

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 5, 1981

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building, Salisbury, North Carolina on October 5, 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 Honeycutt opened with prayer.

Commissioner Steele made a motion to approve the minutes of September 8 and September 22. Commissioner Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sides made one addition to the Agenda. He requested to talk to the Board about the Fairground Lease.

There were no comments concerning the monthly reports.

Chairman McCombs received a letter from Doctor Ronald Levine, (Acting Director of the Medical Examiner's Department, Division of Health Services, Raleigh, North Carolina) concerning the coroner issue. A meeting has been set for October 22, 1981 at 6:30 P.M. at Rowan Memorial Hospital to meet with local Medical Examiners, Commissioners and other persons involved.

Mr. Murdoch received a letter from Druscilla C. Williams concerning the Growth Center Designation application for the Kannapolis- Concord- Landis-China Grove Urban Area. The committee found the resolution to be in order and recommended submitting it to Governor Hunt.

Chairman McCombs recommended discussing the fairground lease at this time, since Commissioner Sides stated that he had to leave early. Mr. Sides stated that it had been brought to his attention that the United Arts Council had requested to use the Fair Association's Beer License for the forthcoming blue grass music festival set for November 7 at the fairgrounds. He said he told Ms. Susan Ketner, project chairman, if they were going to use the fairground facility to sell alcoholic beverages that he would make a motion to the Board not to approve the festivities. Since that time, Mr. Sides said, their intentions were not to sell beer. Mr. Sides made a motion for the Board to establish a committee to meet with the fairgrounds personnel to discuss the type of functions to be held other than the annual Agricultural Fair. Mr. Honeycutt seconded. Mr. Sides commented that if

we don't stop it now, later on, "we might not be able to put our foot down." Mr. McCombs stated that he had enough confidence in Susan Ketner to carry on a good program. Mr. McCombs recommended setting up a meeting with the whole Commission sometime in November. This being agreeable with the Board, Commissioner Sides withdrew his motion and Commissioner Honeycutt withdrew his second.

Mr. Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported total tax collections for September, \$923,100.98.

Mr. Trexler requested permission to destroy some outdated tax records which were over ten years old. Mr. Sides made a motion to give Mr. Trexler permission to destroy these records. Mr. Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval. (Attached)

Mr. Edwin Koontz, Director of Social Services spoke to the Commissioners about budget revisions and implementing regulation changes. Because of budget cutbacks, Mr. Koontz lost eight staff positions. He requested that the Board approve two (2) new eligibility workers to work with the Energy Assistance Program for ten (10) weeks. Cost would be \$4,295 to come from Federal money for the Energy Program. This would be half the number of temporary workers hired for the program last year. Mr. Koontz stated that spending was running ahead of schedule- and he would like to wait until the middle of the fiscal year to consider budget revisions. Mr. Steele made a motion to approve hiring of two eligibility workers. Mr. Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Honeycutt made a motion that the Board stand behind Mr. Koontz 100% in his proposal to the State for Medicaid funding. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Alan Schneider, Chairman CBA/JJDT Task Force requested that the Board approve three appointments to the Task Force. Mr. Cohen made a motion to approve Kenny G. Isenhour who is experienced as an in-school suspension teacher, Wendy Shive, representing County Schools, and Marion Carlton, representing City Schools- as appointments to the CBA/JJDT task force. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Schneider stated that there are two (2) other vacancies available, that of the late Gary Blackburn, minister and of a youth consumer/offender. Commissioner Sides recommended Rev. Bill Baugess or Rev. Frank Johnson as possible appointments to fill the vacancy of the late Rev. Blackburn. No action was taken.

Robert Gunn, Fire Marshall explained a Mutual Aid agreement to the Board. The agreement concerns firemen from Rowan and equipment going into Stanly County. Clarence Kluttz, County Attorney suggested studying it and using it as a form. The Board agreed to delay approval until next month when a similar agreement has been drawn up for the other surrounding counties.

Mr. Murdoch requested that the Board approve three personnel replacements:

John Barnwell at \$789 to replace John Hammitt at \$829 at the Jail.

Cathy Allen at \$621 to replace Donna Lentz at \$829 in the tabulating department.

Shirley McGee at \$1,118 to replace Mary Jo Purvis at \$1,118 as a Health Department Head Start Nurse.

Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to approve the personnel replacements. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to draft a letter to Seth Mull who is leaving his position with the County as Supervisor of County Buildings the 1<sup>st</sup> of December and thank him for doing a fine job. Mr. Honeycutt said he hated to see his letter of resignation and that the Board would have to be careful in selecting someone to replace him. Mr. Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to send the family of the late Rev. Gary Blackburn a letter of appreciation for Rev. Blackburn's services to the County as a member of the Rowan County Community Based Alternatives Task Force. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch reported Interest. Total of three months interest on County accounts:

General Fund	\$102,465.10
Revenue Sharing	3,259.06
Debt Service	<u>1.09</u>
Total	\$105,725.25

Mr. Murdoch requested that the Board approve two refunds from the Tax Collector's office.

Refund for Mr. Larence R. Bozeman, the amount of \$13.08 as he paid these accounts on August 28, 1981 and did not receive the 1% discount.

Refund for Gertrude Gordon Ray, the amount of \$116.25 who paid them twice- on June 11, 1981 and again on September 8, 1981.

Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to approve the refunds. Mr. Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to authorize the County Manager to dispose of two (2) 1970 and one 1955 junked Chevrolet pick up trucks. Trexler's Garage and Salvage offered \$400 to buy all three. Mr. Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to adopt the resolution to make application for membership in the N.C. Association of County Commissioners Joint Risk Management Agency Worker's Compensation Fund. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval. (Attached)

Mr. Murdoch informed the Commissioners of a request from Mr. Honeycutt, District Engineer, Transportation Department to change the name of Farm Road, SR 2046 to Morrison Road. The Board agreed to hold off on this road change since the County is in the process of reviewing the names of all roads in order to place signs with the proper names on each road. There will be a public hearing on all road name changes as a result of the review.

Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to renew an agreement allowing Jimmy Deal to lease 20 acres of County land behind the Heritage Home on the Old Concord Road for \$10 an acre with the stipulation that the land be advertised for lease next year. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to approve the budget amendment to take care of the Aging Program. Mr. Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. (Attached)

Mr. Steele made a motion to approve budget revisions for the Federal program in the Health Department. Mr. Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval. (Attached)

Chairman McCombs asked Mr. Murdoch how Mr. Watson was doing with the new dumpster sites. Mr. Murdoch said Mr. Watson was still looking. He had several to work out and some didn't. Mr. McCombs said unless called there would not be another meeting this meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners