

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

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

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele and seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, the minutes of December 3, 1979 were unanimously approved.

Harold Poole, Planning Department appeared before the Commissioners to recommend the establishment of a census complete count committee for Rowan County. The committee would include one representative from each of the County's fourteen townships, each of the nine municipalities, the Kannapolis Sanitary District, the Salisbury Rowan Chamber of Commerce, the Salisbury-Rowan Community Service Council, each of the two school systems and each of the six local news media. The committee would only exist for six months and their primary duty would be to inform the citizens of the 1980 census and to make certain they are included in the county. Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, this committee was unanimously approved. The Planning Department will send letters to all agencies except the Townships, requesting a nomination from the committee. The Commissioners will make the appointments from the Townships.

John Harvey, from the Centralina Council of Governments, presented the Commissioners a proposal for a feasibility study of a regional solid waste resource recovery facility. This study would be a joint venture between Region F and E. The cost of the study would be funded by the NC Energy Institute and the two Regional Council of Governments. The Commissioners were asked to adopt an intergovernmental agreement to participate in the study and appoint a person to represent Rowan County on a task force to work with the consultant and review the results of the study. Mr. Honeycutt moved that the agreement be adopted and Harold Watson represent the County. Mr. Smith seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Harvey also offered two services dealing with hazardous wastes at no cost to the County. One would be to inventory existing stockpiling and the other to expand the 10% sample made by the state last year of current hazardous waste

generation by industry. Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, these services were unanimously approved.

Harold Caudill, Agriculture Extension Service introduced a new Agriculture Extension Agent, Steve Gatton, to the Commissioners and gave a brief resume of his qualifications and background. Dr. Wear welcomed him as a new county employee. Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Steele to approve the appointment.

Tom Caddell, Rowan Public Library Board, Phil Barton, Director and Jim Kluttz, Architect appeared before the board to present a proposal to the Commissioners for a full service Library in the South Rowan Area. Mr. Kluttz presented a revised estimate for renovating the building in Landis given to the County by Linn-Corriher. The estimated cost would be \$80,000. This is \$32,000 less than the previous estimate and about \$120,000 less than it would cost to buy land and build a new structure. Operating cost were estimated at \$11,488 for 1979-80. This would include salaries for two part-time library assistants, one from Landis, one from China Grove, a custodian, telephone and \$4,000 for utilities. Mr. Caddell stated the Rowan Public Library would have to withdraw their support from the two municipal libraries in Landis and China Grove in order to support the new full service library. The withdrawal of support from the China Grove library may force it to close. Dr. Wear appointed Mr. Caddell, Mr. Steele, and Mr. Smith to a special committee to talk with the town boards and citizens and get their feelings on this before any action is taken.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ligon, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt a request from A.T. Harris, Executive Director of the Salisbury-Rowan Community Service Council for \$450 in additional in-kind match for the agency's mass transit request for a fleet of four vehicles was unanimously approved. This additional appropriation would come from contingencies.

Mr. Steele moved, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt the approval of the second reading of the flood prevention ordinance. The motion carried with a four to one vote with Mr. Ligon voting nay.

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

Register of Deeds – from 5351 \$407.15 to 5330 and 5370
Social Services \$330 from 6135 to 6146

Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Steele to approve a request for a refund from the building inspector's office. The amount of the refund is \$3.00 and was charged to Brawley Construction in error.

Chairman Wear appointed Commissioner Ligon and Commissioner Smith to look into the protest from the citizens from the one mile area around Rockwell. The group has expressed opposition to the appointment of two persons, Ray Shipton and Claude Lyerly to the Rockwell Planning Board. The commissioners had appointed these men for a three year term. Mr. Kluttz, County Attorney stated it was not clear if these men could be removed from the Board until their term expired. Chairman Wear asked that Mr. Ligon and Mr. Smith along with Mr. Kluttz get together and bring back before the Board a recommendation as to what action can be taken.

Upon a recommendation by the County Manager, a motion was made by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Ligon to approve the appointments of the following to the Regional Employment and Training Advisory Committee:

1. Jim Dunn- LRO Board Member
2. James Wilhelm – Vocational Ed. Rep.
3. Edgar Seaborg – At large
4. William Copeland – public assistance.

A letter was received from George Monaghan, Executive Director, Centralina requesting the designation of Rowan County's delegate and alternates for 1980. A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Steele and approved for the following:

Rufus Honeycutt – delegate
John E. Wear, M.D. – 1st alternate
Paul S. Smith – 2nd alternate
Hall Steele – 3rd alternate
Brad Ligon – 4th alternate

A memorandum has been sent out from the County Manager's Office to all elected public officials in Rowan County requesting volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors of the Salisbury-Rowan Community Service Council beginning in April. A summary was attached giving an overview of the description, responsibility and authority of the Board. Mr. Jim Dunn had requested to serve on this Board. Mr. Steele moved, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt to appoint Mr. Dunn to an existing vacancy on the Board. This was unanimously approved.

A letter was received from the Mayor of Rockwell, Walter Boger, requesting the services of our Inspection Department for the Town of Rockwell. Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Smith this request for Rowan County to conduct their inspections for all phases of building was unanimously approved.

A letter was received as information from Edwin C. Guy, Coordinator, Governor's Highway Safety Program. He enclosed a copy of the highway grant entitled "Ambulance Vehicle – Rowan County" and authorized the County Manager to proceed with implementation of this project subject to certain conditions. November 1, 1979 is the effective date of this project and only those approved cost incurred on or after that date are eligible for reimbursement. All funds not invoiced under this project within thirty days following the close of the grant period will be subject to deobligation and assignment to another program area. The approved grant period is from November 1, 1979 through September 30, 1980. The amount of federal project funds designated to Rowan County is \$10,000.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, the following road petition was unanimously approved. Snipe Street Extension in North Kannapolis be added to the Secondary Road System.

A letter was received from Mr. O.D. Rentz, District Engineer enclosing the 1979 Secondary Road fund statement. The total bond allocation for 1979 was \$167,751. Funds credited to Secondary Bond fund due to overruns \$2,026.27, making the total fund of \$169,777.27. The expenditures during 1979 were \$167,000 leaving a balance of \$2,277.27 as of December 31, 1979. Total Secondary Road funds amounted to \$379,537.24. Expenditures amount to \$379,197.14 leaving a balance in this fund of \$340.10

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Smith, authorization was given to the County Manager to go out for bids for used jet fuel tanks located at the Rowan County Airport.

Mr. Murdoch presented the Board with a request from the Department Heads for 2 ½% overall raise instead of merit raises for county employees. Mr. Murdoch stated since July of 1974 inflation cost have risen 74.3% but County salaries had risen only about 30%. \$20,000 would come from merit increase funds and approximately \$8,000 would come from contingencies. Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Smith this request was unanimously approved effective January 7, 1980.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret B. Ireland, Clerk
Rowan County Board of Commissioners