

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 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 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. Ligon to approve the minutes of October 15, 1979.

An invitation was extended to the Commissioners to participate in the Southern Rowan Christmas Parade to be held on November 20, 1979 in China Grove at 4:00 p.m.

A letter was received from COG pertaining to the North Carolina Balanced Growth Policy. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 1979 at the Charlotte Education Center at 2:00 p.m. Three items should be reviewed prior to the meeting.

1. Balanced growth policy-where we are now.
2. Directions for application for growth center designation.
3. Proposed criteria to be used in designating communities as growth centers.

A letter was received from Governor Hunt's Office enclosing the criteria which has been adopted to be used in designating growth centers under N.C. Balanced Growth Policy. These criteria will be reviewed and updated annually allowing for changes.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Steele, the Resolution relating to the Annexation of Territories to Kannapolis Sanitary District was unanimously approved. (Attached)

A letter was received from James E. Gibson, Jr., on Federal Emergency Building Temperature Restrictions. The Energy Division is asking that each County and Municipality provide the personnel building inspectors to conduct the inspections. A fee of twenty dollars will be reimbursed to each local government

unit for inspections performed. The inspections would not exceed fifty in a six month period. The State Energy Division will provide the training for conducting inspections, and also schedule workshops for Building Owners and Managers. The following personnel are designated to perform inspections in assigned inspection districts: Craig Trexler, Dan Duganne, Marshall Washam.

A memorandum was received from E. T. Barnes, Health Benefit and Retirement Division, Raleigh, NC in reference to transfer of law enforcement officer memberships from the local governmental employees' retirement system to the law enforcement officers' benefit and retirement fund. The transfer requires that both the officer and the employer make the request and the employer pay in a lump sum the cost of the transfer. The names and information would be sent in and computed on an individual basis. The County manager will obtain cost figures for action by the Board at a later date.

A letter was received from Cherokee County Board of Commissioners requesting the adoption of a resolution supporting the small farmers. Cherokee County hopes to gain the similar support from all counties in North Carolina and deliver the resolutions to the Secretary of Agriculture, Bob Bergland. Chairman Smith requested the County Attorney look over the Resolution and put it on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ligon, seconded by Mr. Steele the following road petitions were unanimously approved. The addition of Floyd Street extension to the Secondary Road System. The abandonment of the following roads from the Secondary Road System:

1. .50 miles of Virgil Goodnight Road SR 1736 in Steele Township
2. .36 miles of Flint School Rd. SR 2161 in Morgan Township
3. .10 miles of Street in Yadkin SR 1938 in Salisbury Township.

Glenn Trexler, Tax collector reported tax collections for October 1979 were \$672,248.89.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Steele the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance public hearing meeting the requirements of the state legislation was postponed until the December meeting because of significant changes in the Ordinance.

Jim Brady appeared before the Board as a volunteer spokesman for the Council on Aging. He asked the Commissioners for form an "Emergency Reaction Framework" to provide immediate aid for those who cannot pay their oil and heating bills. He asked the Board to direct the staff to influence local oil jobbers to give credit to the elderly and disadvantaged and to give direct aid prior to the

planned state and federal relief. He said the State would give Rowan County about \$75,000 by December 1st, 1979 for aid. Since Mr. Brady was speaking for the volunteer group, County Attorney Clarence Kluttz said the law did not allow the County to give money to volunteer groups. Chairman Smith said that he would ask representatives of the various agencies to meet together with the president of the Rowan Oil Dealers Association and discuss the matter.

George Dickerson, Wildlife Commission, met before the Board to request a public hearing on spotlighting. Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Ligon that the County Manager write a letter to Mr. Don Curtis of the North Carolina Wildlife Commissioner requesting a public hearing in Rowan County on spotlighting in response to Mr. Dickerson's request.

A letter was received from Mr. Hawley, Health Department Director requesting the establishment of a new clerical receptionist position at the Health Department. Mr. Ligon moved, seconded by Mr. Steele to appoint someone as a temporary position until the next budget year.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ligon, seconded by Mr. Steele, the following new personnel were unanimously approved.

Robert Lee Brown
Janitor
Hired 10/1/79
Salary \$580/month

Lucretia H. Hamilton
Clerk Typist III Social Services
Hired 10/1/79
Salary \$630/month

Stephanie E. Bias
Social Worker I
Hired 10/1/79
Salary \$826/month

Janice P. Stiegmann
Social Services Clerk Typist III
Hired 10/2/79
Salary \$602/month

Robin Lea Snider
Social Services Clerk Typist III
Hired 10/1/79

Salary \$602/month

Delphia M. Langford
S.S. Eligibility Specialist I
Hired 10/1/79
Salary \$791/month

Mary A. Scott
S.S. Eligibility Specialist I
Hired 10/1/79
Salary \$791/month

Marianne S. Williams
SS Eligibility Specialist I
Hired 10/1/79
Salary \$791/month

William Mc. Hunt
Janitor
Hired 10/1/79
Salary \$580/month

Marian A. Johnson
Fire Marshall Office Clerk I
Hired 10/1/79
Salary \$527/month

De Lois Dawn Holshouser
Dental Assistant
Hired 10/22/79
Salary \$551/month

Brenda Jones Shoemaker
Health Department Clerk Typist II
Hired 10/1/79
Salary \$526/month

Gary Connor
Sanitation Technician
Hired 10/1/79
Salary \$826/month

Virginia Scott Saintsiny
Medical laboratory Technician

Hired 10/8/79
Salary \$691/month

Mary Sue Menius
Health Dept Clerk Typist III
Hired 10/1/79
Salary \$630/month

Richard C. Loman
Maint. Asst.
Hired 10/1/79
Salary \$774/month

The County Manager reported the interest received through October 31, 1979 as follows:

General Fund	\$73,348.48
Reappraisal	7,846.56
Kerr Mill	295.64
Revenue Sharing	4,829.35
Debt Service	<u>594.70</u>
Total	\$86,914.73

The following refunds were unanimously approved by a motion from Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Steele.

Building Inspector Office- William C. Holshouser-\$6.00-Individual decided no to build the garage storage bldg.

Tax Collector - \$46.18- overpayment of 1979 taxes for attached list.

Revco Discount Drug Center - \$5.00 beer license, \$25.00 wine license- unused licenses returned for refund.

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

Board of Elections: \$500 from new equipment to 3230. \$379.75 from 3251 to 3230.

Upon a motion by Dr. Wear, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, the Board unanimously approved the signing of the contract with Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service for the Ellis Park Project. The total project cost will be \$21,408.

Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Dr. Wear and unanimously approved the new parking ordinance that specifically designates which of the County's over 130 spaces are for visitors and which are to be used by various personnel. Vehicles found in violation of the Parking Ordinance will be first warned, ticketed and then towed away.

A letter was received from Bob Martin, an Administrative Assistant with the District Attorney's Office. He requested their office allocation be raised from two to five parking spaces. Commissioner Steele moved that the request be denied, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. After much discussion the motion to deny passed unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Dr. Wear, the bid for \$10,383 from Jim Bost Construction for construction of a 40-cubid yard solid waste container site on 8th street in North Kannapolis was unanimously approved. No other bids were submitted.

Dr. Wear moved, seconded by Mr. Steele and unanimously approved to readvertise for bids on the Sheriff's autos.

Upon a motion by Dr. Wear, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt and unanimously approved the reappointment of Rev. Ed Long to a four year term on the Tri-county mental health complex area board.

Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Steele and unanimously agreed to pay Clarence Klutz, County Attorney, \$1,782 for his work on the County's behalf in litigation involving Jim Stacy Racing, Inc. The county received \$3,875 as a result of the litigation.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Steele, the Commissioners unanimously agreed after a recommendation from the County Manager to pay John Ramsay 10 percent of the total cost for purchasing furniture for the new District Courtroom on the first floor of the courthouse.

Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Steele to renew the County's contract with the City to collect their property taxes for an additional five year period commencing January 1, 1980.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Dr. Wear and unanimously approved the County putting up for bids the audit contract for a period of three years. Only firms within Rowan County will be asked to bid. The Personnel Committee will be asked to interview and then make recommendations to the Board.

Representatives from David Griffith Associates and an Illinois firm will be asked to bring before the Board a proposal to help the County get more money in state and federal rent for local offices and services. Refunds are given from the state and federal government for providing office space and services for these agencies such as Department of Social Services. Mr. Griffith offered a contract for \$12,000 to work out a plan to get refunds on an equitable basis.

The Commissioners were informed of quite a few repairs needed at the county rest home. Mr. Steele moved, seconded by Dr. Wear to ask for an additional \$100 a month rent to compensate for some of the cost of repairs.

Mr. Honeycutt invited the Board and their wives to have a dinner at the Country Club on December 6, 1979 with the members of the Board of Aeronautical Council along with the County Airport Board. The Commissioners were asked to let Mr. Honeycutt know how many would attend at the next meeting.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Steele a Proclamation declaring the week of November 5-8, 1979 as Chamber of Commerce Week was unanimously approved to be signed by Chairman Smith.

The Airport Board is still in the process of interviewing operators for the Airport and will let the Commissioners know their recommendation at the November 19, 1979 meeting.

Mr. Ligon brought before the Board numerous complaints local citizens and parents had concerning the selling of products in the schools. The schools were rewarding the students of high sales with time out from school. Parents felt this time should be spent in studies, not in promotion of sales outside the school.

Larry Parrish, Tri-County Mental Health Director appeared before the Board to introduce Bill Weant to the Board who is an alcoholism education consultant for Tri-County. He has been named outstanding new professionals in the field of alcoholism in North Carolina. The major criteria for the award is that of proven accomplishments and contributions in the field of alcoholism. The commissioners congratulated Mr. Weant on his outstanding accomplishments.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret B. Ireland, Clerk
Rowan County Board of Commissioners