

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 1980

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 John Wear, Rufus Honeycutt, Paul Smith, Hall Steele and Brad Ligon.

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

Paul Smith presented Chairman Wear with a gavel on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Ligon, the minutes of January 7, 1980 were unanimously approved.

Paul Smith requested that a list of Board appointments be sent to the Commissioners before the initial nominations.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ligon, seconded by Mr. Steele, the following roads were abandoned from the Secondary Road System:

1. .08 mile of Floyd St, SR 1167 in China Grove
2. .04 mile of Marie St. Ext., SR1286 in China Grove
3. .12 mile of Epperson Rd., SR 1723 in Franklin Township
4. .12 mile of Brenner Sloop Rd., SR 1418 in China Grove

The Secondary Road meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 1980.

A letter was received from William C. Irby, Jr., of Landis, NC, requesting the Commissioners help in getting new industry in South Rowan.

D.E. Curtis, Policy and Regulations Coordinator for the NC Wildlife Resources Commission informed the County Manager of the adoption of the Ordinance pertaining to shining lights in deer area.

Two contributions were received from the Proctor Foundation. \$500 grant is for the Rowan County Historic Properties Commission to aid in the publications and printing of the historical research report relating to the Kerr Mill. The \$1,000 is for travel expenses used by the van in the Special Population Recreation Program.

A letter was received from Senator J.J. Harrington, Chairman, Governor's Commission on Governmental Productivity inviting the Commissioners to the 1980 conference being held on February 7th and 8th in Raleigh. The County Manager has registration forms concerning the workshop, speak and schedule for anyone interested in attending.

A letter was received from Mr. Doug Flick, Davidson County Manager with a recommendation of a possible site for the development of a state park in the central area. The commissioners were receptive to the proposal but would like to see the land site before a decision is made.

The County Manager informed the Commissioners of a legislative conference in Washington on March 2nd through the 5th. There will be a reception honoring NC Congressional Delegation on March 4th from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the Russell Senate Office building.

The County Manager read a letter from Robert and Eleanor Johnston written to the Chairman of the Iredell County Commissioners. This was regarding their appeal which had been denied transferring property from Rowan County to Iredell County. They felt it was an unfair decision. Clarence Klutz, County Attorney stated the Commissioners had no authority to change property lines.

A letter was received from Jerry Myers, Public Safety Director, Centralina Council of Governments along with an application for federal funding for EMS improvements in the region. Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Steele and unanimously approved a Resolution of support and endorsement for the EMS program for \$70,500. (Attached)

A letter was received from Hilda Threatt, A-95 coordinator of Centralina asking the Commissioners if they would like Centralina to continue direct distribution and receipts of comments from State funding agencies. Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to let Centralina continue as before.

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector reported tax collections for January, 1980 were \$4,566,324.83.

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

Mildred Wagoner Cooper
PHNI
Hired 1/16/80
Salary \$887/monthly

Donna Faye Roulic
PH Nurse Supervisor
Hired 1/14/80
Salary \$1,169/monthly

Steven Frank Gatton
Asst. Agriculture Ext. Service
Hired 1/2/80
Salary \$491.66/monthly

Danny Max Holt
Parks Maintenance VI
Hired 1/8/80
Salary \$540/monthly

A letter was received from Edith Hinshaw, Home Economics Extension Agent who will be retiring after 22 years with the County. She expressed her appreciation for the cooperation of the County Commissioners and the citizens of Rowan County. The county manager was requested to write a letter to Mrs. Hinshaw inviting her to the next meeting. At that time she will be presented the Rowan County pin.

The County Manager reported the interest through January 31, 1980 as follows:

General Fund	\$121,483.06
Reappraisal Fund	11,413.20
Kerr Mill	687.08
Revenue Sharing	12,033.62
Debt Service	<u>747.17</u>
Total	\$146,364.13

Ray Hayworth, Planning Director presented the Commissioners with a letter of notification that the County Planning Board proposed the Commissioners send to the State Ports Authority. The letter expressed a desire to get more information on the establishment of an inland port and stated Rowan County might be interested in having such a port here. Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Steele the approval for the letter of notification being sent for further information.

Ray Karriker, Chairman of the Planning Board, presented a proposal to the Commissioners for a growth center extending from southern Concord to China Grove including Kannapolis, North Kannapolis, Enochville and Landis. Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Steele to apply for information on the growth center. The vote was four to one with Commissioner Ligon voting nay.

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, a public hearing on the amendment to the flood damage prevention ordinance will be held on March 3, 1980.

Mr. Hayworth, Planning Director has been requested by the Rowan Volunteer Fire Association to look into a road naming program. Some roads in the County have several names and has caused much confusion for emergency drivers. He stated that an official name should be adopted for each road and a road name sign at the road intersection. The cost would be approximately sixty to sixty-five dollars an intersection. The Commissioners accepted this as information without taking any action at this time.

