

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED MEETING
APRIL 18, 1983

The Board of County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building, Salisbury, North Carolina at 7:30 P.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 Sifford opened with prayer.

Chairman Steele then opened the public hearing and called on Mr. Ken Horton, District Engineer from Winston-Salem, with the Department of Transportation to present their proposal of the Secondary Road Program to Commissioners and interested citizens attending the meeting. Mr. Horton introduced members of the Transportation Department who were with him: Mr. Wade Hoke, Winston-Salem, Don Honeycutt, Salisbury, Charles Kluttz, Road Maintenance Supervisory, Salisbury, Mr. W. Frank McCrary and Mr. Ed Lockhart.

Mr. Horton stated that the Department of Transportation allocates points for different characteristics of unpaved roads. He stated that he used a rating sheet to determine priority roads; and that the Department allocates a minimum of 20% toward improving paved roads and minimum of 15% for spot stabilization of unpaved roads. He also informed interested listeners that the money for the secondary roads construction program comes from the 1 3/8 cents gasoline tax. The County's allocation is based on its number of miles of unpaved roads. Mr. Horton explained to Commissioner Sides that DOT used some flexibility in its rules provided show of some changes that need to be made. Commissioner Sides said we need to spend more money on unpaved roads, further commenting that "if a fellow has a paved road, he's in good shape!" Mr. Horton said Rowan County's share of anticipated funds for the 1983-84 fiscal year is \$484,093. He then went through the program which is:

1. (a) Grade, drain, base and pave Bernhardt Road, SR 1512, from SR1503 to SR 1514. Replace Bridge #302 with three lines of pipe, 1.50 miles (Priority #1) at a cost of \$149,000
- (b) Grade, drain, base and pave Mahaffey Drive, SR2409 (access road to Hillcrest Acres Subdivision). From SR 2375 to beginning of subdivision- .10 mile (Priority #2) at a cost of \$11,000.
- (c) Grade, drain and stabilize Flat Rock Road- SR 1210, from SR1211 to Dean End- .80 mile (Priority #3) at a cost of \$36,000

Property Owner's Participation Projects at a cost of \$60,000

2. Widen Grace Church Rd – SR 1503, from 16' pavement to 22' pavement, from US 29-601 to SR 1500- 1.10 miles at a cost of \$45,000

Relocated and construct curve on Bringle Ferry Road- SR 1002 for new bridge (bridge #104) at Panther Creek at a cost of \$55,000

3. (a) Replace Bridge #320 on Hilderbrand Road- SR 1739 with two (2) lines of 84" C.M. Pipe at a cost of \$13,000
- (b) Replace Bridge #280 on Hill Road- SR 2366 with two (2) lines of 95" x 67" C.M.P.A at a cost of \$16,000

Spot stabilization of various roads in County at a cost of \$44,000

Road Additions (approximately 6%) cost of \$30,000

Contingencies (approximately 5%) cost of 25,093

Total recommended for 1983-84 Proposed Secondary Road Program-\$484,093.

Mr. Horton told Commissioners that they had three options in which to base their decision:

1. to concur with the above construction program,
2. take no action
3. make recommendations for deviation except paving project. Must vote at a later meeting if they do that. Another meeting would have to be called.

Commissioner Sides said the widening of Grace Church should be deferred for another year; or shaved to 20 ft. and use that money to bring unpaved roads up to par.

Commissioners heard from two residents who live on Morgan Road. Mr. Karriker inquired where they stood as far as priority in having their road paved. Mr. Horton told him Morgan Road was #7. Mr. David Talley who works with Piedmont Asphalt and who also lives on Morgan Road, inquired about putting chemicals on the road to relieve a dust problem in the summertime. Mr. Horton later told the residents on Morgan Road that the state would help in putting oil and calcium chloride to settle the dust problem. Mrs. Jean Karriker also resident on Morgan Road said the people are not complaining because they are disheartened about not getting any help.

Commissioner Sides suggested as an alternative, the elimination of a new curve on Bringle Ferry Road. He also said 19 ft. wide bridge on Hilderbrand Road near US 70 N.C. 801 did not seem too dangerous because of the approaches from both directions. Mr. Horton said the estimated life on the bridge was eight years.

Commissioner DeMarcus said she lived in the area of Grace Church Road and she would not want to see any width shortened. That it was a school bus and church route; and they needed it widened. With this she made a motion to accept the proposal of the Department of Transportation with the contingency fund being used for paving. Commissioner Sifford seconding.

Commissioner Sides again commented that it would not hinder the program to defer the bridge maintenance work on Hilderbrand Road- and make additional funds for stabilization. Chairman Steele entertained a motion to call Commissioner Sides' question and vote on the motion. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to call Commissioner Sides' motion. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. The motion carrying with Commissioner Sides and Cohen voting against. The Chairman voting I. Commissioner DeMarcus' motion to accept the proposal of the Department of Transportation carried with Commissioners Sides and Cohen voting against. The Chairman voting I.

Mr. Theodore Hall of White Road presented petitions with 847 names asking for the widening of NC 150 and the elimination of some of the highways bad curves. Mr. Horton said with all the names on the petition, something could be done.

Mr. Horton said if the DOT could not get the right-of-way he would like permission from the Commissioners to move down the priority list and take the next road. The Board agreed to this.

Former Commissioner Honeycutt speaking for the Chamber of Commerce said the Chamber has put NC 150 at the top of its own list of highways that should be improved. Mr. Horton said Flat Rock Road would be first on the priority list for paving in the 84-85 secondary road program.

After a short recess, Chairman Steele called the meeting back to order and Commissioners heard a change in a resolution concerning a road to be abandoned by Mr. Charles Kluttz, road maintenance supervisor. Mr. Kluttz stated that last year, Commissioners voted to approve the abandonment of Old Wilkesboro Road. Now his is requesting approval of 265 ft. of the road for abandonment; instead of the approved 1600 ft. on the 26th day of October, 1982. The reason for the change is for a resident, Mr. Messer. He can not get a loan without a clear title. He is asking to be left on the system. Commissioner Sides made a motion to approve the 265 ft. of

abandonment of Old Wilkesboro Road. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. (Attached)

Mr. Doug Tennent, Architect, passed out booklets containing proposals for renovation of the Old P.O. Building. Included were specific figures on what a private developer's costs would be under a lease/lease back proposal. Mr. Tennent told Commissioners there was 34,500 total sq.ft. – 28,000 being workable space; and the building's operating costs would range from \$252,000 to \$286,000 a year depending on the length of the lease whether it be a 10 year lease or a 16 year lease. Mr. Tennent said under his proposal, the County would maintain ownership of the building; and he recommended a lease package opposed to a sale. He said parking was not solved yet, but the developer probably would lease the parking area owned by First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Tennent showed Commissioners a clear plastic model of the building's four floors. His suggested interior redesign would eliminate the building's present elevators and staircase. He proposed a central stairway and elevator.

Commissioner DeMarcus commented that she had looked at the building and said it was very beautiful.

Commissioner Cohen asked how much space Department of Social Services would need. Mr. Tennent said a minimum of 20,000. He said they now have 14,000 or 15,000. This is not including the butter and cheese program.

Commissioner Steele said they needed time to look it over- Commissioners agreed to come up with a decision next month.

Mr. Murdoch asked Mr. Tennent about another entrance into the building- saying that the hallway in the front could easily become congested with people using postal services and receiving other services. He said this could develop into a liability to the County.

Mr. Murdoch presented two proclamations for approval: Commissioner Sifford made a motion to proclaim the week of April 17-23 as Public Health Week. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner Sifford said the Rowan County Health Department will hold open house from 8:30 until 2:30 on Wednesday, April 20.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to proclaim the week of April 24-30th as Rowan County Emergency Medical Services Week. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to authorize Mr. Murdoch permission to sell six Rowan County patrol cars. Commissioner Sides seconded with unanimous approval. (Attached)

Mr. Murdoch told Commissioner Cohen that they were all high in mileage- in the 100,000.

Commissioner Sides asked if any County employee needed one of the cars. Mr. Murdoch said no- that Mr. Watson (landfill) was still driving the stationwagon.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to pay a \$33.35 bill to Forsyth County Juvenile Center. The money to come from the contingency fund. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford presented to Commissioners a resolution establishing an Airport Board. He told Commissioners that this Resolution would establish a seven member Airport Board. Six to be appointed by County Commissioners for a three year term and a County Commissioner would be a seventh member with full voting rights and privileges.

This resolution would allow on-the-grass- parking, the establishment of hangar fees and airport capital improvement fund. Commissioner Sifford commented that there has never been a formal resolution authorizing an airport board; and the formal adoption of rules and regulations are in agreement with FAA guidelines for airports.

Commissioner Sifford stated that the present committee would submit such an outline to Commissioners and post it for public comment at least thirty (30) days. On the hangar policy, he commented that contractual arrangements with the lessees of hangars built by the lessee should be offered at an additional five years at 50% of the County airport's established rental rates for hangars- he further commented that on the grass parking be allowed at \$10 monthly. All airport net revenue would go into the capital improvement fund. Commissioner Sifford made a motion that his resolution be adopted. Commissioner DeMarcus commented that she would like time to study it. A comment was made about the Airport operating as a committee, which was jointly appointed by the Salisbury City Council and County Commissioners. This was started in 1954 but since that time, over the years, the city has pulled completely out of the airport's management. The city council has not appointed any board members, ex-officio or otherwise. Neither does it offer any funding. Chairman Steele commented that he was alarmed to find out that there were no rules or regulations. He said he had assumed there were guidelines. Commissioner Sides commented he thought the present Airport Board was "pretty well functioning". He also commented that he was not in favor of "knocking anybody off the present board". Commissioner Cohen recommended

getting copies of the resolution to everyone concerned for their comments. (the Airport Board is to meet April 26). Chairman Steele said that this has been going on since 1954- "that there is no hurry now". Commissioner Sifford's motion dying for lack of a second.

Commissioner DeMarcus commented that she and Commissioner Sifford attended the meeting at the Holiday Inn with school personnel. She said she now realizes what splendid people we have in the Rowan County Schools. She said she thought all 23 schools should be accredited.

Chairman Steele told Commissioner DeMarcus to set up another date for Commissioners to have publicity pictures taken for the Litter Clean up week.

There being no further business, Chairman Steele adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners