

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED MEETING
AUGUST 17, 1981

The Board of County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building, Salisbury, North Carolina on August 17, 1981 at 7:30 P.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 Sides opened with prayer.

Commissioner Honeycutt made a motion to open the public hearing for the preliminary assessment roll for improvements made to Susan Lane, Kimberly Court. Mr. Sides seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Bill Kluttz, Attorney, informed the Board that the Department of Transportation had completed the paving. Chairman McCombs asked if there was anyone who would like to speak against the assessment. Mr. Don Beck, lot #21, Kimberly Court stated that the road was worse now, that it was rougher, he does not feel that the work is complete. Freddie Holshouser, Lot #28, Kimberly Court, stated that the rock is coming loose, that it was not a good job. No one spoke in favor of the paving. Mr. McCombs asked if the road met state specifications. According to the assessment role, it did not clearly stated specifications.

Mr. Kluttz stated that the Assessment was set up under a shared cost program. \$5,263.02- if residents would pay this, the state would pay the rest. Because of the complaints, Mr. Honeycutt moved to defer adopting the resolution confirming the Assessment Roll and sending it to the Tax Collector until Monday Night, August 24, 1981 at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Sides seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Steele made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

The Committee for the services of the Aging gathered to talk to Commissioners about their recommendations. The following members were present: Wiley Lash, Edith Hinshaw, Bob Thomas and Juanita Lagg. Chairman McCombs commended the committee on the report that they had submitted to him. Mrs. Lagg stated that the committee offered quite a few programs. There biggest problem was referral services.

Mr. Cohen asked about the deficiency in the 1977-78 Community Service Council Audit. Karen Buckle and George Monaghan with the Centralina Council of

Government was there to explain. Mr. Monaghan said based on reports sent to them- they could not document the difference. He said Rowan County is in no way responsible for the \$2,678 overpayment which should have been paid back in non-federal funds- that his was between Centralina and the Community Service Council. Karen Buckle stated that if Mr. Lash would have only identified the funds that they would have been glad to have worked with him, but she was informed by him that he did not have the funds to repay it. Mr. Lash said he could have found federal funds but not non-federal funds. He stated he wanted to reconcile the whole thing- if we owe it, we ought to pay it. Mrs. Lagg asked if it was necessary to go through COG with their recommendations. Mr. McCombs said that the money is available to us for the program. We will not tax twice to get the same amount. Mr. Honeycutt said, this problem does not affect our Board.

Mrs. Lagg stated that she was concerned about Senior Citizens having a place to gather on a day by day basis. Their aim being to expand services to citizens- 60 years old- 50% spent on poor.

Bob Thomas spoke up in behalf of the Committee's recommendations to put the Aging Program under one administration. He requested that Rowan County fund a secretary and an administrative head to coordinate the services.

Mr. Sides said that he would like to see everyone in Rowan County serviced- but he believed the CSC's CSA funds were cut of because of the \$2,678 discrepancy. Mr. Lash and Mr. Monaghan tried to explain to him that there was no connection.

Mrs. Ann Ramsey spoke from the floor concerning transportation for the elderly. She commented that transportation could be a savings if the county would get a volunteer to oversee it.

Mr. Steele asked Mr. Monaghan what the criteria was, who was eligible to receive the meals. Mrs. Lagg commented that it was based on income. Mr. Monaghan said that they were encouraged to make donations.

Mr. Cohen commented that this was an endless cycle of things wrong in our society. That he regretfully, but respectfully would vote no for these services.

Mr. Honeycutt then moved that the County enter into a contract with the Centralina Council of Governments to operate the Title III-B (social services, Title III-C (Nutrition), and Title V (Senior Employment programs) beginning October 1, 1981 through September 30, 1982 and that the County Manager work out he administrative details with SRCSC and Centralina so that the program can begin on schedule. The County Manager should report back to the Board at the September meeting on the progress being made in organizing the program. Mr. Steel seconded the motion. Mr. Sides said he was not opposed to the transferals but

why is the cost more. Mr. McCombs said we will not spend more funds than what is in the budget.

Mr. Clyde Fahnstock, CSC, explained the Older American Act. It funds a different array of services. Includes Titles B,C and 5- two paid positions can represent in-kind match that are coming in. (The Old P.O. Building- where they can set up office is already in place.)

Mr. Steele said if we use our judgement and energy we can accomplish everything in this report. I know the County tax payer can only stand for so much- we should accomplish all that we can.

Mr. Sides said he favored some Aging Programs to some degree- would be in favor of this project- we are talking about a lot of money- he said he could spending a little less. He said he would rather see the money spent on the people, not administration. Mr. Cohen and Mr. Sides voting against, the motion passing with Mr. McCombs voting I.

Mr. Steele made a motion to adopt the schedule of values to be used in the 1982 revaluation upon Wallace Peeler's Tax Supervisor, request. Mr. Honeycutt seconded. Mr. Peeler pointed out that the value would be \$25 per sq. ft.- with the point system on top of that. Mr. Cohen asked Mr. Peeler if he was completely satisfied. Mr. Peeler answered yes, that they were coming out close to market value. The value of real estate will probably double. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Peeler then requested that the Board approve hiring a new employee to run the terminal in his office. This would eliminate a lot of work for the Data Processing Department. This person that he is considering is now working with W.P. Farriss. No action was taken on this matter.

The matter of the 5% or 10% personal property tax will be taken up on Monday night, August 24, 1981 at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Steele moved to request the Wildlife Resources Commission to hold a public hearing on prohibiting spotlighting deer from a half-hour after sunset until a hour-hour before sunrise in Rowan County as approved by the General Assembly in Senate Bill 170. Commissioner Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to appoint Bobby Aldridge as an extraterritorial member to the Salisbury Planning board. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

The Commissioners agreed to make the appointment to the Jury Commission at their September 8 meeting. They were informed that Marlene Plyler, present member, could be reappointed.

Commissioner Sides informed the Board that he had approached Data Processing Supervisor about the bids on the Computer Equipment. He reported that the contacts had not been made. There are problems with maintenance service. Mr. Sides recommended equipment from IBM as opposed to Sundata. He stressed that we would be saving money. The Board requested that the County Attorney investigate the bids to see if they were bidding on the same thing. The Board also requested that the County Manager talk to Sundata Customer references. It was agreed to defer this matter until Monday night, August 24.

Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to accept the \$750 bid from Lillie Mae Mutz on the purchase of the property in Granite Quarry. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

The Commissioners set September 8, 1981 as the meeting date to meet with the Kannapolis Chamber of Commerce. The County Manager will contact the Commissioners about the details.

The County Manager reported a tax foreclosure on a piece of property- 43 ft. 150 ft. deep on Old Plank Road. Needs to be condemned. Requesting county to pay \$300- City would pick up rest. The Board agreed that Mr. Honeycutt and Mr. Sides should take a look at it.

The County Manager informed the Board of an Educational Opportunity for Rowan County. There will be a seminar for volunteer coordinators. The Board agreed to turn this over to the Board of Education.

Commissioner Cohen requested that it go on public record that Craige Trexler is doing an excellent job as head of the Building Inspector's Department. Mr. Honeycutt commented that Mr. Trexler had helped to write the State Code Books.

Mr. Honeycutt made a motion for the Board to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Mr. Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Honeycutt made a motion for the Board to adjourn executive session and return to regular session. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

The Board accepted the resignation of Dwight Jones, Data Processing Supervisor and authorized the County Manager to advertise and hire a replacement.

Mr. Sides made a motion to approve the request of Jean Ramsey to reclassify two employees from one position to another and hire a replacement in the Register of Deeds office as a result of Luanne Sides termination. Bernice Hoffman would be Indexer Death and Land Records with a one step increase to \$8,200. Cynthia Wilhelm would be Indexer Birth and Land Records with a one step increase to \$8,200. Pattie Ann Craver would be hired as Microfilmer II at \$7,455. Mr. Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Sides made a motion to make this effective retroactive to August 17, 1981 pay period. Mr. Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

Chairman McCombs adjourned this meeting until Monday night, August 24 at 7:30 P.M. at this time the Board will hear from the Department of Transportation. A public hearing on the secondary road construction program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners