

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 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, Rufus Honeycutt, Paul Smith, Hall Steele and Brad Ligon.

Chairman Wear called the meeting to order and began the first item on the Agenda which was a public hearing on paving Kimberly Court. This adjourned meeting was set specifically for this purpose.

Mr. William C. Kluttz, Jr., Attorney with Kluttz and Hamlin presented the final special assessment resolution pertaining to the paving of .26 of a mile on Kimberly Court. 75% of the property owners had petitioned to pave this road at a cost to property owners of \$5,263.02 plus attorney's fees. 100% of \$5,263.02 plus attorney's fees will be specially assessed if the Department of Transportation agrees to pay the balance of the costs. If the Department of Transportation does not agree to pay the balance of the costs, then the project shall not be undertaken. Since all of the property owners had been notified and all attending the hearing were in accordance with the resolution, Chairman Wear declared hearing closed and proceeded to adopt final assessment resolution. At this time, Attorney Kluttz passed out copies of the final special assessment resolution to Commissioners. As there was no discussion, Commissioner Honeycutt moved to adopt final assessment resolution with Commissioner Ligon seconding the motion. The move was unanimous. Mr. Kluttz said he would take a copy of the resolution to the Transportation Department. (Attached.)

Chairman Wear said he would like to add to the Agenda to discuss the acquiring of an Assistant County Manager to help County Manager Murdoch. Commissioner Honeycutt said Mr. Murdoch was heavily burdened and needed the assistance. "Could not see how the man keeps up with the work that he does." Mr. Smith commented that the Blue Ribbon Study Committee conducted by five (5) members had this in their report and that it was in the budget last year. Mr. Hall Steele was in favor of advertising for an assistant. Wishes to take steps in finding a confident person. No vote was taken. Mr. Murdoch was requested by Chairman Wear to advertise in newspapers and in publications put out by the state association of County Commissioners.

Chairman Wear read a letter from Sterling Whitener, President of the Council on Aging. According to him, there are a lot of deficiencies in the local

programs for the elderly, the programs are being administered by the Salisbury-Rowan Community Service Council. The programs were consolidated on October 1, 1979. The main purposes for consolidation was to eliminate duplications and save the county money which Mr. Smith said \$16,000 in county tax dollars were saved in the first year. Chairman Wear, Mr. Smith and County Manager Murdoch met with A.T. Harris, director of the Salisbury/Rowan Community Service Council and Aubrey Cheek, Chairman of the Board just prior to the Commissioners meeting to discuss the letter. Mr. Smith made motion to have Mr. Harris and Mr. Whitener on the Agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Ligon seconded. Mr. Steele was in agreement with the motion and also commented that they should hear both sides-in order to solve their problems. Commissioner Ligon said the service council was confusing to him. He said he had received anonymous complaints about the council. He does not know what is going on. Mr. Steele and Mr. Honeycutt said to him, You are on the board, it is your duty to look into these charges.

Jean Ramsey, Register of Deeds Office submitted a letter requesting a salary increase for LuAnn Sides. She is presently working at a salary range of \$7,455 a year as a Microfilmer II. Mrs. Ramsey would like to promote her to an Indexer of Births and Land Records to start on October 13, 1980 at a salary of \$8,200 yearly. There is money in the budget for this change. Mr. Steele made a motion to give Lu Ann the salary increase with Mr. Honeycutt seconding the motion. The Board gave unanimous approval.

Mr. Ed Koontz reported that the State had received a waiver from the federal government waiving the 50% requirement for local funds and will pay all the administrative costs of the Energy Assistance Program. Instead of limiting administrative costs to 5% of the cost of the program, the government said 7 ½% could go toward administration.

Mr. Paul Smith announced that Mrs. Naomi Berhnardt would be glad to work with Frank Harrington of the US Council for the International Year of Disabled Persons. To help him launch the International Year of disabled persons in this area. This appointment was seconded by Mr. Steel. The Board gave a unanimous approval.

Mr. Smith made a motion to appoint Mr. Charlie Walters as the new committee member on the Historical Property Committee. Mr. Walters replaced Edward Norvell who recently resigned due to conflicting interests. He has been approached and is willing to serve. Mr. Ligon seconded the motion with the Board in unanimous approval. The Board was in agreement to appoint Mr. Jim Dunn's replacement on the Centralina Regional Employment Advisory Committee at the next meeting.

County Manager Murdoch reminded Chairman Wear of the tree planting ceremony scheduled for Sunday, October 19, at 3:00 P.M. at Dan Nicholas Park. Chairman Wear appointed Paul Smith to take his place. Mr. Smith gladly accepted.

Mr. Smith discussed the water system situation with the Board in stating that he felt there had been a misunderstanding about the agreement with Landis to extend water and sewer lines to South Rowan High School. He said some people thought the County was going to pay for the extension of these lines, but the County school board will be the payee. Mr. Smith said the County is still considering China Grove's water problems. He said he felt that Salisbury's Arterial water system plan might help this situation. Mr. Steele said that the school was being pushed pretty hard to correct their wastewater conditions. The facilities are there for a fire protection plan to keep their own water facilities, which produces 16,000 gallons of water daily. Mr. Steele pointed out that the county and the county school board has spent \$200,000 to supply water and sewage treatment for East Rowan and Erwin Junior High Schools- and may soon have to spend \$400,000 more to improve utilities at West Rowan Junior High and Cleveland Elementary. Mr. Steele said, before long there will be a million dollars spent for school sewage. He is concerned about appointing a board to look into this. Mr. Honeycutt said yes, "one with the desire to do a lot of work with the least amount of money spent."

Mr. Steele also commented on the soil and water conservation problem. He said that there had been substantial progress made through negotiations between the two agencies- and he should be able to give a full report at the next meeting.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Rowan County Board of Commissioners