

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 12, 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, Hall Steele, Rufus Honeycutt, Paul Smith and Brad Ligon.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Smith, the minutes of April 8 and 21, 1980 were unanimously approved.

Larry Parrish, Director of Tri-County Mental Health Center presented Chairman Wear with a plaque on behalf of the Tri County Board expressing their appreciation for his faithful and dedicated service while he served as Chairman of their Board since 1976.

A letter was received from the Town Clerk of Landis Dennis Brown requesting Rowan County take over their building permits and inspections. He states they do not have sufficient staff at the present time to provide this service fully. Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Steele and unanimously approved the request.

A letter was received from Mrs. Edith Hinshaw thanking the Commissioners for honoring her with a county pin and resolution at her retirement dinner on March 28th.

The County Manager reminded the Commissioners of the NACo annual conference being held from June 29-July 3, 1980 at the MGM hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve Central Carolina legal services proposal to use space in the basement of the Old Post Office to interview low-income clients who have civil legal problems. This request is approved contingent upon a trial basis of three months, June, July and August.

In a letter to Mrs. J.M. Robinet, who is spokesman for the property owners at Kimberly Court, the County Manager stated that County Attorney Clarence Kluttz estimated the legal cost involved in getting their road paved would be \$2,000. This

would be prorated among each property owner. Mrs. Robinet is to contact the County Manager after talking to the property owners.

Mrs. Hoffner along with two local citizens appeared before the Board requesting Black Road off Bringle Ferry Road be scraped. Mrs. Hoffner stated the Isenhour Brick and Tile trucks passing over this road keep the dust stirred up until they are unable to open their windows. There is a stop sign at the end of this road they do not observe. Chairman Wear asked that Mr. Ligon, Mr. Steele and Mr. Smith serve as a committee to look into the situation and come back to the Board with a recommendation.

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

Cynthia Lee Penn
Assistant Naturalist
Hired 4/7/80
Salary \$624/monthly

Cynthia L. Wilhelm
Deputy Register of Deeds
Hired 3/17/80
Salary \$567/monthly

Trilby Diane Foster
Clerk Typist III Social Services
Hired 3/24/80
Salary \$617/monthly

Alvin C. Watkins
Landfill Operator
Hired 3/24/80
Salary \$720/monthly

Dalon Dean Barnes
Truck Driver
4/24/80
Salary \$686/monthly

Beverly Thompson Dinger
Clerk typist III Social Services
Salary \$646/monthly

Douglas D. Whitley

Equipment Operator
Hired 4/22/80
Salary \$720/monthly

The County Manager requested a part-time employee, Becky Luellen to fill in at the Building Inspection Office for approximately six weeks due to Mrs. Bernhardt being on sick leave. Mr. Smith moved to grant the request, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt and unanimously approved.

The County Manager reported the interest through April 30, 1980 as follows:

General Fund	\$202,555.42
Debt Service	3,481.76
Kerr Mill	687.08
Reappraisal	15,730.69
Revenue Sharing	<u>21,138.67</u>
Total	\$243,593.62

The County Manager reported on the results of the bids for the sale of the Sheriff's autos. The bids were as follows:

Campbell's Body Shop	\$2,135.00
Auto Radiator Shop	\$1,565.00
Balls Creek Salvage	\$1,450.00

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, Campbell's Body Shop with the bid of \$2,135 was unanimously approved.

Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Smith to approve the renewal of the pasture and barn lease with E.D. Richards.

The following proposals for the utilization of Community Based Alternative Fund Allocation for 1980-81 was approved by a motion from Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Steele.

\$32,342	Specialized Foster Care Program
\$13,952	In School Suspension Program at West Jr. High
\$ 8,000	CBA Allocation at Knox Jr. High School

It was also requested that Mr. Queen be authorized to make whatever appointment to the task force to comply with JJDP guidelines in applying for \$16,000 JJDP funds which have been allocated to Rowan County.

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector reported tax collections for April, 1980 are \$161,291.59.

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Steele, the Board unanimously approved the Social Service budget for 1980-81 as presented by Edwin Koontz, Social Services Director. Mr. Koontz stated the budget calls for \$1,375,400 in Administrative Expense, \$1,298,033 in public assistance and \$6,050 for the Donnelly Home.

There will be \$25,000 less in Medicaid than the Department of Human Resources says will be needed. This is made feasible by diverting placement of persons to long term nursing care when possible. This would be a savings of \$121,800. Mr. Koontz stated there are only two programs that we control on a local level that are not federal or state mandated. These are general assistance and local medical assistance.

Jim Foltz, Park Director along with Curtis Graham and Roger Withers, members of the Parks and Recreation Commission presented the Commissioners with a proposal for a joint venture and concept of a park for Rowan and Cabarrus Counties. Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Smith and unanimously approved a further study of the proposal.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Commissioners voted unanimously to present the General Assembly with a local bill enabling the Wildlife Commission to make a study of fox population in Rowan County.

The County Manager sent out bank proposals to local banks asking for services such as free checks, a safety deposit box along with the monitoring of the general fund. He asked what the minimum daily balance would be required to defray cost. The lower the minimum daily balance, the more County money would be gaining interest overnight and weekends. Wachovia requires \$50,000, Northwestern \$85,000, NCNB \$100,000 and First Union \$73,000 first year, \$90,000 second year, \$115,000 the third year, Farmers & Merchants, \$165,000. Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Steele to award a three year contract to Wachovia Bank & Trust Company.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Steele and unanimously approved four appointments to the Rowan County Task Force on Juvenile Delinquency and Prevention, Russell Foster, Joe Leigh, Dr. Erma Scarlette and Steve Beaver.

Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Ligon the following Board appointments. Ray Karriker, Rowan County Watershed Commission, Sam May, Rowan County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority. On

the recommendation of Mr. Smith, Mrs. Betty Sue Miller was also appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Julian Carpenter on the Rowan County Housing Authority Board. A replacement for Jack Ramsay, Jr. on the Rowan County Planning Board was delayed until June 2.

The following transfers were unanimously approved by a motion from Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Steel.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Smith a budget amendment of the 1979-80 budget was unanimously approved. (Attached)

A meeting of the Board of Equalization and Review was scheduled for 3:00 p.m. so Chairman Wear declared the Board of Equalization and Review opened. After the business was completed, Chairman Wear declared the Board closed and the Regular meeting opened.

Mr. Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor recommended that Mr. Holbrook, Ad Valorem Tax Division in Raleigh come before the Board with information to set up a separate Board of Equalization and Review.

The budget hearings scheduled for Monday, May 26th have been rescheduled. The Monday night hearings are being moved to Wednesday, May 28th. The Health Department hearings have been added to the ones being presented on Tuesday, May 27th.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret B. Ireland, Clerk
Rowan County Board of Commissioners