Marty Holmes, Rowan Planning Department, presented the Commissioners the land classification plan for their review and comments. In a brief summary he told how it was compiled. The plan gives present land use and tells what is developed, what is likely to be developed and what should remain undeveloped. He stated the municipal planning boards in the County had designated classification within their limits and extraterritorial zones. The planning board had assigned classification of the rest of the County.

Ray Karriker, Chairman of the Planning Board asked the Commissioners to review the designation and state if there were any changes to be made. He felt that plan was needed to guide growth in the right direction. The commissioners accepted this as information.

Mrs. Elaine Stiller, Chairman of the Historic Properties Commission, other members of the board along with architect, Bill Sloan appeared before the Board with a report on the Kerr Mill Project. An original copy of the report on the historical research done on the mill was presented to the Commissioners. Mrs. Stiller explained that there was a \$12,500 Federal Grant for rehabilitation and restoration of the exterior of the building and a \$4,500 federal grant for the architect's fees. Both grants would have to be matched by local funds. Phase I of the restoration project would cost approximately \$50,000. Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Steele, the amount of \$17,000 was unanimously approved to come from money set aside for countywide recreation subject to approval of Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mr. Steele moved, seconded by Mr. Ligon to appoint Mrs. Mary Griffin to replace Mr. Edgar Seabury on the Region Advisory Committee.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Ligon, Mr. Howard Brown, Jr., was appointed to the Granite Quarry Planning Board replacing Matt Thompson whose term will expire June 30, 1981.

Mr. Honeycutt, moved seconded by Mr. Smith to reappoint Mr. Harold E. Roseman to the China Grove Planning Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt to appoint Mr. Clinton Crook to fill the unexpired term of the late Ted Surratt on the Pooletown Fire Department Board.

Commissioner Ligon asked if it were possible to add another position to the Historic Properties Commission so former member, Zella Misenheimer of eastern Rowan could be reappointed. Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Smith, the County Manager was requested to review the charter to see if it could be amended and make a recommendation at the next meeting.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt a recommendation from the County Manager to sale lot 89 on West Kerr Street to the City of Salisbury for \$844.80 was unanimously approved.

Mr. Ligon moved, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt to approve the following refund:

Charles Keith Freeman \$12.00
Rt. 9 Box 59A
Duplicate permit issued

The following transfer were unanimously approved by a motion from Mr. Ligon, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. (Attached)

The bids on the River Deputy four wheel drive truck are as follows:

City Motor	\$8,363.00
Von Byerly	8,306.45
Henry Hudson	8,243.43

Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Ligon to approve the low bid by Henry Hudson in the amount of \$8,243.43. It was unanimously approved. The County Manager was requested to get gas mileage information on vehicles in the future.

The audit bids for the next three years are as follows:

Sherrill & Smith	1 st year	\$22,000
	2 nd year	23,000
	3 rd year	<u>24,000</u>
	Total	\$69,000

Dixon & Odom, Co.	1 st year	\$21,000
	2 nd year	22,500
	3 rd year	<u>24,000</u>
	Total	\$67,500

Mr. Honeycutt recommended that Sherrill and Smith be awarded the contract because Dixon and Odom had indicated they would need substantial amount of help from County Personnel to prepare budgets and audits for the fee indicated. Mr. Ligon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to have representatives of each firm to make presentations at next months meeting.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Ligon the request from Edwin Koontz, Social Services Director for a new account 6283 for in-home service was unanimously approved.

Mr. Steele moved, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt the approval of a budget amendment resolution for 1979-80 concerning CETA allocations, state ambulance and miscellaneous appropriations. (Attached)

Mr. Honeycutt moved and Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval of a 1978-79 budget amendment to eliminate over expended balances. (Attached)

Upon a motion b Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Park BOR Grant was unanimously approved for \$10,704 for the shelter at Ellis Park and \$17,373 for the Dan Nicholas Amphitheater, total \$28,077 to come from the Countywide recreation reserve.

A memorandum was received from Roger F. Hall, Jr., Program Coordinator for NC Department of Commerce concerning the Emergency Building temperature restriction program. The state of North Carolina has received federal funds to finance the program. Workshops in this area have been scheduled for Monday, February 18th at the Holiday Inn, Charlotte, NC and Wednesday, February 20th at the Ramada Inn in Greensboro. Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Ligon authorization was given to the County Manager to sign the contract with the energy division to give inspections in our region.

Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Ligon to approve an additional \$10,000 from contingencies for a total of \$20,000 for the new ambulance and equipment. There was a four to one vote with Mr. Steele voting nay.

Dr. Wear spoke about the new General Act and the Child Health Plan for raising a new generation. On the Generation Act he stated he sent copies to people he thought were concerned with child health care. Each of the services spoke in favor of the plan. He stated Davidson County is implementing a portion of the plan

and he suggested Rowan County could watch and see how it goes there. He stated he would not appoint a new Generation Committee. If he did it would be composed of employees of public agencies that deal with children. Mr. Honeycutt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to table the entire matter. Mr. Ligon stated he would rather go against setting up a new generation committee. Mr. Honeycutt amended his motion not to implement the New Generation Act. It was unanimously approved.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret B. Ireland, Clerk
Rowan County Board of Commissioners