

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 7, 1983

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building on March 7, 1983 at 9:00 A.M. The following members were present: Chairman Hall Steele, Jamima DeMarcus, Harry Sifford, Jim Sides and Jim Cohen.

Chairman Steele called to order and Commissioner Cohen opened with prayer.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the minutes of February 7 and February 22 as mailed. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

As an addition to the Agenda, Attorney Clarence Kluttz requested that two resolutions in relation to the Hardee Bonds be heard after the public hearing.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Board that Mr. Koontz, Director of the Social Services Department would have been here to discuss his request, but he had to go out of town due to his budget work. His department had received an allocation of \$33,528 on October 1, 1982. He is requesting that he be allowed to hire a Social Worker II until June at no cost to the County. Mr. Murdoch said that this was covered in the Budget Amendment.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to declare and to sign the Proclamation proclaiming March 30 through April 20- Special Olympic Month for Salisbury-Rowan, 1983. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter addressed to Jim Foltz, Parks Director from James L. Woodson in behalf of Margaret C. Woodson Foundation donating \$1,250 to be used to purchase 10 picnic tables for the Park.

In addition, Mr. Murdoch informed the Commissioners of \$300 donation to the Park from the Salisbury Jaycees. This money is to be used for their Easter Egg Hunt.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Board of a request from the Southern Piedmont Health Systems Agency, Inc. to elect members to its governing body. Commissioner Sifford stated that they were requesting that the County Commissioners appoint 20 persons to serve on the Board of Electors; and in view of the fact that we have two

people up for election and one can't be re-elected (Earl Bullard, Rowan Memorial Hospital Administrator) he would like to nominate Dr. Elmer Lagg, Optometrist to replace him. This was in the form of a motion seconded by Commissioner DeMarcus. Commissioner Sifford mentioned that Dr. Lagg would be a provider nominee and that consumers are elected by the Board of Electors. Commissioners Cohen and Sides voting against the motion. Chairman Steele voting I. Mr. Murdoch recommended that each Commissioner get four people to serve on the Board of Electors by April 18.

The Commissioners set Thursday, March 17 at McCabe's Restaurant in Kannapolis as a dinner meeting date with the Kannapolis Chamber of Commerce.

The Commissioners also set Monday, March 14 at 7:30 P.M. as an adjourned meeting to hear the results of the Computer Study from Ann Walker, N.C. State University.

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector reported \$400,567.21 as February collections. Commissioner Cohen made a motion to set the 1st Monday in June as the date for the Tax Lien Sales. Commissioner Sides seconded with unanimous approval.

Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor, requested the Commissioners to set a date for the Board of Equalization and Review to go over complaints on the 1982 tax bills. Commissioner Sides made a motion to set Tuesday afternoon after the Regular Meeting of the Commissioners in April and all day Wednesday. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch reported Personnel Replacements:

Linda Davis- Cook at \$4.21 an hr. replacing Louise Rollins at \$4.21 an hr. as a Nutrition Site Supervisor.

Donnie K. Hinceman at \$839.50 replacing Galen Burris at \$870.83 monthly as an Assistant Building Supervisor.

Bonnie H. Calder at \$637.84 replacing Benny Loflin at \$652.33 monthly as a semi-skilled laborer at the Park.

Beverly Kay Dinger at \$809.00 replacing Sue Clark at \$869.33 as a Clerk Typist III at Social Services.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the personnel replacements. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch reported Interest:

General Fund	\$228,663.24
Revenue Sharing	19,290.36
Reappraisal	436.05
Drainage	<u>69.75</u>
Total	\$248,459.40

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to allow the County Schools to transfer \$36,637.25 out of Energy Matching account into other accounts. Commissioner Sifford seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Sides voting against. (Attached)

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to accept the high bid of \$270 from William Roseman for the two old Park Trucks. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. The other two bids were from Mack Calder for \$217 and Gerald Correll for \$250.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to appoint Mr. Ronald Bostian to replace Bill Hannah as an extraterritorial member of the Granite Quarry Zoning Board of Adjustment. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to reappoint Mr. R.L. Rusher as an extraterritorial planner on the E. Spencer Town Board and to appoint Mr. Gonzell Seigle and Rev. Lewis Jeffries as extra-territorial members. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the refund for Ann G. Massoudre in the amount of \$86.14 as a settlement from the estate of Feraldis Marguerite Goodman. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the refund for Eugene Bare in the amount of \$5.14 for an error made in a tax payment. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to proceed with the Public Hearing for proposing industrial bonds for Hardee's Food Systems, In. by the Rowan County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval. The public hearing was now open for persons wanting to speak for or against the bonds. Mr. Kluttz said Mr. David Surasky and Robert Richardson representatives of Hardees were present to answer any questions. Mr. Surasky said Hardee's was a good company to work for. It pays good wages and the new site which is already in operation employs 45. He also said First Union National Bank will be the purchaser of the bonds. The interest rates will be between 9 and 10% determined at the time of their sale. Commissioner

Sides said it bothered him that a resident of the County couldn't go to the Bank and borrow \$30,000 at 9-10% interest. Mr. Sides asked why the county had to allow industrial revenue bonds and why industries such as Hardee's could not go through the regular financing process. Attorney Kluttz and Mr. Surasky said Congress made them available to North Carolina at a time when the state was losing industrial prospects to other states which could offer the cheaper financing. Commissioner Cohen made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

After Attorney Kluttz read the Resolution, Commissioner Sifford moved that it be adopted. Commissioner Cohen seconded, the motion carrying with Commissioner Sides voting against.

Mr. Surasky and Richardson thanked the County Commissioners for their support.

Commissioner Sides commented that he was not opposed to Hardees but could see the government's involvement in this.

Attorney Kluttz then asked the Commissioners to approve a resolution allowing Hunton and Williams of Raleigh to serve as bond counsel for N.C. Finishing co. request for the issuance of \$3.1 million industrial revenue bonds. He read the resolution and Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the introduction. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the authority. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Charles Barkley and George Little from Vision Cable were present at the meeting to present a rate increase for its second level of channels, or metro service. The basic charge would remain the same, but the metro service package would increase \$1.00 giving viewers 14 additional optional channels. For each additional set in the home, the extra charge would increase .50. Attorney Kluttz said the Commissioners could require them to have a public hearing on this. Commissioner Cohen commented that the whole thing was confusing. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve as requested. Commissioner Sifford seconded. Commissioner Cohen recommended having the public hearing saying we need feedback from the community. Commissioner DeMarcus said she would amend her motion and allow for the public hearing and have the two readings. Commissioner Cohen seconded- passing the 1st reading and voting on it again next month. Setting the public hearing at 10:00 1st Tuesday in April, April 5. The motion was voted unanimously.

Mr. Marcelle Williams, Wade Mobley and Dick Messinger were present to present the County Schools' asbestos problems. Mr. Williams said this was a very

serious problem. Mr. Jim Kluttz, architect did the evaluating. He said South Rowan was the major problem. Most serious problems were in the band room and supply room. The students have been removed from the band room and are using the stage in the auditorium for band practice. Mr. Messinger, Finance Officer reported that the cost of eliminating the problem would amount to \$575,000. Assuming it does cost that would take about half of the county's surplus money. We solve the asbestos problem and also solve the surplus money problems. He explained that this was kind of a courtesy hearing because it is a large chunk of money. Formal bids to rid the schools of the asbestos will be taken March 24; and a formal request will be requested next month after going out for bids.

After a short recess, Mr. Lipe Barrier, District Conservationist, presented to the Commissioners, a county wide soil survey program. Mr. Barrier said this would cost the county \$97,000 representing one-third of the total cost of mapping 291,000 acres of land. This figure is then divided over the five years it will take to complete the soil survey. The annual cost would be \$19,400. The Soil Conservation Service will provide the remaining third of field cost and all costs of preparation and printing. Mr. Barrier said they had a staff available to start the survey January, 1984; and that local funds needed for 1983-84 fiscal year are \$9,700. Mr. Barrier said Mr. Mathias, City Manager stated that the soil survey would be very valuable in their effort of economical development particularly when looking for good industrial sites. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to go forward with the soil survey. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. Commissioner Cohen not voting and the motion passing with Commissioner Sides voting against.

Ron Gardner, Chairman CBA/JJDP presented proposals for North Middle School. He was recommending the continuation of the In-School Suspension Program. Mr. Gardner stated that the number of suspension and dropouts had decreased steadily since 1978, when the program first started. Mr. Thomas, Principal at the school gave statistics on attendance and repeaters of the suspension program. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the continuation of the in-school suspension program, saying it is giving the kids a chance. Commissioner Sifford seconded. Commissioners Cohen and Sides voting No. The Chairman voting I. Commissioner Cohen stated that he had presented the school board with a similar plan that would cost less.

The Board then heard a discussion concerning the policy for rental of Hangar Space and Aircraft Parking at the Airport. Commissioner Sifford said that Lewis Hamlin, Chairman of the Airport Board was not here to present the recommendations of the Committee, so he would read them.

The Airport Board recommends that people who build hangars be allowed to use the hangars rent free for 10 years and that they be able to rent the hangars at half the normal fee for the next 5 years. From then on, the builder would have the

first option to rent the hangar from the county at the regular fee. Their recommendation would be to raise the rental rates for the smallest hangars to \$60 a month, compared with the average cost now of \$30 a month. Commissioner Sifford said that the proposed fee of .51 a square foot would make it cheaper for people to rent already existing hangars than to build new ones. He said the cost of building a new hangar is \$1.31 a sq. ft.

The Board then heard from Mr. Lawrence Owen, Hangar owner, who said that people do not get back the money it costs to build a hangar in 10 years. He said the Airport in Statesville offers a 20 year rent free lease to those who build their own hangars.

John Suther, President of the Salisbury-Rowan County Pilots and Aircraft Owners Association, spoke in favor of on-grass parking saying "it gives the little man a place to base his plane without a whale of a lot of overhead". He told the Commissioners that the county was losing business to Stanly County Airport. They offer on-grass parking at \$10 a month. Mr. Suther said here the prices are so high that people are just leaving. He said the Rowan Airport seems to be more interested in big business.

Mr. Hamlin arrived at this time and spoke again concerning airport policies. He spoke in favor of on-grass parking and being consistent with the rental rates. Commissioner Sides said he did not understand parking on grass- why is it a general problem with the Airport Board- It does exist. Maybe some feel that it is untidy.

Commissioner Sides recommended a public hearing, saying that he wanted to know what the public thought about the proposed changes. He said the Airport belongs to the people of Rowan County and not to the base operator, Lindsey Hess. Commissioner Cohen commented that he would support this recommendation.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to hold a public hearing at a reasonable time. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioner Sides said he wanted to hear opinions on all issues- The motion was voted unanimously. Commissioner Cohen asked Mr. Murdoch when they could set this up. They agreed on Monday, March 21st at 7:30 P.M.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve Section I of the Budget Amendment- to allow an additional allocation for the WIN program. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner Sides requested that he be filled in or an explanation of why or if people are using this program- saying we fail if we can't train them. He said he would like to see a great effort placing these people.

The second section of the budget amendment an additional allocation for the WIC program. The Division of Health Services had authorized an increase of 300 in their caseload- which now totals 800. Mr. Hawley is requesting a budget increase of \$4,008 and in order to handle the additional clients he will need another Clerk Typist III to interview and determine eligibility of applicants, etc. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve Section II of the budget amendment. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. Commissioners Sides and Cohen voting No. The Chairman voting I. Commissioner Cohen commented that "we have to stop WIC!" That this program is not helping people and we are breeding a society of leeches. He said My heart bleeds for people who are in this category. I certainly would not want to be in their shoes.

In Section III- Hypertension Budget- Mr. Hawley is requesting an additional temporary, part-time (40%) Public Health Nurse. To provide screening in the community to high risk groups at least 2 days per week for the next three months. Commissioner Sides questioned line item 4235- New Equipment- a new line item- amount \$802. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve this section- died for lack of a second. Commissioner DeMarcus agreed with Commissioner Sides in finding out about the new equipment line item. This was deferred until Monday night at 7:30 March 14, 1983 at the Commissioners Adjourned meeting. At this time Mr. Hawley will attend to explain this line item to the Board.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve Section IV Additional \$5,000- State Aid for the Library. Commissioner Cohen seconded for discussion and then changed his vote. Commissioner Sides explained that he had talked with Phil Barton, Director and he understood how the money was to be used. One reason for needing the money, Commissioner Sides explained, was because the Library is being used more now than in the past. Commissioner Sides seconded. The motion carrying with Commissioner Cohen voting against.

Section Five- Commissioner Sides made a motion to approve additional allocation to Parks and Recreation. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to approve Section 6- Removal of item's previously appropriated for refunds, insurance claims and reimbursements. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. (attached)

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign a resolution authorizing him to sign contract grant for Airport Taxiway and Fence. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. (Attached)

Commissioner Sides made a motion to accept the low bid of \$8,700 from Sun Data on the Computer Equipment. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous

approval. Commissioner Sides said that he had read through the study and we do have a need for it. The other bids were from:

Computer Brokers, Inc.	\$8,780.00
National Computers, Maintenance	\$9,079.00

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the Proclamation proclaiming Soil Stewardship Week in the county of Rowan on May 8-15, 1983. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Ed Church was present at the meeting to present this proclamation and stated that he wanted to be recognized as District Supervisor.

Attorney Clarence Kluttz told the Commissioners that the title on the property in S.C. know as Foxtrot Ranchette might not be any good. He said the property might be worth \$1,500. That it was a “boondox” development. Commissioner Sides made a motion for the Attorney to search it and try to sell it. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded for the money that will be needed for the search to come out of Special Account. The motion was voted unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Steel adjourned the meeting until Monday night, March 14, 1983 at 7:30 P.M. when Commissioners will hear a computer study from Ann Walker, N.C. State University.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners