

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 1982

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building on October 4, 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 opened with prayer.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to approve the minutes of September 7 and September 23 as presented. Commissioner Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

At this time, there were no other additions to the Agenda.

Chairman McCombs requested that Mr. Edwin Koontz, Social Services Director, make some comments about his report. Mr. Koontz stated that he did not include a Data Processing person on his personnel sheet- and that his sheet determines cost allocation for all his programs. That the \$5,747 in Federal Funds received was for six months. This was in his budget, but now shown on the personnel sheet. Commissioner Steele made a motion to approve Mr. Koontz's request for the Data operator. Commissioner Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner Sides stated that he voted for the motion because Mr. Koontz's Department is working at a great extent with these Workfare people and setting a good example. He also recommended that Mr. Koontz reline his personnel in switching good people to the computer and training workfare people for their jobs. Mr. Koontz said, "I am not comfortable with that." We place them as they come available- and it is working out real good. Commissioner Honeycutt said to Mr. Koontz, "I appreciate having you at the Department of Social Services, Thank you."

Mr. Murdoch commented on a letter from John Gallaher, member- Board of Transportation. Copy had been sent to the Commissioners- acknowledging receipt of recent correspondence regarding help from the Department of Transportation in alleviating the dust problem on Black Road in Rowan county. He said that in discussing this with Jack Murdock, Secondary Roads officer, that there are no access funds available to pave at the present time. Commissioner Honeycutt requested that the Board go on record as not being satisfied with this letter- "In receipt of Mr. Gallaher's letter that it is in no way solving our problem" I know the State has a problem, but we have a major problem- his motion would be for this

Board to actively pursue any course we can take in getting this matter taken care of. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch read a copy of the solicitation of proposals for legislative goals. Deadline Friday, October 22. Have a list of meetings-final one- a conference to be held on December 15 and 16th in Pinehurst. Upcoming session of State and General Assembly. From the N.C. Association of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Cohen presented road petitions for approval. Ermine Road and Mink Drive both located in Beaver Acres subdivision off N.C. 152 between China Grove and Rockwell. Ermine Road- add .20 mile- there are five (5) occupied homes located there. Mink Drive- add .10 miles- two homes there that have entrance into the road. They both meet requirements for addition to the secondary road system. Commissioner Cohen made a motion to add these two roads to the State System- Commissioner Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Charles Kluttz, a request from the NC Highway Transportation Department for Secondary Road abandonment- in Franklin Township- 1600 ft. in length of Old Wilkesboro Road- which was relocated in 1952. The road no longer exists on the ground. In 1962 the road was never officially abandoned. A public meeting will be necessary. Chairman McCombs entertained a motion to hold this meeting at the next Commissioners Regular Meeting- November 1, 1982 at 10:00 A.M. Commissioner Steele made the motion and Commissioner Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch commented that by request of Jim Cohen at last month's meeting, he had contacted the Highway Department concerning Circle M Road going into Hardees. They paved 763 feet. Originally scheduled for 750 feet. The entire \$12,000 had been spent on that new portion for tar and gravel. Commissioner Cohen commented that he was not satisfied, but there was nothing that he could do.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Board that he had just received a note that Jim Blair, President of the Kannapolis Chamber of Commerce would be here and had requested to be put on the Agenda.

Mr. Glenn Trexler reported \$43,081.78 in tax collections through September 1982. He said he would try to get tax notices out this week.

Ms. Becky Hammill, from Rowan Technical College presented the Infant Safety Seat Loaner's Program to the Commissioners. Rowan Technical College Early Childhood Department will provide the manpower to coordinate this program. Ms Hammill said these seats would protect small children from auto accidents- that they will be bought by individual clubs and given on a first come first serve basis.

Everyone you buy, the Highway Department will give one. The rent will be .60 a month for nine months and a \$5 deposit which is returned upon return of the seat. Ms. Hammill said the seats run approximately \$25. They hope to get 200 seats to start with. Commissioner Honeycutt made a motion to approve the resolution to implement the program. Commissioner Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch reported personnel replacements:

Timothy Bullard a Deputy Sheriff, at \$829 replacing Thomas Black at \$1,061.

Bonnie Lawrick, Department of Social Services- Clerk, Receptionist at \$741 replacing Susan Russell at \$775.

Benny Loflin, Parks Maintenance at \$621- replacing Rodney Agner at \$621.

Julie Gainer, Social Services Eligibility Specialist at \$810 replacing Willie Mae Beatty at \$972.

Nora Parton Health Department Nurse at \$1017 replacing Janet Walser at \$1017.

Commissioner Steele moved to approve the personnel replacements. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch reported Interest:

General Fund	\$134,736.65
Revenue Sharing	2,060.78
Reappraisal	<u>15.65</u>
Total	\$136,813.08

There was another tie vote between the candidates for the ABC Board. Commissioners Cohen and McCombs voting for Doris Alexander and Commissioners Steele and Honeycutt voting for Paul Propst. Commissioner Sides not voting. Paul Propst will remain in this position until the tie is broken. Chairman McCombs said this will be taken up again next month.

Commissioner Cohen recommended reappointing Betty Miller for another term on the Housing Authority Board. Commissioner Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch reported two refunds both from the Building Inspection Department:

Refund to James G. Watts, the amount of \$33.30 for a building permit which he received. He decided not to build a basement, but rather make his ground floor larger.

Refund to Jimmie Alan Coleman and Mitzi Poole the amount of \$45.50 for a building permit. The couple decided to move into a mobile home instead of trying to build a house at this time.

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

Commissioner Honeycutt made a motion to give permission to advertise for sale the Park Director's car. Commissioner Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Chairman McCombs recognized Dick Messinger, a candidate for County Commissioner who was visiting today.

Commissioner Steele made a motion to approve the list of official depositories for County funds as presented by the County Manager. Commissioner Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

The official depositories are: Wachovia Bank & Trust Co, Northwestern Bank, North Carolina National Bank, First Union National Bank, Security Bank and Trust Co., Farmers & Merchants Bank, Home Federal Savings and Loan, Citizens Federal Savings and Loan, North Carolina Federal Savings and Loan, and the North Carolina Cash Management Trust.

Commissioner Honeycutt made a motion to let Architect, Doug Tennent proceed with the plans to renovate the Old P.O. Building, Commissioner Steele seconded. The motion carrying with Commissioner Sides voting against.

Mr. Tennent gave each Commissioner a sketch of the outline for the renovations for the P.O. Bldg. He explained the amount of floor space for each of the three floors- and how he would utilize as much space as possible to make offices. He explained that Mr. Koontz desired a conference room to hold staff meetings and to also meet with State personnel. He said there would be space on the second floor for this room.

Mr. Tennent said at this stage, it was running very tight to meet the budget. He had no solution to the parking problem. Talking about 60 to 80 parks- and client visitation. He said Larry Chilton was investigating possible spaces. Mr. Tennent said he would have some figures together by the 25th.

Chairman McCombs speculated on using the Farm and Health Center. Commissioner Honeycutt said preliminary study had already been done on that- which was not very satisfactory. Chairman McCombs said he was not against renovating the P.O. but was thinking about the adequate parking facilities there.

Mr. Ron Gardner, Chairman CBA/JJDT task force requested that Robert Hartsell and Celeste Melton's names be submitted as new members for the Task Force. He had sent resumes on these two possible new members for approval. Commissioner Honeycutt made a motion to approve these two new members to the Task Force. Commissioner Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Dr. Elizabeth Detty submitted a CBA proposal for approval. To make use of \$12,467 to use in a Early Dropout Prevention and Remedial Education Program- for 7th grade students. Judge Frank Montgomery, present, said he has seen the need for this program for a long time for kids not being reached. Dr. Detty said the skilled teachers would be developing techniques to pass on to Jr. High School Teachers. Chairman McCombs entertained a motion to accept the proposal. Commissioner Honeycutt made the motion. Commissioner Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen commented that we will have to hire additional help. Dr. Detty said- there is not enough teachers now.

Commissioner Sides said he voted for the program because the 20 students that they will be working with have been identified- that they will not be isolated- could see utilizing the money- wish that the suspension program could work like this.

Mr. Jim Blair, current President of the Kannapolis Chamber of Commerce along with Tom Dayvault, talked with Commissioners about their street sign problem. Mr. Blair said that a survey had been done and that they had a critical problem. Locations for these signs have been established and that they have received the signs but need professional help in getting them put up. Mr. Blair said they were uneasy about letting volunteers do this- that it was not an easy job- and it has to be done correctly. Chairman McCombs reassured Mr. Blair that they would get some of the signs up within a month.

Mr. Murdoch presented a summary outlay of the Single Audit Concept to Commissioners. This had been presented to Catawba County Commissioners. Six counties are now using it. Mr. Murdoch suggested that they see how they work out and put in our audit specs that this will be negotiated. Mr. Murdoch asked Commissioners if they wanted him to go out of the county for audit bids. Commissioner Sides said we should go outside the County for bids to see what we can get. Chairman McCombs entertained a motion and Commissioner Steele made

the motion to accept the County Manager's concept. Commissioner Honeycutt seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Commissioners that Pete Lydens, Lydens Association had completed the County's pay plan study, Chairman McCombs said he would set October 25 at 7:30 P.M. for him to present it.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Honeycutt with unanimous approval the County Manager was authorized to sign a contract with Centralina Council of Governments to extend the Title III-B Chore Program in the Department of Social Services for an additional nine months ending on June 30, 1983 and to amend the budget to reflect the \$12,000 grant funds. (Attached)

Commissioner Steele requested three or four more members for the Aging Advisory Council. Chairman McCombs recommended that Mr. Fahnestock, Director of that office, submit resumes on areas that need representation.

There being no further business, Chairman McCombs adjourned the meeting until October 25, 1982 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners