

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED MEETING
MARCH 18, 1980

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

Chairman Wear called the Secondary Road Public Hearing to order.

Mr. Wade Hoke, Assistant Division Engineer introduced the members of the Department of Transportation who were present: Don Rentz, District Engineer, Charles Kluttz, Maintenance Supervisor, Ed Lockard and Glen Orrell, technicians, Ken Rusher, Area Foreman.

Mr. Hoke reviewed the proposed 1980 Secondary Road Program in detail.
(Attached)

Mr. L. B. Brown of Earnhardt Road, a dirt road off Highway 52, asked if the State would keep the road drug and treat it with oil. Mr. Hoke said the State could work up the road but the property owners would have to contract someone to put oil down. The state does not put oil on the roads. Mr. Brown thanked the Department of Transportation for the culvert on the road to Organ Church.

Mr. Levi Walker of Hawkins Avenue, a dirt road off Hawkinstown Road said residents wanted to get the road paved. Mr. Hoke stated if property owners put up \$2.00 per front foot and all residents participated the State should be able to pave the road as soon as funds become available.

Mr. Homer Brown of Sutton Road which is to be paved stated he did not want the curves taken out of the road because people would drive too fast. He also requested a dead end sign. Mr. Hoke said he would have to write the State right of way office on that matter but the dead end sign would be no problem.

Mr. Alex Scott requested that a dead end sign be erected on Gaskey Road.

Commissioner Smith questioned Mr. Hoke about the repeated overruns which each year cause a good portion of the budget to go to programs started the year before. Mr. Hoke assured him that estimates were made to the best of the departments ability.

Mr. Robert Knox of Knox Road said his road had been widened but a bridge was still narrow. He requested that it be widened.

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ligon the resolution for the proposed secondary road program for 1980-81 was unanimously approved.
(Attached)

Chairman Wear closed the public hearing and opened the adjourned session of the County Commissioners meeting. He asked if anyone in the audience would like to be placed on the Agenda. Mr. T. M. Deal asked if he could be hear on the growth center resolution.

Danny Johnson, Rowan County Planning board appeared before the Board with an application to apply for designating Salisbury and surrounding areas as a growth center. This would include Salisbury, Spencer, East Spencer, Faith and Granite Quarry and some extra territorial areas. He said the city has approved an application for designation and has adopted a resolution pertaining to it. County support would make County areas included in the application eligible for whatever programs come out of the balanced growth policy.

Commissioner Smith stated that the two meetings he had attended concerning balanced growth centers, staffers from the Governor's office brought up the interbasin transfer of water.

Helen Murray, County resident gave a presentation on what she contends is the growth center designation's connection to land use and eventual government control. She traced federal and state bills and policies from 1966 to present which she said proved the growth center designation was tied to land use planning.

Tim Deal, local citizen, spoke against the designation. He stated the balanced growth policy goes hand in hand with the New Generation Act.

Mr. Ligon moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to disapproved the balanced growth resolution. The vote was three to one with Mr. Steele voting nay.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ligon, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, the approval of an additional position be added to the Historic Properties Commission Ordinance and the appointment of Zella Misenheimer to fill this position was unanimous.

Mr. Ligon moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to give the audit contract to the lowest bid, Dixon and Odom Company. The vote was three to two. Mr. Honeycutt, Mr. Steele and Dr. Wear voted nay. Mr. Ligon and Mr. Smith voted in favor of.

Commissioner Smith questioned Mr. Frank Dunn, an accountant with Dixon, Odom to verify that the proposal he had submitted would cover all the work Sherill and Smith had done for the County. He confirmed this but Mr. Honeycutt stated that Dixon, Odom's proposal called for County staff providing the auditors with assistance. Mr. Dunn assured the Commissioners that was normal participation on the staffers part. Mr. Honeycutt maintained that the two firms had bid on different things. Mr. Honeycutt moved that Sherill and Smith be awarded the audit contract. Mr. Steele seconded. The vote was two to two. Mr. Honeycutt and Mr. Steele voted in favor of. Mr. Ligon and Mr. Smith voted nay. Chairman broke the deadlock with his vote for Sherrill and Smith.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt to approve the preliminary draft for Department of Transportation Improvement Program for 1981-87.

Mr. Steele asked for an amendment to the motion showing a change in the priority of the recommended projects. The upgrading of 150 from Woodleaf Road (US 601 bypass to Iredell-Rowan County line.) This project would come before the upgrading of Highway 70. Mr. Ligon moved to amend the motion and approve the change, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt and unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Steele to accept the property from Linn-Corriher donated for a branch library in the South Rowan area. Renovation will be contingent upon the availability of funds for 1980-81.

A proposal was presented to the Commissioners from Mr. John Ramsay, Architect to purchase \$6,100 in decorations for the new courtroom and magistrate's office plus a 10% commission for a total of \$6,710. The decorations include an eagle for \$100, a mantel like backdrop for the Judge's bench for \$2,800 and \$2,200 worth of pictures. Mr. Honeycutt moved to disapprove the project, seconded by Mr. Ligon and unanimously approved.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Ligon to support the designation of Daniel's property off Flat Swamp Road in Davidson County as a state park to serve the central piedmont region.

The Transportation Improvement Program meeting will be held at 2:00, March 27th at Lexington.

A tea will be held for Edith Hinshaw at 2:00, March 28th at the Farm Center. All commissioners are requested to attend.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret B. Ireland, Clerk
Rowan County Board of Commissioners