

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 6, 1983

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building on June 6, 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 Sifford opened with prayer.

Commissioner Sifford moved approval of the Regular meeting minutes of May 2 and adjourned meetings of May 23, 24, 25, 26 and May 30, 1983 as circulated. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

As to addition to the agenda, Commissioner DeMarcus asked to discuss the certificate of appreciation and making appointments to the Park and Recreation Board.

On monthly reports, Mr. Koontz was present with Mrs. Lynn Miller, who supervises the Infant/Toddler Center. Mr. Koontz said there were three matters that needed discussing. 1-that the extension of time asked for by the Commissioners for the decision on the building for Social Services has been cleared until May, 1984 after that time, Mr. Koontz said we would be in jeopardy! 2- The Domiciliary home advisory committee two years ago asked for nominations to their committee. He asked that the Board consider these appointments by July 1, 1983. There are nine appointments altogether. Six from other segments and three from rest homes. 3- To give Chairman of their Board authority to enter into a contract with Human Resources approving the collection of county expenses involved in providing Supplemental Security Income for their clients. Mr. Koontz said this act was passed this year. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to authorize the Chairman to proceed with this procedure. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion that each Commissioner be responsible for one person to serve on the Domiciliary Home Advisory Committee. To vote on this July 5, 1983. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mrs. Lynn Miller explained the reasons for the cost of the Infant/Toddler Center. She stated that they have to meet the quality of the State Merit System.

That there were sixteen standards that they have to go by. For example, programming, activities, meeting nutritional needs, additional footage per sq. ft., etc. She told Commissioner Cohen that Rowan Technical College's Day Care did not work with toddlers. She said they only observe governmental holidays and that parents are contacted one week in advance. She said they were crowded with sixteen children. Commissioner Cohen commented that he would like to see the County get out of this business. He raised the question of asking the Federal government if it would be possible to take these children out of this program and place them in another infant/toddler center, maybe Wonderworld, or Crescent Day Care. He said the County could save some money doing this. Chairman said this was a good point, that he would make a decision later.

Commissioner DeMarcus commented that this would be a good time to ask Mr. Koontz about using a CWEP person in the office of Human Services. Mr. Koontz said he would look into this and check to see what skills they maintain; and if anyone could be removed from any of the work sites. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to authorize Mr. Koontz to proceed with this idea. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to set July 5, 1983 as the date for the public hearing to close a portion of Eastbrook Circle and for each property owner to receive notice of this. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

At this time, Chairman Steele declared the public hearing open to close a portion of Old Lincolnton Road. Attorney Weinhold was present to answer any questions that Commissioners of anyone present might have. There being no one present to speak against the closing, Commissioner Sifford made a motion to close the portion of Old Lincolnton Road, West of the Harris property. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector reported total tax collections for the month of May, 1983. \$141,718.55

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to authorize 1983-84 tax collections for Schedule B licenses- all business licenses except those for beer and wine. Commissioner Sifford seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Sides voting No.

Mr. Trexler informed the Commissioners that the 1982-83 tax lien sale would be held at 12:00 on the Court House steps.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Jean Owens, agent for the Historic Salisbury Foundation, asking to be allowed to include the Community Building as part of the

Historic Salisbury Foundation's tour in October. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to allow this. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Chairman Steele declared the public hearing open to name SR1440 Cook Farm Road. Betty Wensil, a resident on that road talked to Commissioners about the need for doing this. She said the fire department needed it and the road was used as a farm road. She said about ten people lived on that road. Mr. Murdoch said he had checked with the highway department and this road had not been officially named and it was a dead end road. Commissioner Sifford moved to change the name to Cook Farm Road. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. (Attached)

Chairman Steele declared the public hearing closed.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion that Newport Drive in Farrington Meadows Subdivision located off Old Mocksville Road be added to the state system. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion that a portion of Victoria Street in the W.B. Hartley Estate located off Ridge Road be added to the state system. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Chairman Steele informed the Commissioners and interested persons attending the meeting that the hearing concerning codes enforcement on dilapidated buildings was not within the jurisdiction of the Board of Rowan Commissioners that it would come under the Town of Spencer. A man had driven 150 just to hear this hearing. He was told that another date would be set for this.

Mr. Murdoch reported two replacement personnel. Jordan M. Mauldin, Equipment Operator at the landfill at \$870.83 replacing Terry Morale at \$995.33. Jerry D. Mullis, Maintenance at \$839.50 with County Buildings replacing Donnie Hinceman at \$839.50.

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

Mr. Murdoch reported interest:

General Fund	\$332,454.85
Revenue Sharing	29,379.19
Reappraisal	2,406.03
Drainage	85.40
Murtis Nicholas	286.57

\$364,612.04

Mr. Murdoch reported refunds:

Refund to Kluttz and Sons Plumbing co, Inc. the amount of \$13.00, the contractor did not get the job.

Refund to Eugene Pence the amount of \$4.25, he listed his automobile in both Cabarrus and Rowan counties and paid both.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve both refunds. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford moved to authorize payment on property to Bonnie Busby for tax foreclosures. The amounts- \$548.55- Home Security- \$864.75- Scottish Real Estates- and \$545.50 Alonzo Grant. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Cohen voting no.

Commissioners agreed to let the property committee take a look at the five parcels of land that the County acquired in April of 1983 from delinquent taxes. Mr. Richard Smith had written a letter to Mr. Murdoch offering \$2,620 for the property the same amount the county had paid.

Commissioner DeMarcus moved payment to Forsyth County Youth Center for \$735.00 to come from contingencies. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford moved to re-appoint Mrs. Dorothy Ellis to the Nursing Home Advisory Committee. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioners agreed to make the appointment to the Library Board in July.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to appoint Mr. William Stanback to the Parks Board to replace Judy Norvell who resigned. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch received a letter from P.W. McCora requesting to purchase a lot at Park View Circle part of where the Mental Health is located. He has offered \$60 a front foot for a total of \$3,600. Mr. Murdoch said he talked with the Tax Supervisor and said the adjoining property is worth- going in deeper a \$100 foot. If you took that of it would work \$94 a front foot. He said he talked with Mr. McCora and his offer is still \$3,600. Mr. Murdoch said on the tax books it would be worth

\$5,640. Commissioner Cohen made a motion to sell it at \$100 a foot. His motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Murdoch said this still has to go before public auction.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion not to act at this time- to keep the property. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford introduced and moved approval the issuance of bonds by the Rowan County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority for Fieldcrest Mills, Inc.

Commissioner Cohen moved the passage and adoption of the bonds. Commissioner DeMarcus seconding. The motion passing with Commissioner Sides abstaining. (Attached)

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to award the paddle boats which were sold by the Park to the highest bidders. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. The bidders were:

Boat #26	\$213.95
#27	240.00
#6 John Park	261.55
#5 Kim Barrier	<u>151.00</u>
	\$866.50

Mr. Murdoch was requested by Commissioner Sides to read the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Ambulance Ordinance. Commissioner Sifford moved passage as presented. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. Commissioner Cohen said he would have to vote against it. He said we should challenge some other companies- and that the county should get out of the ambulance business. Commissioners Sides and Cohen voting against. Chairman voting I.

The board agreed to let the Sheriff investigate the indiscriminate discharging of firearms petition which Mr. Murdoch had received from Mrs. Charles Stoner on King Road.

Commissioner DeMarcus moved approval of Section I- budget amendment for Title III-B Transportation and I&R adjusted to conform with contract changes. Total change is \$10,585.34. Commissioner Sifford seconded. Commissioners Cohen and Sides saying they could not vote on something they do not understand. Chairman Steele voting I. These are program under the Aging office.

Commissioner Sifford moved acceptance of Section II- of the budget amendment- for Title III-C Nutrition- adjusted to conform with contract changes. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. Commissioners Sides and Cohen voting

against. Chairman Steele voting I. Commissioner Sides said this is the same case- it does not make sense!

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve Section III-budget amendment- in Title V SCSEP adjusted to conform with contract changes- add personnel- Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. Commissioners Sides and Cohen voting against. Chairman Steele voting I. (Attached)

Mr. Murdoch said the Aging Office had been working under two contracts and these are the figures that Mr. Fahnestock came up with after the combining of both of the contracts.

Commissioner Sifford moved approval of the request from Mr. Herbert Hawley, Health Director to add \$200 to account 4113 from the revenue account. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Murdoch said this is Mr. Hawley's rabies vaccinations budget. They receive fees from vaccinations and in return have to pay the vet. To date collected for FY 1983- \$1,655 and have in the budget- \$1,200. They have received bills to overspend \$10.00 in this account. Also they expect to receive three or four more statements for this fiscal year.

At this time, Commissioner had four items to complete for the new budget. Commissioner Sifford moved to put back the \$30,000 in the appropriation for the Planning Board. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. Commissioners Cohen and Sides voting No. Chairman Steele voting I.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to pick up on the added cost of employee's insurance and leave employee's promotions as is. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Cohen voting NO.

Commissioner DeMarcus moved to honor the request of Daryl Shelby, Data Processing to hire a new programmer analyst at \$16,259 a year. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sides made a motion that the foreman be granted in the Sanitation Department but only with a two-step salary increase. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. This foreman position is the equipment operator in the Sanitation Department who has foreman's duties.

Commissioner Sides made a motion that the County approve at least enough of the school surplus money to keep the tax rate at .34. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioners Sifford, DeMarcus and Chairman Steele voting NO>

Commissioner Sides again made a motion to set the prepayment tax rate at 37.5. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. Commissioners Cohen and Sides voting against. Chairman Steel voting I.

Chairman Steele commented that the ad valorem taxpayer is becoming overburdened. He recommended that counties might look closer at a proposal before the General Assembly to increase the sales tax by one cent and send half of the revenues to local governments. Commissioner Cohen said, "Mr. Chairman, that is the kind of comments I expect to see on cartoons on Saturday morning!" He said the County should clean their own house first, and we not need this extra.

The Commissioners agreed to let Commissioner DeMarcus set up the meeting with the Planning Board.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to give Parks Director Jim Foltz permission to purchase a used pickup. The approval had been given before another truck, but the deal fell through. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Murdoch said he still had \$2,200.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to let Graphic Impressions do the certificate of appreciation. They will give a discount since they are doing work for the Sheriff's Department. The cost would be \$238.70 for 1,000 certificates. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval. This is a savings of \$50.00

Mr. Murdoch explained to Commissioner Cohen the reason for two luncheon dates on this day. One- the Chamber of Commerce and the other the Agricultural Extension. The Chamber of Commerce had made and set this date without realizing the conflict. Commissioners agreed to set the Agricultural Extension luncheon invitation.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners