

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
OCTOBER 1, 1979

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building, Salisbury, N.C. at 1:00 p.m. The following members were present: Chairman Paul Smith, Hall Steele, Rufus Honeycutt, Brad Ligon and John Wear, MD.

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

Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Steele to approve the minutes of September 17, 1979 after an error was duly noted and corrected on Page 4. It was to read Dr. Wear instead of Dr. West.

Dr. Wear moved, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt to accept the monthly reports as information.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, the Proclamation of National Business Women's Week being October 21-27 was unanimously approved.

Chairman Smith asked the Commissioners to try to attend one of the two hearings in this area sponsored by the state goals and policy board.

A letter was received from Bert Hawley, Health Department Director requesting two half-time general clinic nurses be permitted to work full time for the month of October. Changes in the state law mandate that proof of immunization in all grades be on school records within thirty days. The general clinic has been swamped with students to be immunized and these nurses working full time would greatly alleviate the situation. Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Dr. Wear the request was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Peggy Penley, Advisor, West Rowan High School requested fireworks to be used at half-time at their homecoming football game on October 5, 1979. This request was unanimously approved by a motion from Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Steele.

A progress report from Bob Melton, General Manager of Vision Cable was received by the Board as information.

The County Manager reported to the Board the approval of \$10,704 from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Grant for Ellis Park. A request was made for the Commissioners to attend the Tree Planting on Governor's Row at Dan Nicholas Park on October 14, 1979 at 3:00 p.m.

A letter from Secretary Tom Bradshaw requesting help and cooperation on a pilot program conducted by the Department of Transportation during the week of October 15th through the 20th for a litter clean up campaign in partnership with city and county government and other state agencies. Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Steele to turn this project over to the Salisbury-Rowan Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee.

A letter was received from Ernie Cowan, Chairman Holiday Caravan acknowledging the Commissioners participation in the 1979 Holiday Caravan on Wednesday, November 21, 1979.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ligon, seconded by Mr. Steele, \$3,500 of Secondary Road Funds were approved for the addition of Stoltz Road to the Secondary Road System. \$1,000 of the Secondary Road funds were approved for 850 square feet of driveway entrance at the Enochville Volunteer Fire Department.

Upon a motion by Dr. Wear, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, the following new personnel were unanimously approved:

John W. Hamitt
Deputy Sheriff
Hired 8/27/79
Salary \$702/month

Harrell Ray Stillwell
Janitor
Hired 8/20/79
Salary \$527/month

Jeffrey Lee Williams
Deputy Sheriff
Hired 9/3/79
Salary \$702/month

Zella Mae Miller
Maid
Hired 8/31/79
Salary \$3.04/hour

Doris C. Parker
Maid
Hired 9/10/79
Salary \$527/month

The County Manager reported the interest through September 10, 1979 as follows:

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| General | \$48,742.00 |
| Reappraisal | 7,846.56 |
| Kerr Mill | 295.64 |
| Revenue Sharing | 4,016.25 |
| Debt Service | <u>313.83</u> |
| Total | \$61,214.28 |

Mr. Steele moved, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt to rent thirty (30) acres of County land for one year to Jimmy Lee Deal for \$10.00 per acre.

Upon a motion by Dr. Wear, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, the public hearing date for the proposed flood damage prevention ordinance was unanimously approved November 5, 1979 at 1:30 p.m.

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector reported tax collections for September, 1979 were \$897,234.95.

Edwin Koontz, Social Services Director appeared before the Board to review the revised social services budget. Mr. Steele moved, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt to adopt the Proposed Revised Social services budget which has been reduced by \$33,332. (Attached)

Chairman Smith and Commissioner Steele commended Mr. Koontz on saving County money by emphasizing in-home services to prevent some people from needing skilled nursing care.

A letter was received from T.R. Boykin, Building Inspector requesting that car expense for his department be adjusted from \$200 per month to \$250 per month because of the increase in the cost of gasoline.

The County Manager suggested that other County employees who receive a travel allowance increase from 17cents a mile to 19 cents a mile. Dr. Wear moved, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt and unanimously approved Mr. Boykin's request along with a 19 cents a mile for other county employees who receive a travel allowance.

Before purchasing additional cars for Rowan County. Chairman Smith requested the Board to review a vehicle code book he received from COG using smaller cars.

Fannie Gobble, local resident appeared before the Board concerned over the young people who hang around the downtown area at night. She suggested a center “like an AFPX or a lodge” where they could gather instead. Commissioner Honeycutt suggested that Mrs. Gobble talk to Mrs. Jane Miller, COG representative who was present at the meeting about federal grants available for these programs.

Senator Jack Childers of Lexington met before the Board requesting an adoption of a proposed resolution in support of creating a central piedmont state park. He explained that a study commission had recommended the establishment of regional parks for the Triad and Central Piedmont area.

Commissioner Honeycutt moved that such a resolution be approved and Dr. Wear seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved. (Attached)

A motion was made by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Steele and unanimously approved to go into the Executive Session in order to discuss a law suit brought against Jailer Watson Allred, Sheriff John Stirewalt and Rowan County Terry Lee Waller.

The Chairman then concluded the Executive Session.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret B. Olsen, Clerk
Rowan County Board of Commissioners