

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF

ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ADJOURNED MEETING

MARCH 26, 1984

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building on March 26, 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 Commissioner Sifford opened with prayer.

Mr. Doug Tennent, Architect, summarized the schemes that were voted on at the Commissioners last meeting.

Mr. Tennent said he had talked with the city and a firm in Charlotte concerning sewer facilities. Providing the city would run lines out to the Old Concord Road and share the costs fifty-fifty, the cost to the County would be \$160,000.00. He talked with a plant engineer in Charlotte who he said offered a package deal of \$120,000.00 for 330-400 people.

A new farm center, Mr. Tennent estimated at \$720,000 includes 13,000 sq. ft. at \$40 a sq. ft. \$40,000 for paving. There would be 4,500 sq. ft. for an auditorium and 8,500 sq. ft. for office space.

Mr. Harold Caudill, Farm Agent Extension Director, said that the Farmers Home Administration and the ASCS Offices would be able to provide income of \$2 a sq. ft. per year for the estimated 3,500 sq. ft. they would utilize in a new farm center- so they could expect \$7,200 a year for maintenance.

In renovating the existing building on West Innes Street, in order to bring it up to meet the handicapped, it will cost a proposed \$185,000 which includes painting, a stairtower and link between the buildings, toilets an elevator and ramp. The Department of Social Services would inhabit the entire 24,000 sq. ft.

On expanding the existing building, Mr. Tennent said, we are looking at \$554,720 to expand by 10,348 sq. ft.

Commissioner DeMarcus asked the advantage of having separate buildings. Mr. Koontz, Department of Social Services Director said, they could carry out their programs without relying on other Agency schedules- they have to share now. They could run a more efficient operation. Mr. Caudill said having an appropriate size auditorium for conducting their educational meetings was their "bread and butter"! He said separating, would improve efficiency.

Commissioner Sifford asked Mr. Tennent where he was proposing the new site. Mr. Tennent said across from the Donnelly Home on 180 acres. Commissioner Sifford said his objection to begin with in building a new building was the inadequate planning- but now, he said he liked the improvements in the proposed new building, but he did not want to go unless the city could run sewer lines.

Commissioner DeMarcus asked Mr. Murdoch how they would pay for this project. He said by setting aside \$250,000-\$300,000 a year for the next three budget years from Revenue Sharing and from the one-half cent sales tax.

Commissioner DeMarcus said the cheaper way is not always the best way to go, she made a motion to build on the Old Concord Road. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioner Sifford said he would vote for the motion if it were amended to read subject to the ability for the city to run sewer lines out to the new building site.

Commissioner Cohen said he would like to see more details in financing it before we call it to a vote. He asked Mr. Murdoch to put the figures together for Monday's Commissioners meeting. Mr. Murdoch said he would not be able to do this because he did not have the figures back on the budget.

Commissioner Sides said we were spending close to a million dollars on this project and he could not vote for this kind of spending. He said there should be another alternative that he was ready to look at another plan- to get another architect to show them another option. Commissioner DeMarcus said 'we have dragged our feet long enough and called question which was voted on and approved.

Chairman Steele called Commissioner DeMarcus's motion to a vote. Commissioner Cohen and Commissioner Sides voting against. Commissioner Sifford, Commissioner DeMarcus and Chairman Steele voting I.

Commissioner Sides said he would like to meet with the State people and ask them what they want.

Mr. Murdoch said construction on the new building, unless more funds could be accumulated, would begin at a maximum of two years giving 7-1-1986 as the maximum date.

Commissioner Sifford asked that a date be set for presenting a draft that the EMS committee is proposing for the County. April 9 at 4:45 P.M. was the date Commissioners agreed on.

Mr. Murdoch informed Commissioners that only one bid had been received on the van for the Aging Department. That bid was from City Motor Company for \$13,792.00. Mr. Fahnestock, Aging Director had \$14,000.00 set aside in his budget for this van. Commissioner DeMarcus moved approval. Commissioner Sifford seconded. Commissioner Sides recommended Deferring until Monday at Commissioner's regular meeting in order to do more research. Commissioner's agreed to defer it.

Mr. Murdoch informed Commissioners that the Data Processing Department is requesting to spend \$1,400 for terminal and computer stands for the new computer and also used file cabinets. \$2,000 had been allocated to remodel the department for additional office space. An alternative for that space was found fulfilling the need for that expenditure. Commissioner Sides made a motion to disallow until budget time. Commissioner Cohen seconded. The motion carrying with Commissioner DeMarcus voting against.

The Chairman informed the Commissioners that Mr. Dayvault from the Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce was attending the meeting and had requested to be on the agenda Monday to discuss closing a road that goes thru the Cabarrus-Rowan Park. He said they might want to go and look at this road before the next meeting.

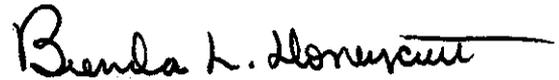
Commissioner Sides made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a matter of personnel. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

No action was taken on personnel.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners