

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
NOVEMBER 1, 1971

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in the Rowan County Courthouse in District Courtroom II, Salisbury, North Carolina at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present: Chairman Eugene McCombs, Charlie Walters, Richard Messinger, Rufus Honeycutt, and J. Lewis Sowers.

The Board meeting was called to order by the Chairman and Mr. Messinger had prayer. Upon a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Walters and unanimously passed, the minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Mr. Walters reported on a letter from Dr. Jane Higbee, Director of Mental Health Clinic, stating they are going to receive more money from the sale of alcohol for their alcoholism program. This will enable them to expand their program by employing another counselor and they will need more office space. Dr. Higbee requested \$250 per year for additional space in the old nurses dorm. A motion was made by Mr. Walters to grant this request. This was seconded by Mr. Honeycutt and was passed with unanimous approval.

Mr. Newton Cohen, Chairman Regional Planning Board and Mr. Ray Hayworth, Rowan County Planning Board, met with the Board to ask the Commissioners to pass the following resolutions:

Resolution amending the agreement establishing the Rowan Regional Planning Board to permit representation from the Kannapolis Street Planning Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Walters and unanimously passed the above resolution. (Attached)

An agreement between local units of Government creating a joint planning board to be known as the Regional Planning Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Sowers and unanimously passed the above resolution.

A resolution of the County of Rowan, North Carolina, establishing a County Planning Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Walters and unanimously passed the above resolution. (attached)

Mr. Ray Hayworth said the Rowan County Planning Board recommends that the County Board of Commissioners request all municipalities in Rowan County to advise the Commissioners of their areas of interest in zoning and subdivision regulations as provided for in legislation enacted by the 1971 General Assembly. A motion was made by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Walters with unanimous approval for Mr. Hayworth to contact all municipalities in Rowan county for their wishes concerning zoning and subdivision regulations as provided for by the legislation's.

Mr. Walters reported on the proposed Extended Care Facility. He and Mr. Honeycutt had met with Mr. E. A. Goodman, Jr., Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee, and Mr. M. E. Bullard, Director of Rowan Memorial Hospital. They discussed a long term lease of hospital property for \$1.00 per year. This would allow the facility to use all the hospital equipment and would cut the overall cost of construction. It was estimated that 50 to 60 beds would take care of the county's needs for 15 to 20 years. Mr. Walters said the committee needs a recommendation from the Commissioners in regards to the next steps to be taken. A motion was made by Mr. Sowers to allow Mr. Walters and Mr. Honeycutt to engage an architect, proceed with this program, and report back to the Board with their actions. This was seconded by Mr. Messinger with unanimous approval.

Mr. Walters reported the bids for the Tri-County Mental Health Center should be let around the end of November, 1971.

Mr. Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported that \$428,731.42 had been collected for the month of October, 1971.

Mr. Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor, reported that Cole-Layer-Trumble would like to sign the contract for revaluation awarded them as soon as possible. A motion was made by Mr. Messinger with unanimous approval to give the Chairman of the Board authority to sign the contracts as executed and submitted by a previous motion.

Mr. Peeler also reported a letter had been sent to the North Carolina State board of Assessments in Raleigh along with the resolution passed by the Commissioners for approval to continue the use of listing taxes by mail.

Mr. Peeler passed around a report showing the 1971 valuation as of November 1, 1971, has a 55% valuation gain of \$4,183,664 since June, 1971.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Mr. Charles H. Goldman, Chairman of Salisbury Holiday Decorations Committee, asking the Board to contribute \$200 for decorations. This was put in the form of a motion by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Walters, and unanimously passed.

Mr. Murdoch also read a resolution concerning a Central Piedmont Regional Air Pollution control Board. It will consist of not less than 1 member from each county and will be responsible for administering an air pollution control program for each of the 8 counties. A motion was made by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Messinger with unanimous approval to adopt the resolution. (attached)

Mr. Murdoch read a resolution from Mr. Francis Glover, Clerk of Superior Court, Rowan County, NC, concerning physicians fees for NC patients being examined for possible commitment to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Salisbury. A motion was made by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Sowers with unanimous approval to adopt the above resolution.

The following new personnel were approved upon a motion by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt:

Sylvia Swink Rex, Clerk II \$378/month
Annie R. Key, Maid \$260/month
Betty K. Stafford, Key Punch Operator \$360/month
Hollis W. Noles, Key Punch Operator, \$344/month
Brenda N. Goodman, Social Worker Trainee, \$571/month
Vickie B. McCombs, Clerk I, \$333/month

A motion was made by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Messinger with unanimous approval for the Christmas Holidays to be Friday, December 24, Monday, December 27, 1971, and Monday, January 3, 1972.

The following road petitions were approved upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Walters:

Off Agner Road 2128 – addition to the system.
Off Goodson Road –Glen-Ray Heights – addition to the system.

Mr. McCombs reported the interest earned on money invested for the months of July, August, September, and October was \$42,555.25.

Mr. Sowers reported Mr. Jake Earnhardt's position to appeal the issuance of Carolina Explosives Company license was denied. Mr. Sowers made a motion to form a committee to look over the situation and report back to the Board at the next meeting. This motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Messinger reported that 25 extra copies of the Rowan Count Fire Service Report were needed to distribute throughout the county at a cost of \$113.14. Mr. Messinger made a motion to pay the 4113.14 to Mr. Sherman A. Pickard, Fire Services, Raleigh, NC from 4591, contingencies. This was seconded by Mr. Honeycutt with unanimous approval.

Mr. Messinger reported the Rowan County Juvenile Board needs a chairman and another member of the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Walters, with unanimous approval to appoint Rev. Uly Gooch as Chairman and Mr. William Greenland as a Board member.

Mr. Murdoch reported that Mr. Wilkerson is requesting one additional black member to the Good Neighborhood Relations Board. Geneve Oglesby of Granite Quarry, NC has been suggested. Mr. Messinger made a motion to appoint Geneva Oglesby to the Good Neighborhood Relations Board. This was seconded by Mr. Honeycutt with unanimous approval.

Mr. Honeycutt reported he had spoken to several interested youth groups concerning the way our local government was set up and the proceedings of the Commissioners meetings.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Mr. C. Merrill Hamilton, Secretary, Board of Trustees, Rowan Technical Institute, requesting the transfer of \$3,156.79, unexpended funds, from the 1970-71 budget to the 1971-72 budget as a line item, Maintenance of Grounds. A motion was made by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt with unanimous approval to transfer.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Mr. Grier A. Bradshaw, Superintendent of Kannapolis City Schools, informing and keeping the Commissioners up to date on the progress they are making at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from North Carolina State University at Raleigh concerning a study that outlines a method for creating a 35 mile linear park that extends along the Yadkin River from I-40 near Winston-Salem to I-85 at Salisbury. They also invited the Commissioners to the quarterly meeting of the Board of the NC Department of Natural and Economic Resources on Friday, November 12, 1971, at 10:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Southern Pines, NC.

The following refund was approved upon a motion by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt:

Brown Supply Co., \$3.00

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from the State Highway Division requesting the appointment of a county official to supervise and direct the removal and reinterment of graves. A motion was made by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt with unanimous approval to appoint Mr. Bert Hawley, Director of the Health Department for the above position.

Mr. Murdoch read a Regional Health Planning Program Resolution. It will facilitate intergovernmental cooperation in Region F and will have an independent policy board of 27 members, 9 of whom will be appointed from our area. A motion was made by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt with unanimous approval to adopt the resolution. (attached)

Mr. Bert Hawley, Director Health Department, and Mr. Rowe McNeely, Extension Chairman, came before the Board requesting money to plant some kind of shrubbery for the beautification of the Farm & Health Center. He would like to purchase about 86 shrubs at a cost of about \$5.00 each to be planted on West Innes Street and around the side of the building. The Board told Mr. Hawley to get an exact cost of the shrubs and an overall plan and bring it back before them at their meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, November 17, 1971 at 9:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Mary H. Beaver, Clerk