

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 6, 1982

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building on July 6, 1982 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 Honeycutt moved to approve the minutes of June 1, June 7 and June 29, 1982. Commissioner Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

There were no additions to the Agenda.

Commissioner Steele said the Workfare Program had been planned well in regards to putting the people to work.

Commissioner Honeycutt asked if anyone had been out to talk to Mr. Koontz. Commissioner Sides replied that he had been out and spent two hours with him.

Chairman McCombs stated that he saw in the newspaper where 175 people would be eligible for the Workfare Program.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Board that he had received a letter from William R. Robinson, Secretary, Department of Transportation concerning a series of fourteen (14) meetings that they will be conducting and are urging counties to participate to discuss road improvements.

Commissioner Honeycutt suggested coordinating with the Chamber of Commerce, asking them to attend. He stated that the Chamber was aware of procedures in making improvements to certain projects which involves transportation improvement programs.

Chairman McCombs asked that Commissioner Jim Cohen get in touch with the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Steele stated that Highway 70 at the Winn-Dixie shopping center was very critical spot. It needs improving.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Commissioners of a letter from J.E. Knees, Regional Director of the Human Resources Department. Mr. Knees was informing the Board that the Department of Social Services was in compliance with minimum standards of office space, and equipment.

Commissioner Cohen informed the Board of two road petitions. One on Knollwood Drive in the Knollwood Acres subdivision off Grace Church Road in Locke Township. It is a .24 miles in length; and is over 50% developed. The other petition is Beth Drive in Summerline Acres subdivision off Old Beatty Ford Road in China Grove Township.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion that these two road petitions be approved. Commissioner Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen mentioned that residents on Whiteroad Grove Church Road, Granite Quarry, NC wanted to change the name of their road to Queener's Court Road. Mr. Murdoch said this would require a public hearing. Chairman McCombs said this could be done at their next meeting in August.

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported total collection through June 30, 1982 as \$326,333.61

Mr. Murdoch reported personnel for approval:

One new employee, Mary McKenzie, Social Worker II for the Workfare program, Social Services at \$1,065.

The rest are replacements: Danny Philbrick, Truck Driver, Landfill at \$717 replacing Dalon Barnes at \$789.42.

Jeffrey Link, Health Department- Sanitarian Technical at \$741 replacing Kelly Sheeks at 886.58.

Donald Overcash, Sanitarian Technician at 741 replacing Walter Fowler at 1,169.50

Rodney Agner, parks maintenance at 592 replacing Eugene Gordon at 652.

Commissioner Steele made a motion to approve the personnel. Commissioner Honeycutt seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Sides voting No.

Mr. Murdoch reported Interest:

General Fund	\$498,792.52
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Revenue Sharing	60,316.19
Reappraisal	3,228.61
Kerr Mill	578.24
Drainage	130.13
Debt Service	<u>5,794.35</u>
Total	\$568,840.04

Mr. Murdoch reported refunds for approval:

In the Tax Supervisor's office- Tract of land in the Providence Township listed as unknown property. Norman Thomas paid taxes on his land which was liened to Larry Hammill- Both had paid taxes and were notified to return their tax bills. The request was for 4114.18 to refunded to Norman Thomas.

In the Tax Supervisor's office- R.D. Reamer Locke Township, had two gas tanks charged to him- He sold ½ of property and gas tanks to Rusher Oil Company. This was charged to Rusher Oil which he paid taxes on in 1979,80 and 81. Refund to Rusher Oil Company \$48.99.

From Tax Collector- 1981 tax account Ribly Products Corporation- in care Southeastern Mobile Homes, Atlanta, GA. Was late listing personal property in Rockwell, valued at \$35,000. When billing they failed to make out a tax bill for Town of Rockwell but included their tax in Rowan County. Issue to Town of Rockwell \$212.86.

Refund from the Building Inspection office- refund to I.C. Morris, Jr. Anderson, SC \$30.30. Mr. Morris received a permit to build on Earle St. Enochville, did not build. The first permit was voided, he decided to start over however, the sizes were different so he could not use the old one.

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

Commissioner Steele made a motion to appoint Kenny Eugene Deal to the China Grove Planning Board from the extraterritorial area. Commissioners Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Steele made a motion to reappoint Sue Fisher and Wilford Brown to the Granite Quarry Town Planning board and Catherine Krider replacing Clarence Bost, Don Livengood, replacing Norman Frick, John Napier replacing Wilford Brown and Tommy Trexler replacing Sue Fisher to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Commissioner Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

Chairman McCombs stated that they still did not have anyone for the pharmacist position on the Board of Health. Commissioner Cohen stated that it looked like they would have to solicit someone.

Chairman McCombs said they would leave the seven (7) and not appoint anyone else now to the Aging Advisory Council.

Commissioner Steele moved to approve the new Mt. Ulla-Bear Poplar Fire Station. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen said it might be tempting for some fire departments to build anew facility because money was available even though the building was not needed.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion that from now on that Mr. Gunn, who is both Fire Marshall and Emergency Management Coordinator, would keep them informed of the development of new fire stations before the ground is broken. Commissioner Steele seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner Honeycutt stated that the Board had no control over where the stations are located.

Mr. Gunn informed the Board that 1400 street signs have arrived and they are being stored in Enochville and Salisbury.

Commissioner Honeycutt made a motion for the Board to send a letter of condolence to Attorney Clarence Kluttz on behalf of the loss of his sister. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Honeycutt made a motion to designate Commissioner Steele as the voting delegate to the North Carolina Association Conference. Commissioner Steele seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Sides voting no.

Chairman McCombs stated that they would instruct Commissioner Steele on how to vote at their next meeting.

Commissioner Honeycutt made a motion to take the County Manager's advice to award the Title III-C Nutrition Program to Servomation at the lowest bid of \$1.596 per meal. Commissioner Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Board that Ketner's presented a bid of \$1,897 per meal.

Commissioner Steele moved to approve and award the ambulance franchise to C & M Ambulance Service. Commissioner Honeycutt seconded.

Commissioner Cohen commented that he would plan to support the ambulance service because we need it- but he wished there was some way we could do something with the way he spends the money. The motion passing with Commissioner Sides voting No.

Commissioner Sides mentioned a copy of the letter that he had received from Attorney Kluttz concerning a piece of property in South Carolina that had been left to Rowan County by a welfare lien. The property is a 2 acre lot #26 Foxtrot Ranchette- property owner- Sharon Sharpe Efird. Commissioner Honeycutt made a motion to authorize the County Manager to advertise for sealed bids on the piece of property. Commissioner Sides seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Steele made a motion for the Board to adopt the Resolution from Mr. Bernard F. Ingram, Corps of Engineers concerning reservoir development in the South Yadkin River Basin and to send copies of it to Senator Jesse Helms and Congressman Hefner. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Steele stated that Alexander and Iredell counties were particularly interested in impounding or damming the river.

Chairman McCombs informed the Board of a Revaluation meeting on July 19.

Commissioner Steele said he wished the Commission would take position on the \$.01 sales tax. He said he was criticized for voting for the ability to adopt an additional penny of sales tax to boost county revenues at last year's convention of the NC Association of County Commissioners. He further stated that at this point, he was not in favor of it for Rowan County.

Chairman McCombs commented that he thought Rowan County should have the option of adopting the tax and using the revenues for county operations rather than letting the State take the money and direct it toward schools or transportation.

Commissioner Honeycutt stated let the new media understand loud and clear that we are not advocating the .01 sales tax.

Commissioner Cohen stated that there was good and bad sides to the tax. That the only way he would support adopting the tax here would be if other forms of taxation were cut back.

Chairman McCombs suggesting acting on this matter later for the Commissioners to think about it.

As there was no further business, Chairman McCombs adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners