

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 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 and Hall Steele.

Chairman Wear called to order and Rufus Honeycutt opened with prayer.

This adjourned meeting was set specifically for installing newly appointed County Commissioner Eugene McCombs to serve the remaining two years of Brad Ligon on the Commission.

Chairman Wear then began his introductory remarks to the Board and concerned citizens in saying how delighted he was to be able to introduce such a fine and well qualified man as Eugene McCombs. That he had done such a fine job serving on the board before for ten years, never missing a meeting, his commission ended in 1976, not seeking re-election. Chairman Wear says he realizes that this commission will be a burden for Mr. McCombs felt like he was qualified enough to do an excellent job.

Mr. McCombs and Mr. Francis Glover, Clerk of Court then took their positions for the installing ceremony.

Mr. Rufus Honeycutt shook hands with Mr. Eugene McCombs and said he felt like he had done this before. He offered his handshake in friendship.

Mr. McCombs expressed his gratitude to the Board and concerned citizens for their support. He promised to do his best. He said he understood what the problems in the County were, the biggest problem he could see right now is revaluation, and "I have been through one of those." Mr. McCombs then took his Commissioner's seat and voted on the business issues that came up at the regular meeting later on that night.

Chairman Wear announced that the two new commissioners were with us tonight. Mr. Jim Sides and Mr. Jim Cohen. He asked them to stand up to be recognized and expressed how delighted he was to have them both here tonight.

Mr. Paul Fisher a concerned citizen from Granite Quarry took the floor to express his thanks and appreciation to the old Commissioners saying what a fine

job they had done for the county. He expressed his support to them and to Mr. McCombs.

Chairman Wear called for a two minute recess and then turned the regular meeting over to vice-chairman Honeycutt and then left to attend a medical meeting.

Mr. Benjamin Bridges, Attorney for the town of China Grove and Mr. Steve Luther, Town Clerk returned for their answer from the Board concerning a request for cooperation in constructing a waterline connecting Landis and China Grove to facilitate the sale of water from Landis. The town of China Grove is wanting to construct a new line which would cost \$168,000. They have been given a state grant of \$42,000 which they have to act upon by December 6, 1980. The Grant being from Clean Water Bond Fund. The town has asked to borrow \$126,000 from the County. Clarence Kluttz, Attorney, said that the County did not have the authority to loan the money but could consider building the line and leasing it to the towns. Vice-chairman asked how this would affect the Clean Water Bond funds. China Grove Town Clerk Steve Luther said he would ask the State for a ruling on that. Commissioner Hall Steele made the motion to issue a letter of intent to cooperate with the town of China Grove to construct their waterline with Mr. Paul Smith seconding. The Board voted unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Honeycutt announced that he had an addition to the Agenda. Pertaining to a change of time for the Commissioners regular meeting. Commissioners will convene their regular meetings in accordance with G.S. 153A-40(a) December 1, 1980 at 9:00 A.M. the first Monday in each month. Mr. Hall Steele made motion to accept the new time with Mr. McCombs seconding. Vice-chairman Honeycutt carried the motion.

Mr. Honeycutt expressed his concern over the disturbances of Monday night's adjourned meeting of the County Commissioners. He made an apology for himself and the other Commissioners for the embarrassing situation that was bestowed upon Mr. Gene Beaver, the GOP nominee for County Commissioner to replace Brad Ligon. "He hopes that he family will understand."

County Manager announced that the plans for the Holiday Caravan Parade were complete and in his office. Mr. Honeycutt extended an invitation to the new Commissioners, Mr. Cohen and Mr. Sides to ride in the parade. Mr. Cohen said, "no one had previously contacted them, but he would talk with Mr. Sides and felt like they would participate."

County Manager passed out copies to the Commissioners of a report on the feasible study of Spencer Shops from Mayor Spears.

Mr. Paul Smith commented that he had received an ok from Mr. Phillip Barton, Director of the Rowan Public Library regarding maintaining The North Carolina Administrative Codes. Mr. Barton will be the person to ship to and contact regarding the code. Mr. Smith made the motion for the library to be the designated location with Mr. Hall Steele seconding. County Manager commented that the state had allocated money to administer the codes plus microfiche machine to view them. The state will maintain codes. The Board voted unanimously for the code system.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned until December 1, 1980.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Rowan County Board of Commissioners