

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED SESSIONS
MAY 27, 28, 29, 1980

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Sessions in the community building, Salisbury, North Carolina at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Chairman Wear, Hall Steele, Paul Smith, Rufus Honeycutt and Brad Ligon.

Chairman Wear called the meeting to order for the purpose of holding budget hearings for the 1980-81 budget.

The following budget presentations were heard:

Rowan Public Library – Tom Caddell, Phil Barton
Planning Board – Ray Hayworth, Ray Karriker, Larry Chilton
Health Department – Herbert Hawley, Evelyn Schaffer, Dr. Steve Thurston

Mr. Tom Caddell, Library Trustee stated there is only a 3 ½% increase more than the 1979-80 overall budget but the increase to the County is nearly 17% because of taking up where the city has left off. The only new project put on the budget is Dial-A-Story. Chairman Wear felt new programs should not be established for County funding unless Commissioners are asked or notified about it first. Mr. Caddell state there was nothing included in this budget for the South Rowan Library. He said there had been a problem getting a deed to the Landis Ice and Fuel building which was donated to the Library. One section of the Landis Water Tower is on the property given to the county.

Mr. A.T. Harris, Salisbury/Rowan Community Service Council had requested \$13,587 for Nutrition for the Elderly, \$9,500 for Nutrition, \$2,087 for a \$10,800 state grant to buy a new 15 passenger van and \$2,000 would go toward employment of the elderly at the nutrition site and in transportation. Mr. Smith requested the County Manager contact Mr. Harris and ask him to come before the Board with an explanation concerning the purchase of the 15 passenger van.

Mr. Ray Hayworth, planning board director presented a request of \$85,460 from the County for 1980-81. Chairman Wear stated he would like to see the County have their own planning board. The cost would be about \$45,000 to set up and maintain this board. Mr. Ray Karriker who is Chairman of the planning board stated the Board would not get the quality of people if they decided to separate. Chairman Wear asked Mr. Karriker what progress had been made in that

department in the last three months. Mr. Karriker listed as follows: The seven year transportation plan, the county census, study of the growth center plan, rezoning of property for a detoxification center.

Mr. Bert Hawley, Director of the Health Department, Mrs. Evelyn Schaffer and Board member, Dr. Steve Thurston presented their budget of \$622,573. This is about 11% more than 1979-80. This also does not include separate budgets which are federally or state funded. Mr. Ligon asked that Mr. Hawley get back with him on an estimated amount of distilled water being used at the Health Department and the cost per year.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned until May 28th at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present for the May 28th meeting. Chairman Wear, Rufus Honeycutt, Hall Steele, Paul Smith and Brad Ligon.

The following budget presentations were heard:

Rowan County Schools

Tommy Menius
Melvin Morgan
Curtis Rogers
David Knox
Wade Mobley
Marcelle Williams
Carl Eagle
Charles Fleming
E.L. Barnhardt
Frank Patterson

Salisbury City Schools

Bob Carmichael
Reid Leonard
John Patterson
Bill Kennerly
Marcus Smith
Fred Evans
Sonny Allen
Mrs. Ida Duncan
Barbara Rufty

Rowan Technical College

Dick Brownell
Ron Bostian
Bill Murdoch

The 5.4 million budget request from Rowan County Schools exceeds the amount budgeted in 1979-80 by 17.36%. There are two new items in the County school budget for this year. Two new activity buses and the Governor's program to promote community use of the school buildings. The school board is requesting \$8,333.25 for the school facility program advocated by Governor Hunt. The state will provide \$25,000 for the program if the county puts up that share. The program would require a director to promote the use of the buildings and someone for the site supervisor.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Rogers for the outstanding job he has done serving on the school board for twelve years.

Marcus Smith, Superintendent of the City Schools presented a three million dollar budget to Commissioners. County appropriations to the city school system will be a proportionate share of the amount allocated to the County school system with capital outlay based on a per capital figure.

Mr. Bill Murdoch gave a budget presentation for Rowan Technical College. He commended the staff in controlling cost and making productivity gains by the fact that their local budget is \$200,000 less than other institutions with one exception. Capital outlay request the purchase of a 15 passenger van for student industrial trips for \$9,000 a 22 horsepower tractor for groundskeeper and snow removal for \$7,000 and alterations and additions to buildings \$9,000.

Mr. A.T. Harris, Salisbury-Rowan Community Service appeared before the Board. He explained that the \$13,857 was needed for a local match for nutrition funds, for an employment program for senior citizens and to buy a replacement van. Commissioners reduced \$3,000 match from nutrition along with the \$2,000 for senior jobs giving them a total of \$8,587.

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Rand Turner, Riley-Clay Insurance Agent appeared before the Board with Mike Maynard and Bill Peeler, representatives of Corroon and Black Benefits, Inc.s They presented a self-funding hospitalization plan giving the same coverage we are now receiving from Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The new plan will also include \$5,000 life insurance for each insured.

The budget hearings was again opened for discussion and Mr. Smith recommended that the 5.4 million County School Budget be reduced by \$300,000. It

