

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 3, 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, M.D.

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

Mr. Steele moved, seconded by Dr. Wear to approve the minutes of November 19<sup>th</sup> and November 27<sup>th</sup> with one addition. Mr. Smith asked that on Page 2 of the November 27<sup>th</sup> minutes, it should read that Mr. Hess would have an adequate allocation of fuel to operate the Airport. The minutes were unanimously approved.

County Manager, Seth Murdoch, presided over the meeting as nominations were made for the new Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Ligon moved that Mr. Smith be nominated for Chairman. Mr. Smith asked that his name be withdrawn from the nomination. Mr. Ligon withdrew Mr. Smith's name as requested. A nomination for Dr. Wear for Chairman by Mr. Honeycutt was seconded by Mr. Steele with unanimous approval. Mr. Steele moved to close the nominations and Mr. Honeycutt seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Steele moved to nominate Mr. Honeycutt for Vice-Chairman and Dr. Wear seconded with unanimous approval. The nominations for Vice-Chairman were closed upon a motion by Mr. Steele and seconded by Dr. Wear. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. Wear was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Board and Mr. Honeycutt as Vice-Chairman on a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Smith.

A letter was received from M.E. Bullard, Director Rowan Memorial Hospital informing the Commissioners of their decision based upon a recommendation from the long range planning committee to no longer offer hospital based home health services.

A letter was received from Jean K. Ramsey, Register of Deeds requesting a notation be put in the minutes as an official record for the Register of Deeds office. Chattel books 277-326 may be destroyed and books 327-353 are on Kodak microfilm.

Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Ligon and unanimously approved the request.

A letter was received from John B. Harvey of Centralina informing the Commissioners of a decision made to offer all Counties two services dealing with hazardous waste and solid waste resource recovery. Mr. Murdoch was asked to contact Mr. Harvey and request that he be present at the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss possible work in this area.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ligon, seconded by Mr. Steele, the request for the abandonment of the Fiber Industries Access Road from the state system was unanimously approved.

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector reported tax collections for November, 1979 were \$610,193.74.

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

Leo Starnes – Park maintenance  
Salary \$580/monthly

The County Manager reported the interest received through November 30, 1979 as follows:

General Fund	\$87,944.88
Reappraisal	7,846.56
Kerr Mill	295.64
Revenue Sharing	7,673.77
Debt Service	<u>594.70</u>
Total	\$104,355.55

Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Steele to hire David Griffith Associates for \$12,000 to prepare a cost allocation plan to help the county get more money from the state and federal government in return for providing office space and services for their programs. The \$12,000 would come from 50% of additional funds received by the County. It was approved with a four to one vote with Mr. Ligon voting nay.

The proposed bid for furniture for the new courtroom and associated offices was presented to the Commissioners. The estimated cost would be around \$20,000. Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Steele for Ramsay and Associates to proceed with the bids deleting the chairs and tables in room 113 with the balance of the funds to come from revenue sharing balance to be designated.

Mr. Steele moved to approve change order number two, general construction, for courtroom in the amount of \$979.89 deleting additional painting of trim in room 110. Mr. Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Steele the approval of the electrical change order number one for the courthouse in the amount of \$209.54. The additional funds needed will come from revenue sharing.

Dr. Wear declared the public hearing in session on the proposed Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. No one was present to speak for or against the ordinance. Mr. Steele moved, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt to approve the ordinance. The motion carried with a four to one vote. Mr. Ligon voted nay. The Board will need to vote again on this Ordinance at the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Lt. Haupt, Sheriff's Department appeared before the Board requesting additional money to make up the difference between what it will cost to have a deputy assigned to cover the High Rock Lake area and what LEAA has agreed to pay. Lt. Haupt was asked if he could delete the portable radio and use one already in the Sheriff's inventory. This would amount the extra \$1,400 needed. He said he could. Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Ligon to approve the river deputy grant with this change. The motion carried with a four to one vote. Mr. Steele voted against this action.

Bill Murdoch, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Rowan Technical Institute presented the Board of Commissioners with a resolution to change the name of Rowan Technical Institute to Rowan Technical College (attached). Rowan Technical Trustees, students and president Dick Brownell presented a solid stand in asking for the change. Mike Crayton, president of the student government presented a signed petition with about 500 student names support the change. Commissioner Smith suggested the Commissioner form their own committee to study the resolution and then make a decision. Mr. Honeycutt stated "he tough a vote should be taken now". Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Steele the motion carried with a three to one vote. Mr. Smith voted nay. Dr. Wear as a member of the Rowan Technical Board did not vote. He had voted in favor of the change at the Rowan Technical Trustees meeting.

Daniel Tuttle, Administrator of Hilltop Rest Home presented a proposal to the Commissioners to lease the Rowan County Home. He offered to pay \$600 monthly rent. He stated he would paint the interior and exterior, repair gutters, replace furniture, upgrade the ramps and any other maintenance work that is needed. He would also pay the first \$300 to maintain the roof, waste treatment, the heating and water system. Mr. Tuttle requested that if the County terminated the lease or would not renew it after the first year, the cost for the renovations would be

prorated and he would be reimbursed for these expenses. Mr. Ligon moved, seconded by Mr. Steele to approve the proposal and negotiate a lease.

Larry Parrish, Director, Tri-County Mental Health with Board members, Dr. Mary Sandler, Chip Bridges, Rev. Ed Long and Mel Denton, Alcohol Counselor appeared before the Board requesting a letter of intent to be given to appropriate \$69,000 in the 1980-81 budget to go with the money they had on hand for the construction of an alcohol detoxification center. They would apply for a federal grant of \$150,000 to operate the facility.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Steele to grant the letter of intent with the stipulation that the money would be provided only if the entire \$150,000 was received.

Norman Frick, Chairman, Rowan Conservative Action Group presented the Commissioners with a petition requesting a public hearing regarding the implementation of the New Generation Bill. (A child health plan for raising a new generation). Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ligon this request was unanimously approved for the hearing at a later date.

Mr. Steele moved, seconded by Mr. Ligon to approve the renewal of the lease with Whitton Distributors, Inc. for \$20 a year for a small piece of property at the Airport. This was unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Steele, the new lease agreement for Home Oil and Coal for \$225 a month for property at 302 N. Main Street was unanimously approved.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Steele to accept the low bid of J.H. Wilson Company for \$13,749 for the construction of a shelter at Ellis Park. Other bids were Kannapolis Construction \$14,500, Hannah Construction \$15,750.

The following transfers were unanimously approved by a motion from Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Steele.

Social Services -\$5,369 from foster care for children 6101  
\$4,300 for medical care to 6101, salaries  
Veteran's Services - \$17.50 from 6051 to account 6046 to supply funds for typewriter repair to L25 Remington typewriter.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Steele that Mr. Koontz and Mr. Murdoch together draft a letter to Dr. Morrow, Secretary Department of Human Resources, concerning the budget procedures for Social Services.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Smith a request to hire a temporary employee at the Sanitation Department to fill in for Henry Goodman was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Ligon, seconded by Mr. Smith and unanimously approved a salary of \$10,788 annually for Pat West, who is to serve the County in two positions. One as a recreational coordinator for the retarded citizens and a maintenance worker at Dan Nicholas Park.

A donation of \$1,680 and \$240 was given to Dan Nicholas Park for a burglary alarm system at the Nature Center and for park activities.

The county manager informed the commissioners of a dinner meeting with the parks and recreation on January 16<sup>th</sup> at Ellis park for them and their wives.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret C. Ireland  
Rowan County Board of Commissioners