

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 3, 1981

The Board of County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building, Salisbury, North Carolina on August 3, 1981 at 9:00 A.M. The following members were present: Rufus Honeycutt, Hall Steele, Eugene McCombs, Jim Sides and Jim Cohen.

Chairman McCombs called the meeting to order and Commissioner Cohen opened with prayer.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to accept the minutes of July 7, July 9 and July 20. Mr. Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made two additions to the Agenda concerning the Parks and Recreation Department and the County leased service station.

Commissioner Steele made a comment concerning the Department of Social Services monthly reports. He informed the Board about FDC recertification. Mr. Cohen commented that the Social Services staff could be reduced.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Commissioners about a reply that he had received from Robert Helms, Division of Environmental Management concerning the pollution problems on the Yadkin River.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Bob Hanes, Council of Government, informing the Board that he had replaced Jane Miller and will attend the meetings.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Commissioners about a letter that he had received from Larry Weaver commending C & M Ambulance Service for their performance on July 18, 1981 involving an accident in which his mother was injured. He said Rowan County had an ambulance service to be proud of.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Commissioners that he had received a past quarterly report from Vision Cable.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Jean Ramsey, Register of Deeds requesting vault space away from her files in case of a fire. She gave methods for protecting microfilm. The Board took no action.

Mr. McCombs informed the Board of a letter that he had received from the High Rock Lake Commission and William Rambo.

Glenn Trexler reported total tax collections for July, 1981, \$90,450.12.

At this time Chairman McCombs called a short recess to give the Composite Board time to take their seats.

Chairman McCombs declared the Regular meeting adjourned and opened the Composite Board meeting. The following Board of Education members present were: Mr. Jonathan Shores, Mr. Dick Messinger, Mr. Carl Eagle, and Mr. Frank Patterson. Absent was Mr. Marcelle Williams. The Board of Health Members present were: Mrs. Gladys Beaumont, Mr. D.A. Thompson, Mr. Grover Palmer, Dr. Steve Thurston, Mrs. W.L. Fink and Clark Coffin. Absent were Dr. Tannehill and Dr. Sloop.

Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Steele, the approval of the minutes as received in the mail of the previous meeting. The nominations for an appointment to the ABC Board were open to the floor. Harry Welch and Jack Crowell had written letters to the Board requesting to be appointed. Upon a motion by Jim Sides and a second by Jim Cohen the vote was unanimous to vote openly instead of secret ballot and signing name. The vote was eight to seven in favor of Harry Welch to be the Chairman of the ABC Board.

Mr. Dave Graham, General Manager, ABC Board reported total profit from ABC from July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1981 in Rowan County was \$460,361.43. (Attached)

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele and a second by Mr. Sides, it was a unanimous vote for Chairman McCombs to adjourn the Composite Board and re-open the Regular meeting.

Dr. William H. Conkle, Service for the Aging, Sterling Whitener, Rowan Council on Aging, Wiley Lash, Salisbury/Rowan Community Service Council, and Edith Alcorn, President of the Human Service Council were present to present the needs of the elderly to the Commissioners. Dr. Conkle addressed each Commissioner and informed them of the philosophy and dedication of the Committee. He said that the Committee would not accept anything less than a professional job, that they had sought help and guidance from experts in the field of geriatrics. He gave three committee recommendations: 1) Office of Aging be established, Head of Office and secretary be funded with County funds. 2) Board of Directors for the Officer of Aging be appointed with a representative from each township to assess effectiveness and approve the budget before it is submitted. 3) A task force made up of 30 to 50 people making recommendations for acquisition of a

site for a Senior Citizens Center. Sterling Whitener said the budget prepared by Centralina was not realistic for a director for the office on Aging to be paid \$18,000. He said directors in other counties got \$25,000. In this day of failing safety nets and increased family expenses, the Centralina report was completely unacceptable.

Mr. Conkle said he hoped that the Commissioners would certify this. Mr. McCombs said with proper communication with each other, the Senior Citizens could go where they needed to go. Mr. Sides commented that he was not against Senior Citizens but that he felt that they had to look further into this issue that he did not think Senior Citizens were looking for hand-outs- that he would continue to support them. The Commissioners were in agreement to defer this matter until August 17, 1981 at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Steele commented about the meal sites. He said this was not welfare situation- but they get lonely and they are home by themselves and it was not a matter of income- but getting together. Mr. McCombs said the meal site is a matter of companionship.

At this time, Chairman McCombs called a short recess.

