

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED SESSION
SEPTEMBER 22, 1981

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building, Salisbury North Carolina on September 22, 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.

There was one addition to the Agenda. Barbara Hill, President of the United Arts Council requested to speak to the Board concerning a proposal.

Chairman McCombs recognized County Attorney Clarence Kluttz on his outstanding achievements with the American Bar Association by being inducted as a fellow in the Society of Trial Lawyers in New Orleans.

Mr. Harold Watson, Supervisor of the Landfill spoke to Commissioners about Solid Waste Collections. Mr. Watson showed the Commissioners a map with 48 dumpster sites. He suggested doing away with small containers and putting in larger ones- and placing them where the public would not have as far to drive. Mr. Watson stated that with the larger containers, you would not need as much property and it is easier to place them. In the first phase of the plan, Mr. Watson recommended eight more sites and placing 16- 40 yd. Containers. The small containers (4-6 cubic yard) would be left at 15 sites in the Eastern and Western sections of the county. This plan would cost the County \$214,000 not including funds to lease or purchase sites. The funds that have been set aside would cover purchasing 16-40 yd. Containers at \$64,000- a tilt trailer at \$70,000 to empty the large containers- \$59,200 to prepare the sites and \$15,000 for a brush truck. MR. Watson informed the Commissioners that the large dumpsters at the North Kannapolis sites have to be emptied three times daily costing the County \$850 a week. He estimated a \$14,000 compactor would cut the trips to once a day and save the County \$500 a week. No action was taken concerning the compactor. The next phase was to get rid of all small containers leaving 14 large container sites-but Mr. Watson stated that he was hoping that the small and large container plan would work out. Mr. Watson informed the Commissioners of the operations of adjoining counties who are using the 40 yd. Containers. He gave figures for Davidson, Stanly, Lincolnton, Gaston and Union Counties, explaining that Union has a \$337,000 operating system. Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to go with Mr. Watson's plan to purchase 8 sites, 16-40 yd. Containers, 1 new tilt truck and to include a new trash

truck. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Cohen commented that he would vote along because it was the best way to now- maybe within the next three years the Board could work toward franchising- but if the 40 yd work he might change his mind. Mr. McCombs advised Mr. Murdoch to get specifications on this so bids could be taken and Mr. Watson asked the Board for help in locating sites.

Ms. Barbara Hill and Ms. Susan Ketner, President and Project Chairman of the United Arts Council, requested to use the Fairground facilities for the purpose of sponsoring a Blue Grass music festival on November 7. Ms. Ketner who is the project chairman said the purpose for holding the festival was to supplement their budget which was cut from the federal level to the local level this year. Mr. Honeycutt said he could see no problem since the Arts Council was supervising and he moved to grant them permission. Mr. Cohen seconded with unanimous approval with the Board saying as long as it was agreeable with the Jaycees.

Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to re-appoint Julius Waggoner for another 5 year term on the Housing Authority Board. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Steele made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Mr. Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Cohen made a motion for the Board to go out of Executive Session. Mr. Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Honeycutt made a motion for the Board to go back into Regular Session. Mr. Sides seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to hire personnel for the Office of Council of Aging- Mr. Clyde Fahnestock- Director, Mrs. Connie McMahon, Secretary and information/referral, Ms. Lelia Phifer as bookkeeper. Mr. Sides seconded with unanimous approval.

The Board also agreed to give Mr. Murdoch permission to advertise for a qualified Building Inspector as a replacement for Jim Helms who is leaving.

As there was no further business, Chairman McCombs adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners