

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 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, Rufus Honeycutt, Paul Smith, Hall Steele, and Brad Ligon.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Steele the minutes of October 6 and October 13, 1980 were unanimously approved as received.

As an addition to the agenda Chairman Wear informed the Board of his meeting with Carl Sloop and Lipe Barrier in Mr. Murdoch's office. They came to an agreement to help Mr. Barrier with his work schedule by allowing Mr. Sloop and Mr. Canup to work with him during the winter. He suggested to the Commissioners that come next budget time that they take a look at Mr. Barrier's work load and possible consider getting him additional help.

The County Manager received a call that Mr. Sterling Whitener, Chairman of the Council on Aging was going to Hong Kong and that they should reschedule him at a later date to discuss the issue of the Aging Program in the County. Chairman Wear said that they would schedule him at an Adjourned meeting on November 17, 1980.

Since there were no comments or discussion, the Monthly reports were accepted as received.

County Manager received a mailgram from the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. thanking the Commissioners for their cooperation with the 1980 Decennial Census. The Preliminary population count is 98,829 and the preliminary housing count is 39,025.

County Manager Murdoch informed the Board of a mural dedication sponsored by the Rowan Art Guild set for Sunday, November 30 at 2:00 P.M. The mural (48' x 127') is possibly the largest historic wall mural in North Carolina. The mural depicts Salisbury at the turn of the century. It will be held at the Wachovia Bank Building Parking Lot. Mrs. Sara Hodgkins, Secretary of Cultural Resources for the state will be the guest speaker.

County Manager read a letter from Mr. James Israel, Aviation Facility Commander, thanking the Commissioners for the money they allocated in this year's county budget to their aviation facility. They have expanded their work area considerably. They extend a cordial invitation for the Commissioners to visit their facility.

County Manager read a letter Danny Johnson, planning Board- addressed to Chairman Wear, of a grant awarded totaling \$18,905 to be matched with \$2,100 from Cabarrus and Rowan counties for feasible study of urban areas. Mr. Johnson received the call David King, Director of the Public Transportation Division of the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

County Manager read a letter of thanks from Sylvia Wiseman, director of the United Arts Council for allowing her group to co-sponsor the Autumn Jubilee at Dan Nicholas Park. She expressed her desire to do this on an annual basis.

County Manager received a reminder of the Holiday Caravan scheduled for Wednesday, November 26. A letter will be sent one week before the scheduled event informing Commissioners about the routes according to Mrs. Johnson of the Caravan.

County Manager received a questionnaire regarding the Governor's Task Force on Waste Management. The questionnaire asks what the County would require to permit a Waste Management facility here, if (and why) it would object to having a hazardous or low-level radioactive Waste Management facility in the county and other questions. Chairman Wear moved that the Commissioners study it and bring it up again at the Adjourned meeting on the 17th. Chairman Wear made the statement that everyone feels the same about hazardous wastes as they do about detoxification centers and group homes for the mentally retarded- "they are okay as long as they are in another county." Mr. Honeycutt suggested sending it to the Sun. Mr. Smith stated that "it would burn up before it got there."

Commissioner Ligon submitted four road petitions all represent streets in the Old Farm Subdivision off the Yates Road near Faith.

1. Log Barn Road, Rt. 13 Old Farm, Salisbury, maintain .34 miles in length and 25 occupied homes located on the road having entrances to the road.
2. Old Farm Road, Rt. 13, Old Farm, maintain .25 miles in length and 12 occupied homes located on the road and having entrance into the road.
3. Larkspur Road, Rt. 13, Old Farm, maintain .18 miles in length and 37 occupied homes located on the road and having entrance into the road.

4. Bee Tree Road, Rt. 13, Old Farm, maintain .16 miles in length and 5 occupied homes located on the road and having entrances into the road.

Mr. Honeycutt seconded the acceptance of all road petitions with the Board in unanimous approval.

Mr. Jim Foltz, Parks and Recreation appeared before the board requesting \$2,200 for an auxiliary parking lot at Dan Nicholas Park. The board agreed to allocated \$1,100 now from contingencies and \$1,100 for the gravel next year- With Commissioner Honeycutt making the motion and Commissioner Ligon seconding. The Board was then caught of guard when Mr. Foltz requested approval of a grant application of \$89,240 from the county for Sloan Park with the Federal Government giving matching funds making a total of \$178,480. Mr. Foltz read a newspaper clipping where the board had authorized him to prepare the grant request in April, 1979.

Mr. Foltz said the option to buy 40 acres of property from Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morgan sets the price at \$1,500 per acre (total \$60,000) but the appraised value of the land is \$1,875 per acre (total \$75,000). Mr. Morgan has offered to sell it to the County at the option price, counting the difference between the two prices (\$15,000) as a donation to the County. Mr. Honeycutt recommended that the board go ahead and approve Mr. Foltz's request and take a closer look at it later. Chairman Wear asked Mr. Foltz if he would need more funds to establish the park, if the grant were approved by the federal government- Mr. Foltz said the \$178,480 would take care of "our side of the creek"- all but the work that the Historic Properties Commission wants done on the mill. Commissioner Steele moved that the County proceed with the application and set aside some money toward the County's matching share at budget time so it won't have to come up with \$89,240 at one time. Commissioner Smith seconded saying that \$20,000 has already been set aside for the park. The Board passed the motion unanimously.

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector reported October's tax collections to be \$634,959.60.

Mr. Herbert Hawley, Director of Rowan County Health Department and Mrs. Evelyn Schaffer, Director of Nursing appeared before the board requesting fees for the non-Medicaid early screening patients. Mr. Hawley said the department is reimbursed by Medicaid for screening children eligible for Medicaid. Medicaid is now saying that they will stop payment unless children who are ineligible for Medicaid reimburse the department somehow, either through their insurance companies or personal payment. Mrs. Schaffer said Medicaid recipients can go to private doctors or the Health Department. She said the Health Department only assesses its clients, and refers them to doctors for diagnosis and treatment.

Commissioner Steele moved to bill the participants in the program with Mr. Honeycutt seconding by reason if “we don’t bill we will lose Medicaid.” Commissioner Ligon said that he did not understand the program. He feels like the Health Department is competing with private physicians. He said he understood there were so many doctors coming out of medical schools these days that it is “getting hard to pay their Country Club dues.” He said this matter was more complicated than he thought when he saw it on the Agenda. Commissioner Smith suggested putting it off until the 17th. Mrs. Schaffer said the billing was supposed to have gone into effect July 1. Commissioner Steele moved to approve the request and Mr. Honeycutt seconded it. Mr. Smith moved to amend the motion to wait until the 17th, and Mr. Steele reluctantly accepted the amendment. Mr. Ligon said that he would like to meet with the medical society before the 17th to see how doctors feel about the screening program billing. Mr. Honeycutt said the board should cooperate with members of the medical profession in harmony as close as possible-informed of moves that have been made-keep them abreast. Hope by the 17th people will understand it. Mr. Honeycutt also said to Mr. Hawley that on the 17th for him to inform the board how the department would do the billing. Also, Mr. Hawley requested that Mrs. Ruth Corriher, public health nurse, be granted a one-step increase in salary since she has been promoted to public health nurse II. The position she has occupied since November 1979 was that of a public health nurse I position. Commissioner Honeycutt approved the 5% pay increase with Mr. Steele seconding since the money was already in the budget.

The board voted unanimously to be part of the Salisbury-Concord Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA), rather than joining in a Charlotte SMSA. Harold Poole, planner said SMSAs are statistical methods used by the census bureau. Commissioner Honeycutt made a motion for Salisbury-Concord instead of Salisbury with Charlotte with Commissioner Steele seconding the motion with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the following new personnel with Mr. Honeycutt seconding with the Board giving unanimous approval:

Cynthia William’s-PHN 1
Hired 9/29/80
Salary: \$972 monthly
Lawrence Shoaf-Deputy Sheriff
Hired: 10/6/80
Salary: \$829 monthly
Sybil Niblock-PHN
Hired: 10/6/80
Salary: \$972 monthly
Janet Walser-PHN
Hired: 10/13/80

Salary: \$928 monthly

The Board approved a one step increase for Parks maintenance worker, Bill Wiseman, who was making \$7,108 before the raise. County Manager said he thought he would be getting \$400 more yearly.

County Manager reported Interest on all accounts to be \$144,884.85.

County Manager reported refunds unanimously accepted by the Board upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Smith. To: Ernest L. Beaver, 407 Kirk St., China Grove, \$40.25 for listing erroneously. The value was \$7,000 x .575 tax rate. Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor issued the refund.

From Glenn Trexler's office, Tax Collector the following refunds were issued for reason of over-payments of 1980 taxes:

Paul John Anthony	\$4.10
Catherine Holmes Archie	1.86
Leona B. Barkley	1.70
Linda G. Davis	3.38
Lawrence R. Eller	9.18
Everette D. Isenhour	6.49
Mary Karriker	2.39
John Ervin Kelly	3.11
J.D. Porter Contractors	5.08
Charles W. Rufty & Wife Jean	.93
Walter Crawford Seamon	.27
Glenn a. Trexler	.63
Total	\$39.17

The Board renewed the County's agreement to collect taxes for East Spencer. Mr. Steele made motion with Mr. Ligon seconding.

The board approved minor revisions in the lease with Brad Ragan, Inc. for space at the County Airport for a hangar. The first revision-after 20 years have the option to renew for ten years. The second revision- not to escalate more than \$300 on the monthly rent which is now \$85.00. The third being to allow them to rebuild in case of fire split the insurance with the County. Mr. Clarence Kluttz could see not legal problems. Commissioner Honeycutt moved to accept these revision with Mr. Steele seconding.

County Manager reported on one year lease renewals of County property. One with Whitton Distributors, Inc. one with W.F. Brinkley and Son Construction

Company, Inc. one with Hedrick Sand and Gravel Co. and one with Jimmie Lee Deal. Mr. Steele made a motion to accept the leases with Commissioner Smith seconding and with unanimous approval from the board.

The Board agreed to sign a contract to make 30 energy inspections for the State. The county will be paid by the State for the service. They include:

- 4 inspections for industrial/manufacturing
- 3 inspections for schools/colleges (jr. high and up)
- 4 inspections for restaurants
- 5 inspections for retail stores (non-food)
- 5 inspections for offices
- 2 inspections for hotel/motel
- 3 inspections for shopping centers
- 1 inspection for warehouses
- 3 inspections for retail food stores

Mr. Steele made a motion to sign the contract with Mr. Smith seconding.

County Manager informed the Board that the board replacement for Jim Dunn, Centralina Regional Employment and Training Council would be made by the City of Salisbury and hopefully that the Board of Commissioners will accept the nominated official. Commissioner Smith made a motion to let the city select and the Board review this matter at the next meeting with Mr. Steele seconding.

The Board reappointed Dr. Mary Sandler to the Tri-County Mental Health Area Board. Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept appointment with Mr. Steele seconding.

County Manager reported an appointment of elected public officials of the Salisbury/Rowan Community Service Council, Inc. Commissioner Steel voted to delay it until the 17th because of Mr. Ligon who might be leaving the board. Mr. Smith seconded the vote. Mr. Ligon commented that the Community Service Council was under investigation. He had been asked to back-off. The Commissioners want a full airing of the problems between the Service Council and the Rowan Council on Aging. The board agreed to bring this issue up again on the 17th with Mr. A.T. Harris and Sterling Whitener attending the meeting.

The board agreed to take the low bid of \$4,250 to paint the Tri-Mental Health Complex on Mahaley Avenue. Jim Stoner is the contractor who will do the work, upon a motion by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Steele.

The Board approved a transfer of funds for Jean Ramsey, Register of Deeds. \$2,275 from account 5351 to account 5330 to pay for maintenance contracts on two IMT Reader/Printers.

The Centralina Council of Government will meet at the Salisbury Recreation Center on November 12 at 6:15 P.M. with Salisbury and Rowan County as hosts.

Reminder of Veterans Day Parade on November 11 at the VA Hospital at 3 p.m.- and at Thomas Street at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Murdoch will ride with whoever decides to go.

The next meeting, November 17, Commissioners will discuss the role of the Council on the Status of Women.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Board of Holidays for the County Offices. Election Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, November 27, Christmas, Thursday December 25 and Friday, December 26, and New Years day.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned until November 17, 1980.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Rowan County Board of Commissioners