Mr. James Bost with the Rowan Count Fair Association presented a check to the Commissioners as a donation to the Parks in the amount of \$1,500. Mr. Bost said each year profits from the Fair goes to the Faith, Spencer and Salisbury Jaycees. The donation stemmed from a Beach Jam held at the Fairgrounds. Mr. Sides said he was against the Jam sessions being held at the fairgrounds and recommended that the Rowan County Fair Association meet with the Board of Commissioners to make amendments to the lease to discontinue rock concerts and other jam sessions. No action was taken by the Board on this recommendation. Mr. Honeycutt made a motion that anything unusual happening at the fairgrounds to see the Board and get permission. Mr. Sides seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. M.L. Boyd, President, High Rock Lake Association presented a Resolution to the Commissioners requesting a joint County and State Study of the Yadkin River and High Rock Lake. Mr. Byrd informed the Board that Davidson County had passed the Resolution and is requesting that Rowan join with them. Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval. (Attached)

Mr. Byrd then presented a Pollution Abatement Agreement. This agreement will be made between High Rock Lake Association and the Rowan County Government. The Rowan County Health Department will investigate each report and will determine whether State or Local regulations exist which will lead to abatement of the problem. Mr. Byrd said there would be 6,000 members reporting Pollution problems. Mr. Steele moved to adopt the Pollution Abatement Agreement. Mr. Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Robie Nash attending the

meeting, thanked the Commissioners for their help in forming the Yadkin-Pee-Dee River Committee.

Mr. Charles Coughenhour appeared before the Commissioners again with the problems that he has been having at this residence. Nothing was said this time because the Board was already aware of his problems and reminded him that a meeting had been set up with Commissioners for his benefit that he cancelled. Another meeting was set for today August 3, 1981, at 12:00 noon. Mr. Coughenhour was asked to meet with Commissioner Sides, Commissioner Steele, and the Sheriff in the Sheriff's Office. This was agreeable with everyone concerned.

Danny Johnson, Planner, presented the Wellons Foundation of Dunn, NC which is a non-profit Church Group (Gospel Tabernacle) organization, application to provide 30 units of housing for the elderly and the handicapped. Mr. Murdoch said HUD was asking for comments after Commissioner Sides moved to deny the application and Mr. Cohen seconded- and that they did not have the authority to approve or deny the application. Mr. Johnson said there was no county money involved- that he would like to see something done in this area. Mr. Sides commented that a lot of times whenever you hear of a project being non-profit that it was deceiving. That salaries have to come out of that fund. Mr. Cohen commented that waste and more spending would be on the Commissioners backs if they didn't oppose it. Mr. Steele commented that the ones who need it would be dry and warm. Mr. McCombs said he would vote for this. Mr. Steele would make a motion to do this. Mr. Cohen said- this you are out of step.

Danny Johnson, Planner presented the Growth Center Designation Application for the Kannapolis/Concord/Landis/China Grove Urban Area. Mr. Johnson said this was encouraged to balance needs of areas. A Resolution was adopted July, 1980 then was classified as an area center- 1981- criteria has been changed- to be recognized as a regional center- highest level of job opportunity is found. Program has nothing to do with allocation of funds. Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to adopt the Resolution and submit revised application. Mr. Steele seconded. Mr. Cohen said if the State has any control they will designate the growth center- that he was not in favor of the State to direct. Mr. Cohen said he was not sold on balance growth policy. That it was a form of getting more control. Mr. Sides said this was a lot of unneeded State interference. Mr. Honeycutt said you would have state interference whenever the State was participating- when funded through them. Mr. Cohen said he doesn't want the state telling us about our growth. Mr. Sides and Mr. Cohen voting No. The motion passing with Mr. McCombs voting I. (Attached)

MR. Steele asked for a response from the Board concerning the possibility of running 8 miles of sewage from Cleveland to Cooleemee. Requested that Commissioners establish a role that would advance money for developing water &

sewer for a new industry similar to the new M.A.N. plant and that ad valorem taxes be committed for 5 years from that industry. Mr. Cohen commented that he was not opposed- that people should have the say so. Mr. Honeycutt said, the news media would carry it.

Bill Kluttz, Attorney, reported on the Kimberly Court paving project. He informed the Commissioners that the paving had been done- \$7,263.02- total cost, would need to be assessed. Attorney Kluttz asked Commissioners for an assessment role and for them to set a date for a public hearing. The ones to be assessed with be sent a 10 day notice. Mr. Honeycutt moved to adopt the resolution and set August 17, 1981 at 7:30 P.M. as the date for the public hearing. Mr. Sides seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Commissioners of an invitation for a dinner meeting with the Kannapolis Chamber of Commerce. Asked them to agree on several dates. It was agreed to make this decision on August 17, 1981 at 7:30 P.M.

The Commissioners agreed to set Tuesday, August 11, 1981 at 7:30 P.M. as a meeting date to meet with the City Council. Mr. Murdoch will inform them of the details.

