

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED MEETING
MAY 30, 1983

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building on May 30, 1983 at 7:00 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.

Mr. Phil Barton, Director of the Rowan County Library presented his budget to Commissioners requesting an overall request for \$526,000. He is asking for a \$10,000 increase in line item 6404- Books- He said it had been two years since they asked for a substantial increase. Also increase to Periodicals-#6405, audiovisual-6406-Microfilm-6407, processing, 6410-printing-6415-6518- Maintenance-and repairs to building and grounds showed the biggest increase from \$10,000 shown in current year budget to \$25,000 due to covering downspouting; guttering water damaged boxing; ice guards on the roof and the painting, caulking and glazing of windows. Also increases to #6420- Maintenance and repairs to vehicles, 6422-Supplies-Misc.#6426-6435-equipment and furnishings-6448-Retirement-Employers-Social Security-6450 and insurance account #6455. Mr. Barton explained under binding- it was cheaper to bind than to replace books. Processing increase due to embarking upon converting to computer catalog. He said the telephone account could be decreased in the Dial-A-Story- that he had received a cheaper rate. In printing, the \$200 increase used to replace supplies for general services brochures. Under 6420 they have to do general maintenance to vehicles requesting to increase this to \$500. 6422- increase in photocopy purposes-6426-Misc. increase to \$500 basically incurred because it don't fit in anywhere else-#6435-Requesting new equipment and furnishings. 3-16mm movie projectors; 1 microfilm cabinet; magazine display case.

In salaries, Mr. Barton is requesting two new positions-a library assistant at \$9,252 a year and a one-year librarian at \$15,876. The one year position is a fill in for Susan Kerr who will be off on maternity leave and six months leave without pay.

While waiting Mr. Larry Parrish, Mental Health Clinic, Mr. Murdoch informed the Commissioners of some business that needed approval.

Money already appropriated for the repairs at the Rowan County Airport- for drainage, taxiway and fencing- he had received bids from: Jim Bost- \$27,907.37,

Piedmont Asphalt- \$21,627 and REA- \$27,416. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to award the contract to the lowest bidder- Piedmont Asphalt for \$21,627. Commissioner Sifford seconding. The motion passing with Commissioner Sides voting No.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the adoption of a proclamation proclaiming June 7, 1983 Chamber of Commerce Day in Rowan County. Commissioner DeMarcus seconding. The motion passing with Commissioner Sides voting No.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Commissioners that he would have to get some more figures on the cost of the water system at the County Home; that it was running more than anticipated.

Mr. Larry Parrish, Director of the Tri-County Mental Complex along with his Administrative Secretary, Hazel Epting presented their budget to Commissioners. Mr. Parrish told the Board that their money fell into two categories; General and ABC money. Their budget request is the same as it was last year. The agency operate the Bagnal Halfway House on South Main Street in Salisbury, the detoxification center in Statesville and the Stepping Stone home for adolescent girls in Spencer. Mr. Parrish said that Iredell County allocates \$86,094 from its general fund- and \$28,000 in ABC revenues. Davie County's share is \$35,064 from the County General Fund.

Mr. Parrish said his agency will have several needs in the upcoming year that was not included in his budget. They are stressing the needs for a sheltered workshop of day hospitalization program for the mentally ill and a therapeutic home for the mentally ill. Mr. Parrish said he was not for sure where the funding will come from.

Mr. Parrish said at present, the Tri-County has 38 people being treated for mental illnesses. They are looking at the Patterson School which was closed in 1976 as a possible site for one of the programs. Mrs. DeMarcus said, "I think the County is going to have to find ways of meeting those needs."

Commissioner Sides commented that he would vote against this allocation for \$60,693 and \$40,000 from ABC Revenues because he is still taking the stand, against alcohol and the use of ABC money for the treatment of alcoholics.

Sheriff John Stirewalt and Lt. Sara Potts presented the Sheriff's Budget to the Board. Showing increases in Salaries, automotive repairs, Cartridges, gas & oil, maintenance contracts, new equipment & machines inc. autos, uniforms, radio & electric service, stationary & supplies, supplies, finger printing dept. tel. & tel., training, copy machine rental. The budget includes a request for 14 new cars. 12

for patrol and two for detectives; two new part-time deputies, and a \$1,050 ice maker for the Rowan County Jail. Cost for the cars are estimated to be \$10,000 each, for a total cost of \$140,000. The sum of \$3,000 is to be used for the purchase of four mobile radios. Cost is \$750 each. In exchange for old units the sum will be \$525. The two part-time deputies are to be used as transportation officers and Courtroom assistants and for the use in civic process unit. This would involve approximately \$5,778 for each.

Sheriff also explained the need for a salary adjustment to \$16,668 for an individual to be appointed as Chief Deputy for the Salisbury Office to assist with departmental operations, administrative duties and assume major responsibilities in his absence.

The increase for the North Kannapolis Jail would be from \$16,891 to \$20,491. Lt. Potts explained that they had more people there now. They need \$828 for a new IBM typewriter and \$1,500 for rental on a copy machine. The \$300 increase in the food item is due to overflow from the Salisbury Jail.

The County is housing more state prisoners. Their needs have increased more stated Lt. Potts. Their budget calls for an ice maker, \$2,487 for part-time salaries, a \$5,000 increase in the food item and a \$1,000 increase for physician's fees.

Lt. Potts made a special request for the ice maker for the county jail, saying that it was badly needed. She said they had to freeze ice in pans they could not serve anything cold. Commissioner Cohen said to Lt. Potts, "this is a jail- not a hotel". Lt. Potts said, "just because they are prisoners we don't want to torture them". Commissioner Cohen said, "I would not want you to do that".

Seth Murdoch, County Manager presented his budget to Commissioners. Salary account- 3001- reflects three pay increases in a new pay plan. The maintenance contracts reflects a smaller amount due to canceling the Burroughs Machine Contract. Mr. Murdoch stated that he would try to sell this machine.

The Airport Budget is a newly added funding to the budget. Mr. Murdoch said it was a day-to-day operation. Commissioner DeMarcus stated "what is spent through revenue?" Mr. Murdoch said "we used to do it manually, now it is through computer."

Commissioner DeMarcus raised the question, "why do we have a Coroner?" Chairman Steele said this has been brought up before and recommended getting legislators to introduce a bill having this office abolished.

Mr. Murdoch said the Salisbury/Rowan Council of Arts is asking for a \$10,000 regular budget and \$3,000 to match a state grant.

The Human Services Executive Secretarial position asked for a budget of \$16,746. Mr. Murdoch said she could be housed in the new County Building.

Mr. Murdoch said Major Israel was requesting \$5,052 for the Army Aviation Flight Facility.

Commissioner DeMarcus said we need to give the Rowan County Historic Properties Commission some money to work with. She said she would like to recommend \$500 over the \$250 budgeted. She said they were operating out of their pockets.

Mr. Murdoch said in Mr. Mills letter requesting subsidy for the ambulance service, he was asking for a 10% increase. There was quite a bit of discussion from Commissioner Sides concerning this. He said we should not continue to make up for his losses.

Mr. Murdoch said the County fire departments budget was covering all twenty-five stations.

Chairman Steele said they had a big problem with the Planning Board. They would have to make a decision. He said Mayor Lash was going to give them a report on where the money was going.

Chairman Steele said they would need also to find out if the Chamber of Commerce was using their funds for industrial development.

Mr. Murdoch explained that the allocation for the insane were persons who were committed by a doctor and handled by the Clerks office.

Allocation for the Rowan Rescue Squad was based on the amount of equipment that they would need. Commissioner Sides commented that we don't use their services like we should!

Commissioner Sides said "we should put a cap on the allocation for the Law Library". He said he did not think the County should be in the business of supplying books for the attorneys. He said this is something that has gotten out of hand.

Commissioner Steele said decisions would be made on Tuesday night. Commissioner Cohen recommended that Seth Murdoch, County Manager make up

his own budgt that he would even give him a week in which to do it because he would know where to cut.

There being no further business, Chairman Steele adjourned until Tuesday night at 7:00 P.M. May 31, 1983.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners