

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 1981

The Board of County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building, Salisbury, North Carolina on September 8, 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 opened with prayer.

Commissioner Steele asked that Minutes of August 3, 1981- page 4, second paragraph, 3rd and 4th lines read that Commissioners establish a role that would advance money for developing water and sewage for a new industry similar to the new M.A.N. plant and that ad valorem taxes be committed from the industry for five (5) years.

With the exception of this correction, Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve the minutes of August 3, August 17 and August 24, 1981. Commissioner Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch made two additions to the Agenda. (1) Kerr Mill Grant and (2) Rescue Squad truck bids.

On the monthly reports, Chairman McCombs commented that Director Edwin Koontz, Department of Social Services was trying to understand his programs more clearly by sending his personnel in charge to meetings. Pertaining to the Building Inspector's Office, not monthly reports, Commissioners Honeycutt, Sides and Chairman McCombs had received call of complaints in that office. Commissioner Sides commented that his complaint was concerning parcel and map numbers on documents. That contractors should be able to call and get their permits instead of having to come into town and look it up. Mr. Murdoch said if you know the property owner, you can get the parcel and map number. Mr. Honeycutt said they should get together and find out if they do have a problem.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Juanita Olsen, Vocational Workshop, expressing her appreciation for the County's continued support for the Workshop having received National Accreditation for past years.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Julian Johnson, Chairman of dignitaries of the Holiday Caravan Parade, inviting Commissioners to participate Wednesday, November 25 1981. The parade will start at 3:00 in Spencer and 4:00 in Salisbury.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from the Holiday Decorating Committee requesting \$200 in funds for downtown lights. Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to approve the funding from contingencies. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Joseph Grimsley, Secretary of the NC Department of Natural Resources Community Development, thanking him for the letter of August 6 transmitting the Resolution about High Rock Lake. Advised Mr. Murdoch to consult with Bob Helms, Division of Environmental Management, about any specific suggestions that Rowan County might have.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Roy Deaton, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, requesting permission to utilize the Rowan County Fair Association donation to fund the project for Shelter #4 at Dan Nicholas Park. Mr. Cohen made a motion to appropriate the requested \$1500 to the park. Mr. Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Charles Fullwood, Director of the Wildlife Commission in reference to scheduling the public hearing on spotlighting for deer. He stated that he would do this as soon as possible.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Board that he had received a new schedule for invoices from the NC Department of Correction on the use of prisoners for work other than welfare:

At \$1/day for 10 prisoners for 30 days or	\$300.00
Administrative Expense- 2 hours a day at	
\$5.74/hour for 30 days	\$344.40
Supervision- \$5.74/hour, 8hr days for 30 days	\$1,377.60
Travel-10 miles/day for 30 days or \$3/day	\$90.00
Total	\$2,112.00

Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to continue with the use of Prisoners for the money to come from Contingencies and to put it on a trial basis. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch read a note from the park informing Commissioners of the T.M. Stanback Outdoor Theater dedication scheduled for September 20, 1981- Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Murdoch read a note from the County School Office, that Dr. Martha West would be the volunteer convenor for Rowan County for the Educational Opportunity Project.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Commissioners of a copy of the letter from Page Hudson, Medical Examiner's Office, Chapel Hill, to Dr. Martin, local medical examiner, concerning the coroner. Mr. Sides requested that he be the other Commissioner to meet with this group. Mr. Honeycutt said that he would not be attending this meeting. That he did not anticipate any problems- that through visiting and cooperate effort, this program would work. Mr. McCombs said he would write Dr. Levine, (Acting Director of the Medical Examiner's Department, Division of Health Services, Raleigh) concerning his letter about the coroner.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Dr. Sara Morrow concerning House Bill 405- screening program for the elderly requesting Commissioners to endorse the program. To keep the elderly people in their home and out of nursing centers. It is an extension of what we are already doing. Mr. Sides made a motion not to give our endorsement for the program. Mr. Cohen seconded. Mr. Steele commented that his is one of the best ideas we have come up with- doing for these older people, keeping them in their homes. Mr. Side's motion was defeated 3/2 with Mr. Honeycutt, Steele and Chairman McCombs voting against. Mr. McCombs said he voted no because we were already endorsing the program, but that he would like to see this program on a voluntary basis not funded by the State. Mr. Sides made a motion to endorse the program concerning House Bill 405- for the State not to appropriate any additional money and would like to see it done by the County on a voluntary basis. Mr. Honeycutt seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mr. Steele voting No.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from William Robinson, Jr., Secretary of Department of Transportation concerning application we put in for a grant to extend Crosswind Grass runway 800 feet. They have allocated \$32,000 to Rowan County for this project.

Commissioner Cohen presented a road petition for approval, requesting that 200 additional feet of Mahaffey Drive be added to the State System. Charles Kluttz, Department of Transportation, in a note, informed the Board that this will give another street access to a state maintained road on which there are three (3) homes. Mr. Honeycutt seconded the request with unanimous approval. (Attached)

Glenn Trexler reported tax collections for the month of August, \$49,717.50.

Mr. Steele made a motion to authorize and to adopt the resolution for 1981 tax collections. Mr. Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval. (Attached)

Mr. Robert Gunn, Fire Marshall, requested that the Commissioners approve the addition of .2 of a mile to the West Liberty Fire District. Mr. Steele made a

motion to approve the addition. Mr. Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval. (Attached)

Mr. Gunn then requested the extension of boundary for the Locke Fire District. The Miller Road area. Mr. Honeycutt observed that the Board should bear in mind whenever additional money is available for paving, that street #1582 access to Miller Chapel Road should be paved. Mr. Cohen made a motion to accept the extension of the boundary. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval. (Attached)

Lt. Ed Haupt from the Sheriff's Department requested that the Commissioners approve a request for funds from the Sheriff's gas and oil account to purchase gasoline to operate a plane from the Airport to search for drugs. The plane would be furnished free. Mr. Haupt stated that one hour flying time would consume 10 gallons of fuel at \$2 a gallon- one hour would cost \$20 for fuel. He stated that the marijuana would be harvested at the end of this month. Mr. Sides made a motion to allocate \$200 for gasoline- this would be 10 hours of flying for drug search. Mr. Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval. Lt. Haupt was asked to consult with Mr. Murdoch or Chairman McCombs if additional funds are needed.

Mr. Murdoch requested the Board's permission to request the City Council to appropriate \$1,765 for transportation services to older adults for the period October 1, 1981 to September 30, 1982 as they have done in the past. Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Sides seconded with unanimous approval.

Chairman McCombs stated that the Personnel contacted about the Nutrition Program are qualified people. He called on Addie Rhem Morris, Chairman for the Council on Aging, who was attending the meeting, to express her opinion about the proposed Director. She stated, "in this particular field, he will do a very good job, but Aging Program covers many areas, and it might take a person who has experience in more than one area to do the job that Rowan County is doing."

Mr. Murdoch reported on the meal bids. He received four bids:

Ketner's Inc.	\$1.595
Servomation Corp.	1.739
Gourmet Services	1.78
ARA Services	1.885

Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to accept Ketner's low bid of \$1.595 per meal. Mr. Sides seconded with unanimous approval.

It was agreed that the Personnel involved in the Aging Program be formally approved by the Commissioners on September 22, 1981 at 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Murdoch requested that the Board approve two (2) Personnel replacements:

Larry Keaton, Jail at \$564 monthly replacing Johnny Tucker at \$621.
Lilly Tunstall, Home Extension Agent at \$791.66 replacing Louise Slade at \$873.83.

Mr. Steele made a motion to approve the Personnel replacements. Mr. Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Fred Howell, Veteran's Service Officer, requested that the Board approve two part-time clerks for his office instead of one full-time clerk. He requested that Cindy Tatum who is presently working in his office work three (3) days a week and hire another clerk to work two (2) days a week. He would like to train two clerks in case if one should leave. He also requested that the clerks work full time during November, December and January. Mr. Steele made a motion to approve Mr. Howell's request. Mr. Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch reported Interest:

General Fund	\$62,198.13
Revenue Sharing	2,496.67
Debt Service	<u>1.09</u>
Total	\$64,695.89

Mr. Murdoch requested approval to refund to Gilbert Smith the amount of \$3 for a building permit. He decided after obtaining it, not to build. Mr. Steele made a motion to approve the refund. Mr. Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch presented a change order for approval. An addition to T.M. Stanback Outdoor Theater. The original contract sum was \$38,659.45- decrease sum by \$1,350.99 the new contract sum will be \$37,308.46. Mr. Cohen made a motion to approve the change order. Mr. Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval. (Attached)

Mr. Murdoch received two bids on roofing the hangar at the Airport:

Terry Hess bid	\$13,100
Graham Roofing	\$10,049

Mr. Honeycutt moved to accept the low bid from Graham Roofing. Mr. Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Steel made a motion to approve the County School Amendments to local fund budget for year ended Jun 30, 1981 and the re-budgeting of 1980-81 purchase orders. Mr. Sides seconded with unanimous approval. (Attached)

Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to approve the designations of the following official depositories for county funds: Wachovia, Northwestern, First Union, Security, Farmers & Merchants, Merchants and Farmers Banks and Citizens Savings, Home Savings and North Carolina Savings. Mr. Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to appoint Mrs. Susan Walters (Mrs. Charlie) for a two (2) year term to the jury commission. Mr. Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to re-appoint Julius Waggoner to the Housing Authority Board. Mr. Steele seconded. After discussion from the Board, Mr. Honeycutt withdrew his motion and Mr. Steel withdrew his second to wait and consider this appointment on September 22 at the next Commissioners meeting.

Mr. Sides made a motion to set 5% on household values for 1982 instead of 10% which it has been for previous years. Mr. Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Honeycutt informed the Commissioners that he and Mr. Sides had gone out to look at the property on Old Plank Road. Mr. Sides said the County owned 1/3 interest and the City owned 2/3. He recommended that the City be asked what their feelings were concerning putting it up for sale- because the property is of no use to the County. Let the buyer be responsible for moving. Mr. Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Board that he had received two bids on the Rescue Squad Utility Truck:

Earnhardt Motors Bid	\$10,816.70
Byerly Chevrolet Bid	\$12,136.67

Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to accept the low bid of \$10,816.70 from Earnhardt Motors. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Board that he had received word from Representative Bill Hefner's office that Rowan County would receive \$96,740 in

matching HCRS funds for the development of Sloan Park in the Western Rowan Community of Mill Bridge. The County has accumulated \$58,836.82 from past appropriations. They would need \$30,404 balance in order to match the grant. Mr. Cohen said he would have to vote against the appropriation because we do not have a balanced federal budget. Mr. McCombs said we have accumulated funds, we have an opportunity to give those people who live in the Western part of the county a park. Mr. Sides commented that her again we are failing safety nets, somebody has to set standards. Somebody has to say no. He said his recreation is something that we all need, but would like to see a balanced budget. He said he would have to vote no. He recommended sending a letter to the people involved withdrawing request for funds and keeping the money in the budget to help balance it. Mr. Honeycutt moved to accept the grant with the remainder, \$30,404 of the County's portion for matching funds to come from undesignated revenue sharing funds. Mr. Steele seconded. Mr. Sides and Mr. Cohen voting no. The motion passing with Chairman McCombs voting I.

Mr. Murdoch reminded Commissioners about their meeting tonight at McCabe's Restaurant with the Kannapolis Chamber of Commerce.

Chairman McCombs adjourned the meeting until September 22 at 7:30 P.M., at that time the Board will discuss the purchase of dumpsters for the landfill, and upon Mr. Sides request, the appointment to the Housing Authority.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners