

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 7, 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: Rufus Honeycutt, Paul Smith, Hall Steele and Brad Ligon.

In the absence of Chairman Wear, Vice-Chairman Honeycutt called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Steele, the minutes of May 27, 28, 29 and June 2m 1980 were unanimously approved.

A letter was received from Wiley Teal, Chief of Detention with the Department of Human Resources offering Rowan County the opportunity to join with surrounding counties in utilizing the Forsyth County Juvenile Detention facility for the secure confinement of children at a rate of \$15.00 per child care day cost to the sending county. This would allow the use of this facility rather than the local jail at a considerable savings to the county. The County Manager was requested to invite Mr. Teal to the next Commissioners meeting to give them a short briefing and answer any questions they might have at that time.

A letter was received from Marshall Staton, Chief Environmental Health Section of the Department of Resources regarding state grants for water supply system projects. The Clean Water Bond Act of 1977 allocated \$110 million for state grants. There was \$79 million allocated for eligible projects of units of government of the 100 counties. On July 1, 1982 all uncommitted funds remaining in County allocations will become available for grants for approved water supply system projects. Any remaining funds which are not committed by June 30, 1987 may be used for such purpose, as the General Assembly designate. March 31, 1982 is the last date an application can be filed in order to be competitive for any uncommitted funds left in the county allocation.

A public notice was received from the state environmental Management commission stating that the Town of Faith has submitted an application requesting a State Grant in the amount of \$293,762. These funds are requested to assist in the construction of approximately 31,000 lineal feet of 8 inch collection sewer, one pump station, force main and related appurtenances to serve the Town of Faith which is unsewered. The amount of funds reserved will be subtracted from the remaining \$451,979 allocated to Rowan County for waste water collections systems under the Act.

A memorandum was received from Nathan Y. Yelton, Assistant Secretary, Division of Aging stating the Older American Act requires that the State Agency on Aging conduct public hearings prior to the submission of the state plan. For our area the hearings scheduled is in Dallas, NC at the Agriculture Extension Center Auditorium on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

A letter was received from A.C. Turnage, Jr. Manager, Permits and Engineering Branch of the Division of Environmental Management. Mr. Turnage stated Carolina Stalite Company has applied to the NC Department of Natural Resources for approval to expand their kiln to be located in Gold Hill, NC. Federal regulations require that a public notice be published in a newspaper which serves the area, and local officials be informed of the project.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Smith, Mr. Edwin Koontz, Social Services Director was designated and authorized to sign vendor purchase agreements for the Social Services Department.

The following new personnel was unanimously approved by a motion from Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Steele.

Randall Eric Graham  
Hired 5/26/80  
Sanitation Technician  
Salary \$775/monthly

Shari Grace Thompson  
Hired 5/26/80  
Tax Clerk  
Salary \$540/monthly

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

General Fund	\$305,426.11
Kerr Mill	787.85
Revenue Sharing	36,173.66
Reappraisal	29,242.41
Debt Service	<u>4,842.66</u>
	\$376,502.69

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Steele the Franchise Ambulance Ordinance was unanimously adopted after the second reading. (Attached).

The following refunds were unanimously approved by a motion from Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Ligon:

Tax Supervisor	Fowler Mts. Inc. 3 cars listed and tax paid twice	\$98.01
Tax Collector	James E. Ellis 1978 tax paid in error	\$ 7.44
Building Inspector	C.H. Gobble 60 amp. Service permit was sufficient but purchase 200 amp service permit	\$14.00

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector reported tax collections for June, 1980 were \$1,047,054.77.

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Steele and unanimously approved a Resolution relating to the annexation of territory to Kannapolis Sanitary District.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Steele and unanimously approved an amendment to the Rock Hill Aviation Lease. (Attached)

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Ligon and unanimously approved Glenn Trexler to collect the Privilege License Tax for twelve months beginning July 1, 1980.

Mr. Steele gave a brief report on his trip to the NACo conference in Las Vegas. He stated it was a very productive meeting and will share later on some new ideas saving the county money. There is a need for establishing an energy board to find ways of conserving energy.

Edith Alcorn along with members of the Rowan Council of Human Service appeared before the Commissioners requesting a letter of approval to accompany a \$100,000 grant application for a Case Management System. \$75,000 would come from the State Developmentally Disabled Section and \$25,000 coming from the County in cash, time or space and use of County equipment. Mr. Steele moved, seconded by Mr. Smith the approval of this application. The vote was three to one with Mr. Steele, Mr. Smith and Mr. Honeycutt voting for and Mr. Ligon voting nay.

Mr. Edwin Koontz, Social Services Director spoke briefly on the State Abortion Fund. He assured the Commissioners there was no local funds involved. There is a mandated law passed by the General Assembly that funds would be

made available for Abortions through the Social Services. Mrs. Winifred Queen, Services Supervisor at Social Service stated Family Planning takes social education, medical help, abortions and sterilization.

Danny Johnson, Rowan County Planning Board reported on the Mass Transit Feasibility study. He had received letters from J. Fred Corriher, President, Linn-Corriher Corporation in Landis and Gary L. Turner, President of the Chamber of Commerce in Kannapolis expressing their support and interest in the study. After hearing the proposed Mass Transit Feasibility study for China Grove, Landis, Kannapolis and Concord Urban area, Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Steele to adopt the Resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for section 18 Urban Mass Transit Act fund for a mass study for the Rowan County portion of China Grove, Landis and Kannapolis in conjunction with the Cabarrus County portion of Kannapolis and Concord. (Attached)

Mrs. Dianne Greene and Mr. Bill Brewer spoke on behalf of the local citizens in the Stoneybrook and Kings Forest subdivisions opposing the Housing site on Airport Road. A presentation was made of photographs and statements concerning the Soil Composition, topography, entrance location and numerous other facts concerning the area. A motion was made by Mr. Ligon, seconded by Mr. Steele to reverse the decision of June 3, 1980 and unanimously vote to reject the site.

Commissioner Smith, who is serving on the Tri-County Mental Health Board, gave a progress report on the detoxification center. Two location sites had been found in Rowan county, the Bland Haven Nursing Home near China Grove and a house on West Innes Street. Only one site was found in Iredell County. If this site was used there would have to be a transfer of \$69,000 to be used in the purchasing and repairing of the site. Since Tri-County Mental Health cannot hold title ownership, Rowan County and Iredell County would be a joint title ownership to the property. Mr. Smith moved that if no location can be attained in Rowan County that authorization be given to make transfer to Iredell County. Mr. Steele seconded the motion. This was a three to one vote with Mr. Honeycutt, Mr. Steele and Mr. Smith voting in favor of and Mr. Ligon voting nay.

Mr. Honeycutt asked that Bob Gunn, Fire Marshall and Danny Johnson Planning Board delay their presentation on road names until the next meeting since Chairman Wear was not present and Commissioner Smith had to leave.

The county Commissioners were invited to Henderson School by Mr. Bob Carmichael to view the improvements that had been made at the school.

Mr. Steele requested that all the County buildings be inspected on a regular basis in order to be informed of maintenance and needed repairs.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret B. Ireland, Clerk  
Rowan County Board of Commissioners