

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 17, 1979

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building, Salisbury, NC at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Chairman Smith, Hall Steele, Rufus Honeycutt, Brad Ligon and John Wear, MD.

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

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector extended an invitation to all the Commissioners to attend the District Tax Collector's meeting held on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Wallace Room at the Holiday Inn.

A letter was received from Governor Hunt's office concerning seven hearings, sponsored by the State Goals and Policy Board. The closest regional hearings for the Commissioners to attend will be held on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at Shady Brook Elementary School in High Point and Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Elmer H. Garringer Senior High School in Charlotte, NC. Enclosed were "Topics for Discussion" which contained a brief summary of the issues to be discussed and the Board's proposed recommendation.

The second reading of the Building Inspection Ordinance Amendment was approved by a motion from Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Ligon and unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ligon, seconded by Dr. Wear, Mr. John Misenheimer's request for a right-of-way off Airport Road in order to construct a driveway was unanimously approved.

Mr. Herbert Hawley presented Mrs. Evelyn Schaefer, the new Nursing Director to the Board giving a brief summary of her education and experience. Under Mrs. Schaefer's direction a reorganization of the nursing program has been recommended.

Chairman Smith had previously requested that Mr. Honeycutt and Mr. Hawley meet with the nursing staff to discuss any problems and issues at hand. Careful review had disclosed lack of communication between Supervisory and staff personnel. Some useful ideas and suggestions were presented to the Health Board.

Mrs. Schaefer stated she would like adequate time for observations and study before making any final decisions.

Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor presented the Board with the 1979-80 valuations as of September 17, 1979. (Attached) He reported on the revaluation with a tax map of property. Records are being changed and information as to house measurements, when the house was built, how many rooms, what kind of heat, sale price of land are being put on computer cards.

Dr. Wear moved, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt and unanimously approved three refunds from the Tax Supervisors office.

Mrs. Rena E. Deal - \$41.25

Elizabeth C. Stahlman - \$30.64 qualified for elderly exemption but did not apply in January.

Dr. Jay Smith - \$32.88 overcharge taxes on Cadillac.

Mr. Peeler requested news media to inform the public that beginning next year, April 15<sup>th</sup> will be the cut-off date for the elderly to apply for the Elderly Exemption.

The County manager reported on the sale of four 1978 autos for the Sheriff's Department. He asked if he could re-advertise as there was only one bid on the previous advertisement. Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Steele and unanimously approved this request.

Upon a motion by Dr. Wear, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, authorization was given to sign the contract with Bob Stone, Architect for the new additions at Dan Nicholas Park. The fund for the concession stand will come from revenue sharing and both local and federal funds will provide the amphitheater.

A check in the amount of \$1,055.72 to be used for recreational equipment at Ellis Park was presented to the Board on behalf of the concerned citizens at Ellis.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Ligon, a resolution paying tribute to the late H.A. Thompson was unanimously approved. (Attached)

The County Manager reminded the Commissioners of the need to designate an architect for the work of isolating the postal department at the Old Post Office. The estimated cost of this project is \$30,000. Chairman Smith recommended Doug Tennant, who had worked previously for County. Mr. Honeycutt requested an opportunity to confer with Mr. Tennant before any decision is made. Chairman Smith withdrew his recommendation and acknowledged Mr. Honeycutt's request.

The County Manager asked that two Ceta employees be put on the County payroll.

Richard Loman, Assistant Custodian. The amount of \$7,143.15 would be needed until the end of the year. Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Dr. Wear and unanimously approved this request.

James Helms, Building Inspector \$7,296 and \$1600 for travel, total \$8,896. A motion was made by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Steele to approve this request with funds from Account 4591.

Phil Barton, Library Director and Tom Caddell, member of the Library Board appeared before the Board in regards to the building in Landis to be donated by Linn-Corriher for a branch library. Mr. Honeycutt stated he was concerned over the parking and safety at this location. He would also like to see some response from the Community as far as donations and public interest. Mr. Steele would like to see a combination of this library with a school library in order to save on utilities and maintenance.

The original cost estimate for renovation was \$112,000 and had been excluded from the budget. Dr. Wear and Brad Ligon requested some realistic figures be brought before the Board before any financial commitment is made. Mr. Honeycutt moved that a building budget along with an operations budget be brought before the Board. This motion was seconded by Mr. Steele and unanimously approved.

A written request was received from Sheriff Stirewalt for two additional parking spaces for his department. This request was tabled from the previous meeting of August 6, 1979 until Chairman Smith and Mr. Steele had the opportunity to review the situation. Upon a motion by Mr. Ligon, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, the vote was four to one to grant the request with Dr. Wear opposing the request.

The minutes of September 4, 1979 on page 4 should read Eloise Teeter instead of Evelyn Teeter, Lewis Hamlin instead of Lewis Harlin. On page 5 Mr. Honeycutt requested the Health Department, Social Services and Mental Health Department Heads be asked to attend the conference on coordinating human services through case management.

Mr. Honeycutt moved, to approve the minutes of September 4, 1979 upon corrections with a second from Dr. Wear. These errors have been duly noted and corrected.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret B. Olsen, Clerk  
Rowan County Board of Commissioners