Mr. Murdoch reported new personnel:

Fred Howell, Veterans Service Officer at \$1,001.71 replacing Bob Wolff at \$1,002.91.

Danny Griffin, Dispatcher at \$752 replacing Charles Childress at \$829.

Larry Baity, Assistant Dog Warden, \$652-posted position.

Daryl Shelby, Programmer, \$1,115 replacing Pam Smith at \$1,171.

Commissioner Steele made a motion to accept the Personnel. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch reported Interest:

General Fund	\$51,491.86
Revenue Sharing	1,532.22
Debt Service	<u>1.09</u>
Total	\$53,025.17

Mr. Murdoch presented a resolution relating to the annexation of territory to Kannapolis Sanitary District. The resolution would approve two (2) lots in Rowan

County. Henry A. Fisher and James Russell. Mr. Sides made a motion to approve the annexation. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval. (Attached)

Mr. Murdoch requested reappointments to the Spencer Board of Adjustment. The reappointment of Robert Reese and Clyde Young was approved by a motion by Hall Steele and a second which was unanimous by Jim Cohen.

Mr. Murdoch requested that the Board make appointments requested by the Granite Quarry Town Board of Alderman. Three year terms to expire on June 30, 1984. Extraterritorial Planning Board members recommended for reappointments are Howard Brown, Jr. and Mr. Cleveland Sheck. Extraterritorial Zoning Board of Adjustment members appointments are Mr. Norman Frick and David Fisher. Mr. Steele made a motion to approve the appointments and reappointments. Mr. Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Board of bids for the scrapper at the landfill. Mr. Sides made a motion to accept the low bid of \$99,853.24 from Rimtrax (John Deer) and Fist Union National Bank Lease/purchase plan at \$3,239.24 a month for 36 months. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval. Other bids were E.F. Craven Company, \$101,798 at \$3,381.33 a month and Rimtrax, \$3,306.14 a month.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Board that money had been set up in the budget to purchase additional equipment for the Data Processing Department. Informed the Board that he had received bids from IBM and SunData. Mr. Sides recommended discussing this matter further. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Board of the bids for paving the miniature golf parking lot at Dan Nicholas Park. Mr. Cohen made a motion to approve the low bid of \$7,259 from Tar Heel Construction. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval. Other bids were: Piedmont Asphalt- \$7,500 and Jim L. Bost- \$8,425. The Commissioners were also informed of the synthetic cloth to go under the paving donated by Fiber Industries. \$100 labor would be added to the cost, as well as \$70 for bond.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Board of the bids that he had received on the sale of Sheriff's automobiles. There were six (6) autos. One outfit bid on all six- One individual bid on two. On the 1980 models- Campbell's Body Shop bid \$1,000 on #106-\$375 on #107-\$800 on #132. On the three 1979 models- \$375 on #105- 4450 on #130 and \$375 on #131. D.A. Cauble, jr. bid \$1,001 on #106 and \$560 on #132. The highest bid went to Mr. Cauble on #106 with Campbell's receiving the remainder. Mr. Sides made a motion to accept the high bid. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Cohen informed the Board of a meeting that he had attended of the Parks and Recreation Board. He learned that 1980 fiscal year revenue had increased \$9,000. He spoke highly of Jim Foltz.

Mr. Cohen informed the Board that plans for low cost maintenance at the service station had fallen through. The operator has accepted a job with the city; however, Mr. Bob Chandler will be glad to work with Commissioners. Can find another operator. They can continue to lease it out. The emphasis would lean toward parts- gasoline will be a savings.

Concerning fire dispatching, Fire Marshall Gunn Said that a consultant estimated a cost at \$25,000 to \$300,000 to install a 911 system. The countywide 911 system would set up dispatching service for all emergency calls.

Chairman McCombs entertained a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss 1) railroad lawsuit and 2) Aviation easements.

Commissioner Steele made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Clarence Kluttz briefed the Commissioners on the Railroad lawsuit challenging property taxes. The NC Association of County Commissioners has recommended that all counties get involved and have the law firm of Ruff, Bond, Cobb, Wade and McNair, which is representing Mecklenburg County, represent all counties at an estimated \$50,000. This would be pro-rated among the counties.

Commissioner Steele made a motion for the County to pay their share of \$1,129 for Charlotte attorney Hamilton Wade to defend them through the trial stage. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Steele made a motion for the County Manager to meet with property owners concerning the aviation easements at the airport, and offer them the approved amounts of money for the easements. To give them 30 days to accept or reject. Mr. Sides seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Sides made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Mr. Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Chairman McCombs adjourned the meeting until August 17, 1981 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners