

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED MEETING
APRIL 21, 1981

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building, Salisbury, North Carolina at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Chairman Eugene McCombs, Rufus Honeycutt, Jim Sides, Hall Steele and Jim Cohen.

Chairman McCombs called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

There were no additions to the Agenda.

The first item on the Agenda was Harold Watson, Supervisor at the landfill and Everette Callaway, Cabarrus County Environmental Health Supervisor. Mr. Watson presented the three budget proposals for the landfill. The first proposal including a new scrapper presented a budget figure of \$276,881. The new scrapper costing \$140,000. The second budget repairing the scrapper showed a figure of \$167,881. The third budget figure requesting 2 roll off and 2 front load units if the county keeps the green boxes presented a figure of \$307,652. Mr. Callaway informed the board of Cabarrus County's Franchise System. He explained the door to door service setting a reasonable fee by the Commissioners. He stated that the franchise system was started in the early 1960's and that 14,000 Cabarrus residents participated in the program at \$6 a month. The system is handled by the Cabarrus County Health Department. Mr. McCombs recognized the ten Sanitary Collectors attending the meeting. Stated that he was happy to have them attend the meeting so they could all receive the information on franchising at one time. Mr. Callaway explained that franchising was done by permits. Once franchise is set, no one else could come and pick up in your county unless it was approved by the County Commissioners. He explained that there was no overlapping. That the once a week pick up service was working fine in Cabarrus County. Mr. Callaway stated that Cabarrus County does not charge Cabarrus residents to use the landfill because of a large fee charged by contractors, cost of equipment to keep disposal fee down. Mr. Honeycutt asked Mr. Callaway if there had been any accidents due to the 225 to 400 pick up trucks going between the landfill on Saturday mornings. Mr. Callaway answered in 1970 an accident occurred. A chain broke on a bulldozer which was on contract and caused a conflict but there have been no personal accidents. Mr. Cohen asked how long would it take to set up this system in Rowan County. Mr. Callaway said it would require a lot of study-maybe one month study and three or four months to set it up. He recommended compiling an Ordinance and laws to go by. An advanced process for pulling green boxes out. Mr. Sides recommended publishing in newspaper. To get a survey input. Mr. McCombs said "we have

something to go on.” The haulers attending the meeting were for the franchise. Mr. McCombs said that the board would give the franchise system more study and at the proper time would contact the haulers. At this time Mr. McCombs called for a five minute recess.

After the recess, Chairman McCombs entertained a motion to give or not to give the Chamber of Commerce \$25,000 to recruit new industry. Mr. Sides made a motion not to approve the funding. Mr. Cohen seconded. His second to the motion was not to excuse the motion altogether but to make the allocation less. Mr. Steele, Mr. Honeycutt and Mr. McCombs voting against. Mr. Honeycutt moved to appropriate \$10,000 this year with the balance to come next year. He said the money could come from Crown Tax (ABC funds). Mr. Steele seconded for discussion. Mr. Sides said he was not for the Chamber of Commerce wining and dining big business men with taxpayers money, being also opposed to using the city’s money to buy liquor. Mr. McCombs said that sales were up 15% from what they were last year. That people had more money to spend because of more jobs due to the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Honeycutt commented to a representative from the Chamber of Commerce, if you receive the funds will this be a separate account. He answered yes, a committee has been made up to go over the expenses-the money will not be included in the Chamber budget. Mr. Steele said that he felt like appropriating the money would be an investment. An investment in the future of Rowan County. The motion passed with Mr. Sides voting against.

A report from the Property Committee, Mr. Honeycutt and Mr. Sides. After reviewing the property in Granite Quarry, on 152 and Walton Road, Mr. McCombs entertained a motion to set a minimum offer for bids. Mr. Honeycutt moved to set a minimum bid of \$750 for the property on 152 and \$500 for the property on Walton Road. Mr. Sides seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Sides said the ice box which was on the property at 152 was an antique and not worth moving, and moved to authorize the County Manager to sell it for \$35. Mr. Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

The special committee on Personnel, Mr. Cohen and Mr. Steele, made their report on the Emergency Management situation. Mr. Cohen said they had completed their recommendations. To place Robert Gunn as Department Head of Emergency Management with Leslie Lee as his assistant. To keep one secretary, eliminating one who will be leaving on maternity leave the end of June. This was in form of a motion with Mr. Steele seconding. The motion passed with Mr. Sides abstaining. Mr. McCombs reminded Commissioners about the meeting with Joe Myers, Emergency Management next Monday night-April 27, 1981 at the Holiday Inn at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Commissioners of a note from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners concerning a legislation briefing on May 7, 1981.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Sara Barrett, Council of Government, concerning Governor Hunt's proclamation to proclaim the week of April 26 through May 2, Emergency Medical Service Week in North Carolina. Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to endorse Governor Hunt's proclamation to declare the week of April 26 through May 2, Emergency Medical Service Week with Mr. Steele seconding with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Tom Bradshaw, Secretary of the Department of Transportation concerning a program on the improvement of Highways to be in Salisbury at the Civic Recreation Center on May 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Murdoch informed the board that they would not have to appoint anyone now to the Southern Piedmont Health Agency Committee. He talked with Harry Sifford and was informed that due to Federal Funding being cut in nine months they could extend membership to the already existing members. Mr. Sifford has a meeting in Charlotte and will call Mr. Murdoch and give him more information.

Mr. Murdoch presented three consolidated bids on the Sheriff's two Fords.

Max Autos bid	\$575
Campbell's	\$700
Ray Hornbeck in Concord	\$1,000

Mr. Honeycutt moved to accept the high bid of \$1,000. Mr. Sides seconded with unanimous approval.

A representative from the Rowan County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority introduced an industrial revenue bond for the board to consider and take action on. The principal amount of \$4,200,000 to finance industrial facilities for Kern Rubber company. Commissioner Steele introduced and moved the adoption. Commissioner Honeycutt seconded the motion and the resolution was adopted by the board. (Attached)

Mr. Murdoch presented two refunds to be approved by the board. To Terry Holshouser a refund of \$10 for an error in amp service by the Building Inspector's Department. A refund to Mrs. James C. Edwards a 73 year old lady of \$43.13 due to the Elderly or Disabled Exemption. Mr. Honeycutt moved to approve the refunds. Mr. Sides seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Cohen expressed his disappointment of the board approving temporary help for the Veterans Service Office at their last meeting. The help was approved for three weeks for \$450- to help compile a book for the Veterans Memorial Day Services. The hired temporary help was replaced by Mr. Alex Scott and his wife who worked without a salary and finished the job in one day and a half. Mrs. Morgan, Secretary in that office assured Mr. Cohen that the work was done.

Mr. Steele informed the Board of his meeting in Raleigh on April 7 concerning the Yadkin River. Mr. Steele said the meeting was well attended.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners