

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADJOURNED MEETING  
MARCH 23, 1982

The Board of County Commissioners met in adjourned session in the Community Building, Salisbury, North Carolina at 7:30 P.M. The following members were present: Chairman Eugene McCombs, Rufus Honeycutt, Hall Steele, Jim Sides and Jim Cohen.

Chairman McCombs called to order and opened with prayer.

Chairman McCombs then opened the public hearing and called on Mr. John Gallaher from Winston-Salem, with the Department of Transportation to present their proposal of the secondary road program to Commissioners and interested citizens attending the meeting. Mr. Gallaher introduced members of the Transportation Department who were with him: Mr. Ken Horton, District Engineer from Winston-Salem, Mr. Wade Hoke, Winston-Salem, Don Honeycutt, Salisbury, Charles Kluttz, Road Maintenance Supervisor, Salisbury and also members of the Governor's efficiency commission, Mr. Darryl Hancock and Lawana Ford. Also other members of the efficiency commission present were: Hall Steele, County Commissioner, Robert Mauldin, Spencer, Fred Corriher, Landis, Paul Bernhardt, Senator Paul Smith & House representative, Robie Nash.

Mr. Gallaher informed the Commissioners that the Department of Transportation used a certain criteria for paving roads. Basically it is made up of traffic count. The point system hinges strongly on whether or not the area contains a school bus route, churches, businesses, industries or a thoroughfare.

Mr. Gallaher then presented their proposed road program to Commissioners and attending citizens: Attached .

The Board heard from Mrs. Aleese Witherspoon and Robert McFadden who requested that Lakefork Road be paved. Mrs. Witherspoon stated that the road was being used for a thoroughfare. She stated that all her lifetime this road has been promised to be paved. They were told this road was 27<sup>th</sup> on the priority list of roads to be paved. A cost of \$170,000 and a bridge would run \$250,000 approximately.

Two men inquired about Sue Jones Road. One man, a truck driver, stated that whenever it rained, he got stuck in the mud. They were told it was #15 on the list, but Mr. Charles Kluttz would look into the mud problem.

Commissioner Honeycutt made a motion to approve item#1-A-grade, drain, base and pave Barnhardt Road, B- grade, drain, base and pave Bost Drive, grade, drain, base and pave streets in Driftwood Cove, number II- A-improve the sight distance on Airport Road, B-grade, drain, base and pave extension of Circle M Drive, number III-widen Peach Orchard Road, and number IV-1-replace bridge #263 on Barnhardt Road. Commissioner Steele seconded. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Cohen inquired about Surratt Road. He stated that the road was not passable. Mr. Charles Kluttz said the road had a mud problem after Southern Bell dug a trench, but the problem had been corrected.

Commissioner Sides inquired about a portion of Longbow Road. He asked why it was not added to the system when the rest of Longbow and adjacent Arrowood Drive were several years ago. Mr. Sides said at that time the road was in good enough shape to be taken over by the state. Mr. Kluttz said the road section did not have enough houses on it, nor was it up to state standards. There was a lack of home owners participation. Half of the lots on this portion of Longbow were not developed. Commissioner Sides said the Board had voted to spend \$12,000 to pave Circle M Drive for Hardee's industry. "What we are talking about is the taxpayers of the county. I am much more interested in that than a business." Mr. Gallaher told Mr. Sides that he would be glad to meet with him and explain their policies.

Chairman McCombs then took a vote on Mr. Honeycutt's motion with carried with Commissioner Sides voting No.

The Board agreed to set another time to talk about Mr. McCombs recommendation of the three roads. Mr. Ken Horton will talk with Mr. Murdoch since it will require another advertisement.

Chairman McCombs ended the Secondary Road Improvement hearing and opened the regular meeting of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Honeycutt made a motion to introduce a resolution authorizing the issuance of a revenue bond in the principal amount of \$500,000 and the execution and delivery of financing documents pertaining to the financing of industrial facilities in Rowan County for Carter properties to be leased to Carolina Color Corporation. Commissioner Cohen seconded.

Commissioner Honeycutt then made a motion to introduce the passage, Mr. Cohen seconded. The motion carried with Commissioner Sides voting No. Commissioner Sides stated this was not a tax advantage. (Attached)

Commissioners were presented a new schedule for the Board of Equalization and Review meeting dates. They will have twenty three meetings through May 13. They were told 15 minute appointments had been booked through May 5. This constitutes about 250 appointments short of the 3,000 that Rev. Garland Faw has vowed will be made.

Commissioner Sides made a motion for the Board to ignore the opinion of the Attorney General's Office and the North Carolina State Bar Association and allow the individual to be represented by the person of their choice in presenting their case before the Board of Equalization and Review. Commissioner Cohen seconded.

The Attorney General's ruling was that only licensed lawyers can represent someone at hearings to contest land values on the tax books.

Commissioner Sides commented that he did not want it to appear that we want to shut the door on anyone.

Commissioner Cohen commented that there was no reason for not mentioning Rev. Faw's name, that he did not completely agree with the minister, but this is a basic freedom, that we should not deny someone their basic constitutional rights.

Chairman McCombs said that Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisory can make a better case of it than anyone else. Last one we had, Wallace did an excellent job. He is familiar with it.

Commissioner Honeycutt said to let the people be represented, but not exclude Mr. Peeler from any comments-that we turn to him for his opinion.

Attorney Clarence Kluttz said Wallace would not be excluded, we have to depend on him for comments- hear from Wallace regardless.

Commissioner Cohen stated that having an attorney to represent the people would mean getting their ducks in a row- with a pretty strong case in the length of time it would have to be their fault and not this board.

Chairman McCombs stated that we would have to have a criteria to work by.

Commissioner Steele said he did not think anyone on the board wanted to deprive citizens of due process.

Commissioner Steele asked if Mr. Sides meant for the individual to be present and represented and no send someone in his place and to look to Wallace for his opinion. Mr. Sides said this was what he meant. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until April 5.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk  
Board of Rowan County Commissioners