculture Extension Agent  
Hired 6/1/79  
Salary \$500/month

Melvin Fisher  
Truck Driver  
Hired 6/11/79  
Salary \$609/month

Abbie Sue Holt  
Eligibility Specialist I  
Hired 6/4/79  
Salary \$756/month

Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Dr. Wear to approve and adopt the second reading of the C&M Ambulance franchise ordinance.

Upon a motion by Dr. Wear, seconded by Commissioner Steele and unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. David Skowronek to replace Mr. Jerome Davis on the Emergency Medical Service Advisory Council and the re-appointment of Rufus Honeycutt.

A letter from Carl Sloop requesting the recommendation of J.E. Fisher, Jr., as a replacement on the Parks & Recreation Commission. Mr. Ligon moved, seconded by Dr. Wear and unanimously approved J.E. Fisher Jr.'s appointment to the commission.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Steele, the following re-appointments to the Board of Adjustment and Planning Board for the Town of Spencer were unanimously approved: Clyde Miller, Walter Goodlet, Albert S. Stout, W.L. Noles.

An appointment to the Rowan Technical Board will be necessary to replace Mrs. James F. Kesler whose term will expire on July 1, 1979. Dr. Wear asked that he put on the Rowan Technical Board as a full member in order to participate. Commissioner Honeycutt moved that the request be tabled until our County Attorney could check on the legality of the request.

Commissioner Ligon and Commissioner Steele met with John Ramsey, Architect to renegotiate a fair amount of pay for services rendered on the Courthouse renovation. A motion was made by Commissioner Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Steele to pay Mr. Ramsey half of his additional request of \$12,375 for a total of \$17,687.50. The vote was four to one.

Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Ligon to apply for a grant for an ambulance through the Governor Highway Safety Program. The State would finance half of the cost and the remainder would come from revenue sharing. This would help provide two additional ambulance stations, one in West Rowan and one in East Rowan. (Attached)

Upon a motion by Commissioner Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Steele and unanimously approved the low bid from Sanco on the lease purchase of \$2,085.89 a month for 30 months for a roll-off truck for the sanitation department. Mr. Honeycutt moved to purchase the roll-off truck and table the front-end loader until the next meeting. It was seconded by Dr. Wear and unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Honeycutt, seconded by Dr. Wear, the County Manager was authorized to put out for bids eight paddle boats at Dan Nicholas Park and a mule barn located at the old county home.

A motion was made by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Dr. Wear and unanimously approved Chairman Smith's authorization to sign the purchase agreement with the US Postal Service for the purchase by Rowan County of the Old Post Office building located at 130 W. Innes Street subject to title examination by the County Attorney.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, Community Based Alternative funds in the amount of \$7,956.97 each were unanimously approved for West Rowan Jr. High and North Rowan Middle in-school suspension programs for 1979-80.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Dr. Wear a contract to audit account for 1978-79 with Sherrill and Smith was approved in the amount of \$24,155 plus \$750 for revenue sharing compliance audit.

Dr. Wear read a letter to be sent by the Commissioners to Mr. J.F. Hurley III, Publisher of the Salisbury Evening Post commending Homer Lucas for the outstanding job he had done in reporting the County Commissioner Meetings. (Attached)

City and County Commissioners will be host to the Centralina Council of Governments Dinner Meeting at the Holiday Inn at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, 1979.

Chairman Smith asked the County Manager to request by invitation Congressman Bill Hefner's attendance at the August meeting to present the key to the Post Office to the Commissioners.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret B. Olsen, Clerk  
Rowan County Board of Commissioners