

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 1982

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building, Salisbury, North Carolina on February 1, 1982 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 moved to approve the minutes of January 4, 1982 as received in the mail. Commissioner Cohen made two corrections. The first correction- page 4- middle of page pertaining to nominations for Rowan County Historic Properties Commission. Mr. Sides nominated Mrs. Crystal O'Gwin instead of Mr. Chris O'Gwin. The second correction- page 6, 3rd paragraph- pertaining to the system for fire dispatching- Mr. Cohen requested that it go on record that he stated "that the way we are going now, is cost the County more." Mr. Steele moved to approve the minutes with these corrections, Mr. Cohen seconded. The motion passed with Mr. Honeycutt abstaining.

Mr. Buddy Thomason, Franklin Fire Chief, requested to be placed on the Agenda.

Pertaining to monthly reports, Mr. Steele commented about the Department of Social Services participation in the USDA cheese program. He informed Mr. Cohen (who had asked the question about who would be receiving the cheese) that only food stamp recipients would participate. Mr. Steele also elaborated on Mr. Koontz's request for an Advisory Committee for Domiciliary homes.

Mr. Cohen commented on the Building Inspection's 1981 activity report. Mr. Murdoch informed him that the figures showing were close to last year's report.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Jack Murdoch, Secondary Roads Officer in response to a letter that Mr. Murdoch had written to him about paving a short section of state road 1533 to serve the Hardee's Distribution Center. Mr. Horton will bring the project before Commissioners whenever it is determined we will need to meet to discuss the 1982 Secondary Roads Project. It would appear that the County will receive its formula share of the last 10 million 1977 road bond issue. We will be anticipating the amount the County will receive by a formula from a 41 million allocation state wide July 1, 1982. It is anticipated that the County will receive over \$500,000 during 1982 for Secondary Roads Improvements.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Lt. James C. Green, Governor, to Grover Lancaster, President of North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, concerning legislation passed by House of Representatives and now in the Senate Ways and Means Committee which deals with the 100 counties to submit to the voters a referendum the question of whether or not they wish to impose an additional 1% sales tax levy. He stated that he had never opposed this legislation- he does favor the bill in its present form.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Commissioners of the notification of 1982 Legislature Conference sponsored by National Association of Counties on February 20 through February 24, 1982 and will sponsor on the 23rd a reception for North Carolina Congressional people.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Board that today at noon the United Arts Council will feature "Salisbury is the place for arts" at the Rowan Twin Cinemas- they will serve lunch and another showing at 4:00 P.M.

Mr. Cohen presented a road petition to the Board for approval. He informed the Board of his position being the sole one responsible for roads, he had probably missed investigating about one-half of the roads on petitions. He then requested to approve adding Arcadia Road to the State system- to add .55 miles to the five (5) occupied homes located on the road. Mr. Cohen moved to approve this petition. Mr. Sides informed the Board about a road that he would like to have added to the State system. He said he had been trying to help residents on Long Bow Road located off Old Mocksville Road for quite a while. He said that in 1969 the road was up for specifications but not taken over at that time. According to Mr. Kluttz the cost was estimated to be between \$4,000-6,000 to bring the road up to standards. He said the road was not passable. Mr. Sides said he would rather spend the County's money on something like this than paving a road for Hardees. Mr. Sides said he would like to know where do we fit in as County Commissioners-how do we get a road up to par where the State can maintain it. Mr. Cohen stated that he did not know what the criteria was-he then offered to withdraw his motion for approving the petition until they could find out. Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to approve Arcadia Road to the state system providing that Long Bow Road is taken in to meet state specifications. Mr. Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector reported total collections for January, 1982 to be \$4,789,962.91.

Edwin Koontz, Director of Social Services and Ms. Dorothy Ellis, Social Worker in charge of the licensing for rest homes was present by request from the Board at last month's meeting to discuss Domiciliary home roles. Mr. Koontz commented that each Commissioner had been sent a copy of the Domiciliary home

resident's bill of rights and also his explanation of an advisory board- which he requested not to appoint anyone right now but at a later date. There was no discussion from the Board.

Mr. Buddy Thomason, Franklin Fire chief, attended the meeting to discuss a problem with the residents of Woodleaf Fire District. The Woodleaf fire district residents have been paying Franklin Fire District taxes. Their complain is that the Fire Marshall, Robert Gunn was supposed to have written a letter to clear up an error in drawing fire district lines. Mr. Thomason said that he had been trying to get Mr. Gunn to correct this matter since the new district boundaries were approved three (3) years ago. Mr. Honeycutt made a motion for the committee, Commissioners Steele and Cohen, to meet with Mr. Thomason and Mr. Gunn and clear the situation and present it at the next meeting. Mr. Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Attorney Gerald Rush, chairman CBA/JJDT Task Force appeared concerning nominations for the Task Force. He had said that he would submit three (3) nominees for the positions that had become vacant but only submitted the resume for the Commissioners to review- that being Mrs. Elizabeth Detty as Educator. He then submitted Rev. Baugess's name for the ministry. Mr. Honeycutt commented that he would recommend him. No action was taken from the Board. Attorney Rush said he was presently seeking out the Juvenile along with Ken Isenhour and would have it for the next Commissioner's meeting. Chairman McCombs asked if it was urgent to appoint them today. Attorney Rush said two should be appointed if at all possible as members- the task force should be made up to meet guidelines. Mr. Honeycutt moved to appoint Rev. Baugess, Ministry and Mrs. Elizabeth Detty, Educator to the task force. Mr. Steele seconded. Commissioner Sides asked if the educator's seat, being vacated by Bob Carmichael had to be filled by someone in the public school system. No one seemed to know. Mr. Sides then requested to speak privately with Chairman McCombs. Chairman McCombs asked that he Commissioners vote against the motion and delay it until next month's meeting due to circumstances just brought to his attention. Mr. Honeycutt then made a motion to extend the terms of the people already on the board through March, 1982. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Sides asked that nominations to the Health Board be held off. He had spoken to Mr. Kizer, pharmacist, but stated that Mr. Kizer was concerned about this time involved on the Board. Mr. Sides stated that he was disturbed about people allowing their names to be submitted for Board appointments and not really be interested in serving the time. The Board agreed to delay the nominations.

Commissioner Steele informed the Board that he had requested Clyde Fahnestock to prepare a list of 21 people as possible nominees for the Aging Advisory Council. He suggested seven (7) on the Board. Mr. Murdoch read what

the composition of the council ought to be- more than 50% older persons and include older persons with greater economic and social needs and participants under the act- representatives of older persons- local elective official and the general public. Mr. Cohen asked whose guidelines are those- Mr. Murdoch answered federal guidelines. Mr. Steele commented that Mr. Fahnestock was trying to spread himself out and that the council could help him a great deal. Mr. Sides stated that he could not understand why there is a need for an advisory council and a board. Mr. Cohen stated that he would be interested in having his own nominees. Seven good people, he said. Mr. Sides said to place an individual who has a desire to serve and let one do both. Mr. Honeycutt said an advisory council would be to advise the Boar of Directors. Chairman McCombs suggested getting Mr. Fahnestock to get the 21 names and send them out to each Commissioner with a short resume. Mr. Steele said this way we could review the possibilities. Mr. Sides said that he was opposed to appointing another council. Mr. Steele commented on the Board's feelings about day care for the elderly- were they interested or not? Mr. Sides said that he was not opposed to providing support to the elderly, but he was opposed to a new program unless facilities are available and money to support it.

Mr. Murdoch requested the Board to approve personnel changes for Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor. He requested that Barbara Gallimore replace Kyle Ribelin who resigned- and consider hiring Brenda Bowers, who has been working with the W.P. Ferriss Company for 2 ½ years. He requested to advance Barbara to the position of Chief Draftsman with a salary of \$10,952 and recommended hiring Brenda to replace Barbara a junior draftsman/data processing clerk at \$8,599. The difference in Ribelin-Gallimore and Gallimore-Bowers will be \$3,777 less. Mr. Steele made a motion that the personnel changes be accepted. Mr. Honeycutt seconded. Mr. Sides commented that the appraisals would soon be completed and Wallace had no one trained. That he did not ask for additional personnel. It was a unanimous approval.

Mr. Honeycutt recommended that a letter be sent to Wallace expressing the Boar's condolences. The amount of strain he worked under revaluation with his wife being so sick. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch reported Interest:

General Fund	\$225,377.42
Revenue Sharing	29,902.91
Drainage	130.13
Kerr Mill	429.98
Reappraisal	1,691.61
Debt Service	<u>2,324.00</u>
Total	\$260,856.05

Mr. Murdoch presented two refunds for approval from the Tax Collector's office.

One to T & J Trucking Company, Inc. listed a 1981 Kenworth Tractor for 1981 taxes. He was leasing this truck from Southern National Leasing Company. Southern National Leasing also listed the truck. It was double taxed. Please refund \$270.24.

The second refund is to Laymond P. Barger the amount of \$222.73 for double taxation on a 1980 Kenworth Tractor for taxes in 1981.

Commissioner Steele made a motion that the refunds be approved. Commissioner Sides seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch presented a budget amendment for approval, to process the Rowan Public Library payroll on the County Computer to facilitate the preparation of state and federal reports. Department 8601 Rowan Public Library Salaries- \$161,424. General fund revenue is amended to add the following revenue: Rowan Public Library- \$161,424. (Attached)

Commissioner Sides informed the board of a letter that he had received from Tom Caudill, Library Director, requesting that the Library budget be placed on the county computer at a later date in order for their Board to do a budget study. Mr. Sides made a motion to put the Library payroll on the county computer now and later on their budget. Mr. Cohen seconded. Mr. McCombs asked why are they not on our IBM set-up. Mr. Murdoch said they have their own board which in the past has always taken care of it. The reason now is for sending out reports on discs. Theirs has been sent manually. Next calendar year everything will be on there. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Murdoch reported on a trip to Raleigh which he, Harold Watson, Landfill Supervisor and Commissioner Hall Steele had made on Thursday, January 28, concerning the County Landfill. The purpose for their meeting with O.W. Strickland was to approve the County expanding the present landfill on Airport Road and using it for approximately 10 more years. They had received tentative approval. Mr. Strickland was impressed with the landfill. He felt like we could expand it but would let us know. Mr. Sides said 10 years would be a lifetime for it. Mr. McCombs said he hoped we could get approval to use it.

Mr. Murdoch said he would advertise for lease the 86 acres of County property on Heilig Road for farmland since it would not have to be used for landfill.

Mr. Cohen asked if any of the Commissioners were planning to go to Washington next month? No discussion from the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until next month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners