

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED MEETING
JUNE 2, 1983

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building on June 2, 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 Cohen opened with prayer.

Chairman Steele welcomed Mayor Lash who apologized for not informing the Commissioners what activities would be included in the Economic Development allocation from the County. He said he would not take \$35,000 from the County and not give something in return.

Chairman Steele asked Mayor Lash if in that allocation was it included the amount of money the city gave Mr. Gifford for the city's renovation study. Mr. Lash said no. Commissioner Sides said he had heard it did. Mayor Lash said they had other money appropriated for that.

Commissioner Sides made a motion that he be allowed a key to the room where purchase orders and check documents are kept in Mr. Murdoch's office. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioner DeMarcus said all should have a right to look at these documents whenever Mr. Murdoch was there. Commissioners Sifford, DeMarcus and Chairman Steele voted against Commissioner Sides motion.

A lot of discussion followed the key. Commissioner Sides again making a motion that he be allowed a key with Commissioner Cohen seconding. Commissioners Sifford, DeMarcus and Chairman Steele again voted against.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to fund the Infant/Toddler Center at \$28,288. Commissioner Sides seconded. Commissioner Cohen said that the thought this amount was very reasonable and in line as compared to what he pays for his child. Commissioners DeMarcus, Sifford and Chairman Steele voting NO. Commissioners agreed to give Commissioner Cohen permission to look into this and compare with other Children's Centers; and report back to the Board.

Commissioner Cohen asked Mr. Murdoch what the conditions were of the van for the Aging Office. Mr. Murdoch said it had 95,000 miles on it. Commissioner Coeh made a motion to delete the van and the radio as requested by the Aging

Office. Commissioner Sides seconded. Commissioners DeMarcus, Sifford and Chairman Steele voting against. Commissioner Sifford said “all Mr. Fahnestock’s programs as far as ad valorem taxes cost .03 on \$1.00, he was no so sure purchase should be deleted!” Commissioner Cohen asked if these purchases could be put in Revenue Sharing. Mr. Murdoch said no- that they were just a one-time thing.

Commissioner Sifford moved approve on all three items-Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. Commissioners Cohen and Sides voting against. Chairman voting I.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to increase the 1982-83 County School Budget by 5%. Commissioner Sifford seconded. Commissioners Sides and Cohen voting against. Chairman voting I.

Commissioner Cohen commented that 5% was not bad, but he was hoping for better. He said the roof situation still bothered him the roof at Knollwood School, he said still had a life and that the leaking problem was not severe. He further stated that the Board should not pay the \$220,000 that he would like to subtract that amount before starting.

Commissioner Sides asked what “justification do you do allocating a new automobile to the County School Superintendent and also in the in-school suspension program that he and Commissioner Cohen had worked on an gave good suggestions. He said they were robbing the taxpayer.

Commissioner DeMarcus in answer to Commissioner Sides said the County School was politically responsible to the people. She would still add to let them set the provisions with the money we give them to work with.

Commissioner Cohen said he still had a problem with the asbestos situation; that he would make a motion to go along with the 1982-83 allocation and add the 5% increase if we could subtract the allocation for the asbestos clean up- \$758,000. Commissioner Sides seconded. Commissioner DeMarcus said that she would not amend her motion.

Later, Commissioner Cohen withdrew his motion to subtract the \$758,000 for the asbestos clean up and Commissioner Sides withdrew his second. Commissioner Cohen said he did not want to leave the room leaving the impression that he was against the health and welfare of the students.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to reduce the County school surplus by \$324,000 (the amount we would have this year) Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioners DeMarcus, Sifford and Chairman Steele voting against. Commissioner DeMarcus said she would not want to take that away from them.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to reduce the Trainable class-administered by Salisbury to the previous years standing of \$30,000. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioners DeMarcus, Sifford and Chairman Steele voting NO.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to reduce the Supplementary Education Center by 10%. His motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to reduce the Supplementary Education Center at last year's level plus 5% increase. Commissioner Sifford seconded. The motion carrying with Commissioner Sides voting no.

Commissioner Sifford moved a reduction of \$48,850 to Rowan Technical College Capital Outlay. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to reduce Rowan Technical's current expense to last year's level. His motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve Rowan Technical College current expense as written. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. The motion carrying with Commissioner Sides voting No.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund as presented. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to appropriate \$9,900 in the budget for the County's part which would be added to County Aid for the Study to Incorporate Kannapolis. Commissioner Cohen seconded. The motion carrying with Commissioner Sides voting No.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to authorize a one-step increase for Supervisors who received nothing in the previous pay plan and disapprove all other requests within the budget other than those involving promotions; and to pick up added cost of insurance, leaving employee's deductions as is. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. Commissioners voted on the 1st part of the motion and deferred the second part until June 6, regular meeting of the Commissioners. On the vote, Commissioner Sides and Cohen voting against. Chairman Steele voting I. Commissioner Cohen requested to defer the second part of Commissioner Sifford's motion since he had not been able to give a proper decision on it. Commissioner Sifford withdrew his motion and Commissioner DeMarcus her second to vote on it Monday.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to stay with the policy in the same range as previously stated in giving Mrs. Mildred Cooper, Health Department, a one-step level to replace Mrs. Martha Freeze, Supervisor. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to give the Clerk, to the Board, an increase of \$219.00 for night meetings. Commissioner Cohen seconded. The motion failing with Commissioner Sifford abstaining. Commissioners Sides and Chairman Steele voting against.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to grant increases in the Data Processing and Building Inspection Departments and to deny all others. Commissioner Sides seconded. Commissioners DeMarcus, Sifford and Chairman Steele voting against.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to deny the Sheriff's request for the new position and two part-time deputies. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioners DeMarcus, Sifford and Chairman Steele voting against.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the two part-time deputies. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. Commissioners Sides and Cohen voting against. Chairman Steel voting I.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to disapprove the request for additional increase in pay for Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Cohen seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner DeMarcus voting No.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve the added programmer analyst in Data Processing. Commissioner Sides seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to deny the request from Tax Supervisor for a new appraiser and mapper. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioners Sifford, DeMarcus and Chairman Steele voting against.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the position for the mapper and deny the request for new appraiser. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. Commissioners Sides and Cohen voting against. Chairman Steele voting I.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to deny Mr. Koontz's request for nine new employees. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioners Sifford, DeMarcus and Chairman Steele voting against.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to allow Mr. Koontz one new employee and let him make that decision. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioners DeMarcus, Sifford and Chairman Steele voting against.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to cut one-the clerical position. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. Commissioners Sides and Cohen voting against. Chairman Steele voting I.

Commissioner Sides made a motion that the county not hire anyone except CWEP people. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioner DeMarcus said she could not go along with this that it must be CWEP. Commissioners DeMarcus, Sifford and Chairman Steele voting against.

Commissioner Sides made a motion that anyone hired must be citizens of Rowan County who have been unemployed for at least one month. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioners Sifford, DeMarcus and Chairman Steele voting against.

Commissioner Sides made a motion that the new position for the Library Assistant be denied. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioners DeMarcus, Sifford and Chairman Steele voting against.

Commissioner Sides made a motion that the Temporary Librarian position be hired as a Library Assistant. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioners agreed to wait until Monday, June 6, 1983 to decisions on Daryl Shelby (Data Processing Dept.) personnel.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to allow the new position in the Building Inspection Department. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sides made a motion not to allow the Park position at Sloan Park. His motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner DeMarcus moved to allow the special deputy position at Kannapolis for the Sanitation Department. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sides made a motion that the foreman addition for the Sanitation Department be no more than a two-step increase. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioners Sifford, DeMarcus and Chairman Steele voting against.

Commissioner Sifford moved to defer this matter concerning the foreman addition until Monday at Commissioner's regular meeting. Commissioner Cohen seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Sides voting NO.

Commissioner DeMarcus said she felt that she had made some mistakes the other night concerning one- the Commissioners' allowance with the City and she would like to discuss it and the new Cabarrus Rowan Park again. Commissioner Sides made a motion that "we not talk about any of them". His motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Steele informed the Commissioners that he had met with Cabarrus County Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of discussing the Park. He explained the position of the Board to them. Chairman Steele explained that he made it clear to them if they accepted Mr. Murdoch's offer that the Board would not be obligated to any other expenditures- no further obligations.

Commissioner Cohen said Rowan County is "overparked" and "this does not change his mind".

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion that we do join forces taking \$20,000 from Revenue Sharing- obligating no further than that to match Cabarrus County. Commissioner Sifford seconded. Commissioners Sides and Cohen voting No. Chairman voting I.