

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 5, 1982

The Board of County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building, Salisbury, North Carolina at 9:00 A.M. The following members were present: Chairman Eugene McCombs, Rufus Honeycutt, Hall Steele, Jim Sides and Jim Cohen.

Chairman McCombs called to order and Commissioner Honeycutt opened with prayer.

Commissioner Steele made a motion to approve the minutes of March 1 as received. Commissioner Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner Sides made a motion to approve the minutes of March 23. Commissioner Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

Chairman McCombs informed the Commissioners that Mr. Koontz's Workfare Program was in progress. Commissioner Steele commented that the guidelines were in place and that the County would be faced with financing administration come budget time; but that it would be good for the County.

Mr. Murdoch read a memo from Thomas Harmelink, Chief of the Emergency Medical Services, Department of Human Resources, requesting that Rowan County designate the week of April 25, 1982 through May 1, 1982 as Emergency Medical Services Week. Commissioner Honeycutt made a motion to endorse Governor Hunt's proclamation designating the week of April 25-May 1, 1982 as Emergency Medical Services Week. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Don Honeycutt, District Engineer with the Department of Transportation informing Commissioners of their four (4) day work week beginning on April 24. The Highway Maintenance yard will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. – Monday through Thursday and closed all day Friday. This schedule will be in effect through August 27, 1982.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Howard Robinson, Chief North Carolina Section Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration concerning expanding the landfill at the Airport. He request that the Board advise him of their decision on the landfill expansion no later than April 15, 1982. Commissioner Honeycutt commented that he had read Mr. Robinson's letter and what he said is true. It is not a good idea to have a sanitary landfill near an Airport. Mr. Honeycutt said he interpreted the letter as being I essence to a threat- or maybe, he

said I am reading it the wrong way. He recommended drafting a letter to Mr. Robinson, letting him know the County's financial status and maybe some future date, we will come back to them and ask for funds. To include some remarks made by Commissioner Steele and include the fact that the landfill has always been clean. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Commissioners of a request from the North Kannapolis office of the Sheriff's Department for a petty cash fund in the amount of \$30 to be used for postage and out of town meals. Mr. Honeycutt moved to approve the request. Mr. Steele seconded. Mr. Sides and Mr. Cohen voting No. Chairman McCombs carrying the motion by voting I.

Mr. Murdoch then informed the Board of the NACo Annual Conference to be held July 10-14 in Baltimore, MD. He requested that Commissioners notify him so he could do the paper work. Commissioner Steele said he would be going.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Herbert Hawley, Health Director, requesting that the Board of Commissioners study the salary issue and consider significant upward adjustments of salary schedules. The specific concern was the nursing section which is considerably lower than adjoining counties. This was discussed during the last meeting of the Rowan County Board of Health. Mr. Cohen requested that Mr. Murdoch make a copy of the State Salary Register for each Commissioner whenever he received it.

Mr. Murdoch explained to the Commissioners that according to a memo received from the Department of Transportation, that they did not have to hold a public hearing to approve the Secondary Roads project- but to say that Bernhardt Road- SR 1512 will be paved next year. Substitute Foster Road SR 1972, Wilson Road SR 1364, and Gaskey Road Ext. SR 1563. Commissioner Honeycutt made a motion to adopt the Resolution making the change and send it to the Highway Department. Mr. Steele seconded. Mr. Honeycutt recommend that Mr. Murdoch suggest to Davie County unless they have already approved their roads project, to extend Foster Road on into their county. It might cost us in the long run, but it will serve quite a few homes. Mr. Honeycutt also said there was an extra wide bridge on the road. Mr. Sides said that he would vote for this motion but that he was not in favor of paving Peach Orchard Road and a few more changes. Mr. Sides further stated that "basically, you have no say, they can do what they want to do"- process of gathering information for Longbow and Arrowood- we were told one thing and another thing was told to the people who live out there. The Commissioners voted unanimously for Mr. Honeycutt's motion. (Resolution attached)

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported collections for March, 1982. \$245,267.13. Mr. Trexler asked Commissioners for the authority to issue Beer and Wine Licenses for License Year 1982-83 which is due May 1, 1982.

Commissioner Steele moved to grant Mr. Trexler the authority to issue Beer and Wine licenses for 82 and 83. Commissioner Honeycutt seconded. The motion carried with Commissioner Sides voting No.

Commissioner Sides was informed by Mr. Trexler, regardless of authority granted by the Board, they still operate, the State has complete control.

Chairman McCombs then called a public hearing to change road names.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Board that he had a petition signed by 50 residents to change Fisher Mill Road, SR 1503 to Grace Church Road, and also a petition signed by the residents to change Farm Road, SR 2046 to Morrison Road. Chairman McCombs entertained a motion for the road names to be changed. Commissioner Steele made a motion for the road names to be changed. Commissioner Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval. There being no one present to argue the road name issue, Chairman McCombs declared the public hearing closed and regular session open.

Fire Marshall Gunn, Ms. Gunn, Ms. Carol King, representing, Union Fire Department and Don Gobble representing Miller Ferry Fire Department were present to discuss fire district boundaries. Mr. Gunn presented the unhappy boundary line dispute to the Commissioners for them to settle.

Commissioner Honeycutt suggested that Mr. Steele and Mr. Cohen meet with Fire Department Personnel and come back to this Board. He stated that he could not tell too much about it, that it probably would have helped if Mr. Gunn would have gotten a blown-up picture of the fire district lines. Chairman McCombs said, to put Commissioner Honeycutt's recommendation in force, for the Committee to come back and inform the Board which way Miller Ferry will go and which way Union will go.

Mr. Jim Queen, Principal Brown and Assistant Principal Robinson at Knox Jr. High School were present to present the anticipated continuation approval of their in-school suspension program. Commissioner Cohen asked MR. Queen, "if they approved this program, would funds be available?" Mr. Queen answered "that it was expected that legislature would approve the funds. Mr. Queen informed Mr. Sides that they expected to serve 250 students during this funding period. Commissioner Cohen commented that in school suspension starts off slow the first year, not many students reach suspension until they have been in school for about a month- and one month before Christmas it shoots way up and levels of again toward the end of the school year- and then shoots up again. Commissioner Steele moved that the program be approved. Commissioner Honeycutt seconded. Mr. Sides commented that he and Commissioner Cohen had done an extensive study of this

program, and they felt that it was not a cost effective program. He said there was not enough enforcement in school. If it was strong enough, children would have more of an initiative to work- that discipline measurements are not strong enough. He said he felt that at \$23,000 a year additional cost for (4 students) that this was a little bit out of line to baby them. Commissioner Cohen suggested obtaining the rights to discipline children at school. Mr. Honeycutt commented that a good peach tree limb would go a long way. The motion carried with Commissioner Sides voting No.

Mrs. Edith Alcorn, President of the Rowan Council of Human Services, Mr. Edward Whitley, Treasurer and Dr. Lucy Rose, Chairman of the Information and Referral Task Force, presented to the Commissioners, a report on the organization progress.

Mrs. Alcorn reported that the Council's objectives were to coordinate efforts of human services. To seek ways to improve services. Identify overlap, serve as planners and advisers and to publicize the availability of services.

Dr. Lucy Rose reported that progress had been made in establishing a day care on aging program and hoped to produce an adult day care center. She also commented on the Youth Services Task Force-The Big Brother/Big Sister program.

Mr. Ed Whitley, Treasurer reported that the balance on hand- December 31, 1981 was \$808.41 with 50 members.

Mrs. Alcorn said that the council was preparing for the spring health fair and health education program. The council has expressed a need for a coordinator.

Chairman McCombs showed the Board the stack of petitions that Rev. Faw had left with him and had accused the Commissioners of throwing them out.

Mr. Murdoch presented personnel replacements for approval:

Doris Jean Bradshaw at \$621 replacing Debbie Bradshaw at \$621- Tax Clerk in the Tax Supervisor's office.

Bobby Steele at \$752 replacing Richard Loman at \$913, County buildings assistant.

Constance Jackson at \$708 replacing Brenda Shumaker at \$708- Health Department Clerk-Typist.

Trudy Leonard at \$621 replacing Elizabeth Burroughs at \$717 in the Building Inspector's Office.

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

Mr. Murdoch read a memo from Virginia Siler, Personnel Section, Raleigh, North Carolina to Herbert Hawley, Director of the Health Department informing him that reclassifications had been approved for three of his nursing personnel. Mr. Hawley is requesting salary increases for two of them. Janet Beasley, from a medical laboratory position I to a public health nurse II. No money change. Catherine Joan Holshouser, from a public health nurse II to a III. Sara Louise Waddell, from a public health nurse I to II. Commissioner Sides moved to defer salary increases until July 1- to make them coincide with the budget. Mr. Cohen seconded. Chairman McCombs said the nurses had taken special training for these reclassifications. Mr. Sides asked if the training was taken on county time. Chairman McCombs answered "yes, I suppose so." Commissioner Sides said he was not opposed to title changes, but was to salary increases- even though, Mr. Hawley does have the money in his budget- Mr. Sides further commented that training done on county time at the county's expense benefited them as much as the county. That it was not in line at this time to give pay increases. His motion being to give the job classifications upgrade, but not the pay. The motion failed with Mr. Honeycutt, Mr. Steele and Chairman McCombs voting against. Commissioner Steele made a motion to approve the salary increases. Commissioner Steele made a motion to approve the salary increases. Mr. Honeycutt seconded. The motion passing with Mr. Sides voting No.

Mr. Murdoch reported Interest through March 31:

General Fund	\$311,642.15
Revenue Sharing	34,829.30
Reappraisal	1,691.61
Kerr Mill	578.24
Debt Service	2,324.00
Drainage #2	<u>130.13</u>
Total	\$351,195.43

Mr. Murdoch reported refunds for approval:

Refund \$62.56 to First Union National Bank for double listing on a 1981 automobile.

Refund to Leona Gabriel the amount of \$22.13 for the elderly exemption.

Refund to Tracy Dunlap the amount of \$29.30 for a building and electrical permit. He decided to set up a double wide instead of building.

Refund to Michael Miller the amount of \$5.00 for Coroner registration. He was ineligible to run.

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

Commissioner Cohen requested for the Board to hold off appointing someone to the Health and Aging Board. This was agreeable.

Commissioner Steele moved to reappoint W.L. Noles and Albert S. Stout to the Spencer Zoning Board of Adjustment- and also Clyde Miller and Walter E. Goodlet, Sr. to the Spencer Planning Board. Commissioner Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Steele made a motion to appoint Aubrey Cheek to represent the public sector on the Community Service Council Board of Directors. Mr. Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to appoint Benjamin Craige and Rudy Wise to also serve on the Community Service Council Board of Directors. Commissioner Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch presented a new user's fee schedule to Commissioners for approval. He explained that he had reviewed the fees charged by the Sanitation Department and the Building Inspection Department. The cost allocation for the operation of the landfill during 80-81 was approximately \$229,000. The fees collected amounted to only 17% of the cost of operation. Mr. Murdoch's new schedule is designed to bring in approximately 40% in the cost of operation. The only change made in the Building Inspection's fee schedule is for the building permit itself. Our present fee schedule is about 1/3 of the schedules for Salisbury, Cabarrus, Iredell and Davidson Counties. Mr. Murdoch doubled this fee. Commissioner Steele made a motion to adopt the new fee scale. Mr. Honeycutt seconded for discussion. Mr. Honeycutt said he had complaints, but people have to realize that they have to pay their way. Mr. Murdoch informed the Commissioners that Carl Sloop, Jr. and Paul Canup had saved the County approximately \$30,000 by doing some analysis work pertaining to well-drilling before the deadline April 1, now, you have to buy the whole package. Mr. Steele's motion to adopt the new fee scale was voted unanimously for. (schedules attached)

Mr. Murdoch informed Commissioners of bids on the truck for landfill. He reported that no one wanted to sell the county a used roll-off truck. He received two bids on a new one-both 1981 Mack-60,000 pound capacity roll-off units.

One bid from Cavalier, Roanoke, VA \$64,192
Second bid from Nu-Life Environmental- Easley, SC \$63,995

Mr. Honeycutt moved to accept the low bid of \$63,995 from Nu-Life Environmental. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Steele moved to approve the budget amendment to adjust for donations, refunds, reimbursements, grants and insurance. Mr. Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. (attached).

Mr. Murdoch informed the Board of a bill from Clarence Kluttz pertaining to work that he had done on the Clinchfield Railroad- Arkansas-Best Freight Company Court Suit. Mr. Steele made a motion for the bill, \$850 to be paid out of contingencies. Mr. Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch gave the Board an update on the Barn at the county home. Reported that Mr. Kelly and Mr. Barnhardt were not working together on the clean-up job as had been assumed but will now, he indicated no problems.

Mr. Steele commented on the field across from the Health Department on Old Concord Road. Suggested getting it bushogged and the possibility of selling leased property on Heilig Road- no discussion. Commissioner Sides will talk to Commissioner Honeycutt about it.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Commissioners at this time were sworn in to serve on the Board of Equalization and Review which started at 1:30 today.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners