

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEEITNG
NOVEMBER 19, 1979

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building, Salisbury, North Carolina at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Chairman Paul Smith, Hall Steele, Brad Ligon and John Wear, M.D.

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

Dr. Wear moved, seconded by Mr. Steele to approve the minutes of November 5, 1979.

David Mazo of David Griffith and Associates, a national accounting firm gave a presentation to the Commissioners on a Cost Allocation Plan.

Mr. Mazo said the federal government had regulations to reimburse counties for providing overhead services and space for programs such as social services, health and CETA. The county should be able to recover \$1,000 per every 1,000 residents in reimbursements from state and federal government. The county would pay the firm on a contingent fee basis. The maximum fee would be \$12,000. Dr. Wear requested the County Manager study the plan and talk to officials in other counties that have used the services. It was agreed that the matter be tabled until all the Commissioners could be present.

Jim Foltz, Park Director presented the Board with the bids on the expansion of the concession stand. The construction would include installing a heating and air-conditioning system, expanding floor space for concessions and providing storage. \$22,000 had been budgeted for this project. Dr. Wear moved, seconded by Mr. Ligon to accept the low bid from Kannapolis construction at \$34,826 along with an additional allocation of \$15,000 from revenue sharing to cover construction cost and the architect's fee. The other bids were Morgan-Kern Contractors, \$37,600 and J.H. Wilson and sons, \$38,300. Mr. Foltz presented the Board with a statement of gross profit on concessions, campground store and the nature center gift shop for the year ending June 30, 1978.

A public hearing on the closing of Doris Drive was held. There was no opposition. Upon a motion by Dr. Wear, seconded by Mr. Ligon the resolution to close Doris Drive was unanimously approved. (attached)

Gary Rhodes, Ann Medlin and Naomi Bernhardt, Rowan County Association for Retarded Citizens requested the Commissioner to create a recreational staff position for a person to organize activities at area facilities for handicapped children and adults. Pat West who works as a maintenance worker at the Park at the present time had worked as a recreational coordinator for the retarded until his CETA position expired. Chairman Smith suggested to the Board that Mr. West resume activities as a coordinator two thirds of the time and continue his maintenance work during the remainder. Mr. Steele requested action be delayed until a suitable salary could be determined by the County Manager. The committee would be notified by the County Manager if they needed to attend the next meeting.

Mrs. Fannie Gobble appeared before the Board and spoke at length about young people's need for organized activity and a place to go. She requested that the County apply for a grant to organize a youth council in this area. Chairman Smith asked Mrs. Gobble to invite a professional person to come and discuss the youth council with the Board.

Mr. Jack Morgan, Administrator of the Kannapolis Rest Home presented the Commissioners with a proposal regarding the Rowan County Home. He would be willing to operate it under certain conditions. The Commissioners would paint the Home inside and out and the rent would remain at \$300 a month. The Board had previously approved \$3,000 in repair and the rental fee at \$400 to Mr. Percy Smith who operates the home at the present time. The Commissioners agreed to paint the outside of the Home and ask \$400 rental fee. A decision would have to be reached by December 1st and Mr. Morgan agreed to get back in touch with the Board.

Mr. Steele moved, seconded by Dr. Wear and unanimously approved a contract on the low bid of \$9,126 to Refuse Container Systems for three 40-cubic year dumpsters for the N. Kannapolis site. Other bids were:

Cont. Environment	\$9,166.56
Godwin	9,750.00
Sanco	11,960.52

Upon a motion by Dr. Wear, seconded by Mr. Steele, the proposed contracts for low bids of \$82,682 to City Motor Company for twelve Sheriff's cars, \$5,752 to City Motor for a Fire Marshall's mid size station wagon, \$10,322 minus \$550 trade to Henry Hudson Oldsmobile for two Datsun pick-ups were approved.

Dr. Wear moved, seconded by Mr. Steele to approve a Resolution for support of the small farmer. This resolution was unanimously approved. (Attached)

The County Manager briefed the Commissioners on the process the Airport Board has taken in order to provide the Commissioners with a recommendation of

an operator for the Rowan County Airport. The Airport Board had unanimously recommended Mr. Lindsey Hess, local businessman and pilot from Faith, NC. Mr. Hess had stated he would purchase two aircraft immediately and two more in ninety days. He could acquire a twin-engine plan by the end of the year making this a total of five aircraft.

Mr. Larry Jones of Gamewell Mechanical interrupted and spoke at length to the Commissioners about his concern over the operation of the Airport as it affects the business community. He stated, the Airport acts as a “front door to the County”. He was concerned over Mr. Hess creating a dangerous situation by doing his air show directly over the airport. Chairman Smith assured Mr. Jones that every aspect of the lease would be upheld and if not the Board would take direct action. Mr. Ligon moved that the lease agreement be drawn, seconded by Mr. Steele. Dr. Wear suggested that the Board have a called meeting. He would like for Mr. Hess to be at this meeting with an explanation as to why he left Rock Hill where he previously operated an airport. The motion was withdrawn by Mr. Ligon and an Adjourned meeting was set for Monday, November 26 at 5:30 p.m. The Chairman asked the County Manager to notify the Airport Board members to also attend this meeting.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Ligon an allocation of \$150,000 was made to the County schools for sewer work at East Rowan High School. A pro-rata share was also allocated to Salisbury and Kannapolis Schools. The monies will come the County’s unappropriated surplus and deducted from the schools 1980-81 appropriation. (Attached)

Mr. Steele moved, seconded by Mr. Ligon and unanimously approved a Special Deputy’s party to be held at Pope’s Restaurant on December 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Murdoch received a letter from D.E. Curtis, Policy and Regulation Coordinator of the NC Wildlife Commission in regards to a public hearing on spotlighting deer. The hearing will be held on December 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the County Courthouse.

A letter of commendation and thanks was received by Chairman Smith on behalf of two Rowan County Employees. John E. Hodge, Jr., Attorney in Charlotte commended Captain Gene Stirewalt of the Rowan County Sheriff’s Department for performing his duties as a law officer effectively, efficiently, and in a conscientious manner. Clarence Kluttz, our County Attorney was commended for this excellent representation for Rowan County as a legal advisor. The Board expressed their appreciation to both of these employees who are well deserving.

Jim Fowler, Fowler Realty and Insurance gave the Commissioners the first option to purchase property adjoining the Airport that will be fore sale in the very near future.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret C. Ireland, Clerk
Rowan County Board of Commissioners