

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 3, 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 Sides opened with prayer.

Commissioner Steele moved to approve the minutes of April 5, 1982 as received. Commissioner Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

There were no additions to the Agenda- and no comments about the Monthly Reports.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Board that he had received a copy of the letter from Ken Horton to Jack Murdock saying that they will go by the County's resolution for Secondary Roads for the coming year.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Board of a quarterly report of franchise tax due from Vision Cable. The first quarter of 1982 totaled \$57,194.60. Franchise tax due (3%)- \$1,715.84. Also attached was a letter explaining a change in one of their optional services to their residents. Home Theater Network is the service. The monthly increase in price to subscribers will be \$1.95. Old HTN \$4.00 per month customers will be able to receive the HTN-plus version for \$5.95 per month. This change will take place the last of May. Commissioner Sides commented that before HTN did not show R-rated movies, asked if they will show them now. Asked that the County Manager find out.

Mr. Murdoch received a copy of a Resolution which was passed by the Buncombe County Commissioners. They had sent a copy to all counties in hopes that they might want to do the same thing- in essence to the Farm Use Values. They want to bring it down to less than 10 acres and around \$500 a year to take in their truck farming people there. Chairman McCombs stated that their situation is different from ours-to not try to change the legislation.

Tom Foil, President of the Salisbury Jaycees was present to present a check to the Commission for Dan Nicholas Park-Shelter #4 in the amount of \$1,385.

Chairman McCombs thanked him and stated that the money would be put to where it had been designated.

Chairman McCombs stated that Daryl Shelby would not be present- due to his wife being in the hospital. Mr. Shelby was scheduled on the Agenda to discuss a matter in Data Processing. Chairman McCombs said if it was necessary a special meeting would be called to take care of the matter.

Mr. Murdoch presented personnel replacements for approval:

Rebecca Coggins, Clerk-Typist II-Health Department- at \$617 replacing Earlene Rivers at \$617.

Brenda Bowers, Jr. Draftsman at \$717 partially replacing Barbara Gallimore at \$829 who was promoted into another position- in the Tax Supervisor's office.

Commissioner Honeycutt moved to approve the personnel replacements. Commissioner Steele seconded with unanimous approval with Commissioner Sides not being present at this time.

Mr. Murdoch informed Commissioners of a Personnel change request from Mr. Edwin Koontz, Department of Social Services, for Mrs. Lee Ann Christy. He requests that Lee Ann be given a one-step salary adjustment – stating that there was sufficient money in salaries to make the adjustment to \$12,780. She has been the lead worker in the Business Office since Mrs. Doris Brown's retirement. Mrs. Brown's position was budgeted at \$13,382, and Mrs. Christy makes \$12,214. An increase would only tend to bring her to the budgeted amount for the job. Commissioner Honeycutt moved to approve this personnel change. Commissioner Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector reported total collections for April, 1982- \$207,197.52.

Mr. Murdoch informed Commissioners of a request from Jean Ramsey, Register of Deeds for one extra person this summer to fill in whenever several employees are out at one time. Commissioner Steele stated that this is something that we had been approving in years past. Commissioner Cohen stated that it was turned down last year and moved to turn it down again. Commissioner Sides seconded. Commissioner Honeycutt asked Mr. Murdoch if they got through last year without extra help. Mr. Murdoch replied that their office was open and running. The motion passed with Commissioner Steele voting no.

Mr. Murdoch reported Interest:

General Fund	\$357,620.11
Revenue Sharing	45,912.54
Drainage Acct.	130.13
Kerr Mill	578.24
Reappraisal	1,691.61
Debt Service	<u>2,324.00</u>
Total	\$408,256.63

Mr. Murdoch submitted refunds for approval:

Barney Improvement Company entered into a contract with Carolina Stalite Company in 1979- for mineral rights in Gold Hill Township. The County inadvertently took this to be a deed and transferred property to Carolina Stalite. Refund to Carolina Stalite Company the amount of \$286.70

Refund to Doyle Construction the amount of \$28.40 for a business deal that feel through. This was a request from Craig Trexler, Building Inspection Department.

Refund to Nettie Jordan the amount of \$5.00 as she only needed 200 amp. But she pad the Building Inspection Department for 250 amp.

Commissioner Honeycutt moved that the refunds be approved. Commissioner Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Honeycutt moved to reappoint Dr. Sanford Silverburg to serve another term on the Salisbury Zoning Board of Adjustment as an extraterritorial member and Charles H. Shuping to serve as an extraterritorial alternate. Commissioner Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

The Commissioners deferred the Health Department Board appointment until next month.

Commissioner Steele commented that members appointed to the Aging Board should be geographic. Commissioner Cohen recommended Dr. Marvin Wiggins. Chairman McCombs stated that they needed to appoint at least nine. Recommended making appointments next month since no one had any more recommendations.

Commissioner Honeycutt moved to reappoint Mr. John Fisher, Mr. Dwight Fraley, and Mr. Sturgis Bryan as members on the Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority to serve another term. Commissioner Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch reported bids on the Sheriff's Automobiles to make approval of final sale.

He stated that he had received quite a few bids on the nine cars.

Commissioner Honeycutt moved to accept high bids. Commissioner Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch presented a budget amendment for approval. Adjustments to compensate for changes in Revenues for Family Planning, Maternal and Child Health and WIC program- the first part and the second-appropriations made to add amounts to adjust for insurance, refunds and reimbursements.

Commissioner Steele made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Honeycutt seconded. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Cohen clarified that these changes in revenues were not county funds, but that the state was throwing more money in. Commissioner Sides asked what was involved in the Family Planning Grant. Mr. Murdoch replied that they council people on how many children to have. They distribute contraceptives. Mr. Sides asked if they distribute these contraceptives to minors. Chairman McCombs said that they abide by the law, whatever they do. The motion passed with Commissioner Sides voting no.

Mr. Murdoch presented a Resolution from the City of Salisbury to the Commissioners requesting the County to assume the Building, Plumbing, electrical, heating and air-conditioning inspections for them beginning on July 1, 1982. Chairman McCombs stated that this was a gentlemen's agreement, between him, the County Manager, Wiley Lash and former City Manager, Francis Luther and that the stipulation was that we would not commit ourselves to take on their people, but will take one person from there to carry on. Commissioner Cohen asked what their motivation was for doing this. Chairman McCombs replied he could not speak for them, but we have people in the County doing this and don't need both departments doing the same thing.

Under the agreement, the county would pay only a third of planning costs and would take over inspection responsibilities entirely. Mr. Murdoch said the County should come out ahead on the inspection deal. The city was collecting about \$20,000 a year in fees, but had to pay three employees to keep the department running.

The County would have to hire only one additional worker to its inspection staff of three to serve the city.

Commissioner Cohen suggested not hiring any additional personnel. Saying there was practically nothing going on in construction. Chairman McCombs stated things appeared to be picking up. Stated that a secretary in the inspection department told him she had received 12 calls in one week from home builders.

Commissioner Sides questioned a part of the agreement that said that the City could withdraw from the arrangement, and discussed the effect on the county. County Attorney said he believed the county could not step in on municipal operations unless requested.

Commissioner Honeycutt made a motion to approve the resolution to monitor it closely and to add that the agreement could be terminated by the city or the county upon notification to the other party. Commissioner Steele seconded with unanimous approval. (Attached)

Commissioner Honeycutt made a motion to pass the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Concord, Town of China Grove, Town of Landis, County of Cabarrus, County of Rowan, and North Carolina Board of Transportation. Commissioner Steele seconded. This would clear the way for one planner to concentrate solely on transportation problems and concern in the urban area around Kannapolis, Southern Rowan County and Northern Cabarrus County.

Mr. Johnson, Planner, stated there was no set budget. The Transportation Advisory Committee will recommend approximately \$25,000- 80% funding- 20% matching-local, around less than \$30,000- Rowan's portion.

Mr. Johnson told Commissioners the special transportation planning arrangement was needed because of Kannapolis' unique situation an unincorporated town of about 34,000 straddling the County line and falling into two different highway division. The agreement calls for the establishment of two boards. A Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) and a Technical Coordinator Commission.

Commissioner Cohen asked why the matter could not be left to the municipalities involved. Mr. Johnson said most of the population was outside the municipal boundaries and came under the commission authority. Commissioner Cohen said he was agonized by state and federal orders and said he will vote against spending the money. Commissioner Sides voting against. The motion passing with the Chairman voting I.

Commissioner Cohen was appointed to serve on the TAC Board.

Mr. Johnson introduced Glenn Bates, Planner from Cabarrus County who will be working in our area.

The Volunteer Fire Department Committee (Commissioners Steele and Cohen) met with Fire Marshall Gunn and the tow fire departments (Union and Miller's Ferry) and solved the boundary dispute. Mr. Gunn displayed a map showing the new boundary lines. Commissioner Steele made a motion to approve the resolution stating that either of the district's will not be changed, but the area adjacent to the paved sections of the access roads and main traveled lanes both North and South Highway I-85 will be the responsibility of Miller's Ferry Fire Department from the city limits of Salisbury North to the Yadkin River this includes the access ramps at the Old Union Church Road but does not include any service roads within the rated area of Union Fire districts. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner Cohen stated that there would be conflicts in territories throughout the county, We have to think about people. (Attached.)

Jean Ramsey, Register of Deeds, along with Don Holloway, Connie Nester and Ray Hayworth (Members of the advisory committee, with an interest in better management of land records) presented a program of mapping to the Commissioners. Mrs. Ramsey requested that the County offer a matching grant with the State and designate her Lands Record Manager. There was no action taken on this request. Mr. Holloway, Department of Administration in Mapping, showed the Commissioners scaled maps (photos) which he explained would benefit our county tremendously, in the Register of Deeds Office, Planning Office and Tax Supervisor's Office. He explained that the cost per parcel would be \$15. Cost to our County would be \$1,500,000 through the year 1987. The Commissioners found out that the State had limited funds right now-around \$325,000. Mr. Honeycutt recommended deferring right now, saying we can not get into this- that it was too detailed and we did not have enough time. That we would find out what is being done in the State. This was agreeable with the Board.

Commissioner Steele made a motion to adopt the Ordinance regulating the consumption of malt beverages and unfortified wine on county owned or occupied property. Commissioner Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval. (Attached)

Commissioner Sides made a motion for the Board to ask the State to reclassify the Kerr stream to Class B Stream, Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioner Steele opposing said stream pollution is lack of soil conservation. If you do one, you should do them all. Commissioner Cohen said this is a good place to start- we have a problem here- his problem creates problems with other people- to make him clean up. Commissioner Honeycutt stated that he had mixed feelings- would like to look into it- he stated that he knew that Commissioner Sides had looked at it and spent time with it- and he also knew that the man had spent \$60,000- that tells him that he wanted to do something about it. Commissioner Steele stated that if the man's character needed defending, he should be here.

Commissioner Cohen said, reflecting back, talking about the water quality at the park, I don't know if the shoe slipped on the other foot. If the problem should arise- I want to take action. He was opposed to putting more work on the other people- talking about Health and Safety- Commissioner Honeycutt, Commissioner Steele voting No- The motion failing with the Chairman voting No.

Commissioner Steele made a motion to approve the resolution to satisfy a tax lien on Mr. John Gray's property so that his sister could buy back their property from the County at \$1,900. Providing that everything was in order and figures verified by the Tax Office. Commissioner Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Honeycutt made a motion to extend to the County Manager authority to permit Thompson-Gordon-Shook, Engineers to design a bridge for Sloan Park. Commissioner Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Chairman McCombs requested that the County Manager talk with Mr. Harold Caudill, Agricultural Agent about putting off the invitation to the Annual program and dinner until a later date.

Commissioner Honeycutt made a motion for the Board to make a recommendation to the Health Department about helping Mr. Dennis Sims with his problem with septic tanks on Pinevale Road. Commissioner Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

County Attorney Clarence Kluttz, will do a study and come back with what Commissioners can legally do about extending the two (2) miles pertaining to the junk cars in a subdivision.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners