

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF

ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ADJOURNED MEETING

MARCH 15, 1984

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building on March 15, 1984 at 4:30 P.M. The following members were present: Chairman Hall Steele, Jamima DeMarcus, Harry Sifford, Jim Sides and Jim Cohen.

Chairman Steele called the meeting to order and asked Doug Tennent, Architect to talk with Commissioners concerning his latest studies on housing the Department of Social Services.

Mr. Tennent said in review of what he had discussed with Commissioner Sides upon a meeting with him on March 14, they talked about a new building and adding on to the present location. He said in building a new building, we are looking at something between \$600,000 to \$800,000. These figures include an adequate size auditorium, driveway-parking and sewage treatment facilities. Mr. Tennent said you also have to consider the cost of remodeling the existing building. Mr. Tennent said the Commissioners could build an addition to the existing Social Services Building and meet the state's requirements for sq. ft. for \$480,000 to \$500,000.

Commissioner DeMarcus supportive of building a new office space for the Agriculture people told Commissioners that agriculture accounted for \$36 million in gross income to the County in 1983. She said you are talking about something that brings a lot into Rowan County. Commissioner Cohen agreed, he said, "they are an asset instead of a liability".

Commissioner Sifford told the Commissioners that it did not make sense to go out and set a single building that they needed to develop a site development plan.

Commissioner Sides said if Mr. Tennent could tell him that they could add on with just the amount of space (6,808) that Social Services would need, that he would like to take that procedure and proceed with it.

Commissioner Sifford said, in view of monumental cost and sanitary treatment in building a new building, he would make a motion to narrow their choice to two options for Social Services expansion and not to consider a new building complex, he proposed Mr. Tennent's two schemes, 2 and 4- to either do part or the whole upstairs unfinished. His motion died for lack of a second.

Chairman Steele said they needed to identify vital options to further identify costs.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to narrow their options down to Doug's Schemes 2 or 3, which he said would be County Accountant, Potter and Company's 3 and 5. These options are to add on to the present location a new link and 3,540 sq. ft. over one wing of Agriculture Building and the other option to build a new building on the Old Concord Road. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. Commissioner's Sides and Sifford voting NO.

Chairman voting I.

Commissioner Sifford moved that they proceed with scheme two. Died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Sides inquired about when the state inspectors would be at the Social Services Department, that he would also like to be there.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to fire about 30 Social Services personnel. His motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioners agreed to defer their decision until Monday, March 26 at 4:30 p.m.

Commissioner Cohen asked Mr. Terment to bring back more figures on a new building and look into the availability of city sewage, parking and long-range planning for a complex.

Commissioners appointed Dick Brownell, David Clay and Rufus Honeycutt to the Industrial Development Commission. Commissioner Sides not voting because he had to leave the meeting. Before leaving for another meeting, Commissioner DeMarcus said she felt poorly that there are no females or minorities- she added that she hoped an advisory group could be formed that would include females and minority representation.

Mr. Murdoch asked Commissioners to approve a change in the resolution in order for him to draw up a new contract in order to replace a new beacon at the Airport for the amount of \$3,757. Mr. Murdoch said the State had changed the agreement. Commissioner Sifford moved that the passage of the resolution be amended. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. (attached)

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a matter of personnel. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

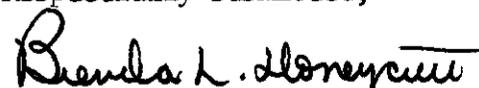
Commissioner Sifford made a motion to come out of Executive Session and back into Regular Session. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford moved that a new pay scale for Codes Enforcement Officers be adopted to allow for 5% increases for each certification held by the officers. There will be four ranges. The first with a starting salary of \$14,049, the second, \$14,755, the third \$15,488 and the fourth \$16,259. This would result in increasing Dan Dugarne's salary to \$17,917, Jim Goodman's to \$15,488 and Craige Trexler's to \$23,448. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch told Commissioners that he would advertise for two inspectors to fill vacant positions this week-end.

There being no further business, Chairman Steele adjourned the meeting to meet again on Monday, March 26 at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners