

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF

ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 2, 1984

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building on April 2, 1984 at 9:00 A.M. The following members were present: Chairman Hall Steele, Jamima DeMarcus, Harry Sifford, Jim Sides and Jim Cohen.

Chairman Hall Steele called the meeting to order and Commissioner Cohen opened with prayer.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a correction to the minutes of March 12, 1984- Page 3- paragraph 7- corrected to read Betty McCrary instead of Dr. Betty Detty.

Commissioner Sifford made a correction to the minutes of March 12, 1984- page 3- 1st. paragraph- the last sentence- Commissioner Sifford was speaking in reference to the amount of space allocated for a new auditorium which would be 1920 sq. ft.

Chairman Steele made a correction to the minutes of March 5, 1984- page 2- paragraph 2- should read that five counties make up the Job Training Partnership Act instead of four.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the minutes of March 5, March 12, March 15 and March 26 with the adjustments. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

In addition to the Agenda, Commissioner DeMarcus asked to forward to Commissioners information received from The Domiciliary Advisory Committee and dates for the State Wide Litter Campaign.

Commissioner DeMarcus informed the Commissioners that Charles Lomax, Special Populations, who works with retarded and older people was so much in demand that the Parks Board had approved a committee to work out a study for him to help him with time schedules.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to follow Mr. Koontz's recommendation to use funds in his travel line item to pay the expenses for workers to travel to take federal applications to aid people due to the tornado disaster. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Koontz said he had \$3,000 left in heating expenses and said this would go to the disaster zones. He will receive a reimbursement from the State and Federal on the travel expense.

Mr. Koontz said he had a proposal for them to consider regarding the retirement system. Commissioner Sifford said he would like to have more information to defer until the next meeting. Commissioner Sides seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Commissioners that he had received a letter from the Department of Transportation telling him that they would start their ten-hour-four-day work week on April 7 and that it would go thru September 7.

Mr. Murdoch said he had received a letter from Bob Haynes, Management Analyst II, Centralina Council of Governments informing him that the Tri-County Mental Health Complex had requested Centralina to prepare an Insurance and Risk Management Survey as well as provide assistance in bidding their insurance. He said if the Commissioners approve of them providing this assistance to the Tri-County Mental Health Complex, to sign the form and return to them. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch received a letter from Ginger Russell, Race Director, about a Cannon Memorial YMCA plan for the Towel City Run on May 19, 1984 Saturday at 10:00 A.M.

A letter from the Director Legislative Drafting Division- Subject- Corporate Existence of Gold Hill. Committee asked Mr. Murdoch to consult with Commissioners whether or not the 1859 Corporate Charter of this town should be repealed or not. The Director said it was required for them to be active. Mr. Murdoch said he thought it was up to the people who live in Gold Hill as to whether they want to be or not. Commissioner Sifford made a motion that a public hearing be held in Gold Hill to announce the place and time for the arrangement. Commissioner Sides seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve a road petition for a portion of Medium Drive and Large Avenue in Cedar Hills Development. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. (attached)

Mr. Murdoch said he had received a request from Don Honeycutt, Department of Transportation requesting that funds from Secondary Roads be used to pave a new drive for the Mt. Ulla Fire Department located at the Intersection of N.C. 150 and Back Creek Church Road SR 1763 for \$1200. Commissioner Sides made a motion to hold off until we hear from the State and get their report on how the "Secondary Roads Program had progressed that was approved by the Commissioners in March. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioner Sides said we could provide what is necessary that there were quite a few roads that have not been paved that we would have to give priority. His motion was unanimous.

Mr. Lipe Barrier, Soil Conservation gave a report on the County Soil Survey Program. He said he needed direction from the Commissioners on where to start. Chairman Steele directed him to give consideration to the Industrial Development Program.

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported total collections of \$289,455.86 for the month of March, 1984.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to authorize Mr. Trexler to issue Beer and Wine Licenses for 1984 and 1985. Commissioner Sifford seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Sides voting against.

Chairman Steele declared the public hearing open to change the name of Mountain Road, SR 1960 to Mount Hall Road. There being no comments for or against, Chairman Steele declared the public hearing closed and Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve the road name change. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Harold Watson, Supervisor at the Landfill, told Commissioners that he would like to seek bids on private-contractor collection at the dumpster sites. He said he was seeking the bids as information before preparing his 1984-85 budget. He said this would eliminate the need and expense of the county's trucks regularly picking up the trash at the county's small and large dumpster site and delivering that trash to the landfill. Mr. Watson told Commissioners that we would supply the containers and sites and have control over who is in service. Commissioner Cohen moved that we allow Mr. Watson to draw up and advertise for bids for solid waste collection and the purchase of Rowan County's Solid Waste collection vehicles and allowance for stationary compactors at three of the county's heaviest trash collection sites. The board was in agreement. Commissioner Cohen asked Mr. Watson whenever he returns to the board with his bids that he also supply the county's current costs in making the collections.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the request from the Parks and Recreation Commission to purchase 10 acres of land at \$1600 per acre at Sloan Park. Commissioner Sifford seconded. Commissioners Cohen and Sides voting against. Chairman Steele voting I. The land had been appraised at \$1200 an acre- but Curtis Graham, Commission member said 'we feel that this is still a bargain price. Mr. Jim Foltz, Parks Director said that surrounding land has been going for at least \$2,000 an acre.

Commissioner DeMarcus had requested that Mr. Glenn Bates, Planner, Kannapolis-Landis-Concord throughfare Project come and talk to Commissioners about the Kan-La-Con Project. He gave each Commissioner a copy of the Planning Work Program outlining the activities for the next fiscal year. He gave a projection of future travel patterns, surveillance report and management. A breakdown on who would be doing the work. How much local funds would be spent. He told Commissioners that Rowan would not be paying anything. Chairman Steele told Commissioners that Commissioner DeMarcus would be attending the next meeting of the Kan-La-Con and asked that they read the document that had been presented to them and come Monday Night- April 9 the next Commissioners meeting instruct her on how to vote.

Tom Dayvault, Chairman, Cabarrus-Rowan Park, asked that the Commissioners approve a Resolution that would eliminate the Glenn Avenue connector from the Kan-La-Con Thoroughfare Plan. He said it was his belief that such proposed street would appreciably increase capital expenditures and diminish development opportunities for future park expansion. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion that we ask that Glenn Avenue be deleted from the Kan-La-Con Thoroughfare Plan or re-located. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. (attached)

Mrs. Lethia Sides asked that Commissioners direct Craige Trexler, Building Inspector, to proceed with demolishing a dwelling in Faith. She said he had been reluctant in doing this and that the house had been condemned last May by him. Chairman Steele told her that this Board would intervene with the Faith Town Board and follow thru.

Mr. Murdoch reported one personnel replacement for approval. Gary Smith at \$963 replacing Charles Howard at \$963 as a deputy in the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the personnel replacement. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Mirdoch reported Interest:

General Fund-----	\$169,095.22
Revenue Sharing-----	27,656.92
Murtis Nicholas-----	840.46
Reappraisal-----	4,043.49
Debt Service-----	2,261.28
Drainage-----	723.58
	<u>\$204,620.95</u>

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the City of Salisbury's request to recommend that Mr. Bobby Aldrich serve as an extraterritorial member on the Planning Board and Mr. Don Connor as an extraterritorial alternate on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the request from Peggy Whitley, Town Clerk, Town of Spencer to reappoint Mr. Herman Beaver and Mr. Wayne Pinkston as extra-territorial members to the Spencer Planning Board for three years. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the low bid for the van for the Office on Aging which was deferred at the last meeting of the Commissioners. Commissioner Sifford seconded. Commissioners Sides and Cohen voting against. Chairman Steele voting I.

Due to several questions involving the performances of Vision Cable, Commissioner Sifford made a motion to defer the matter of deletion of their bond until a later date. Commissioner Sides seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve payment of \$1,280.00 to Doug Tennent, Architect for 32 hours at \$40.00 for analysis and schemes for housing the Department of Social Services. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen moved to declare the month of April as Special Olympics Month for Salisbury-Rowan. Commissioner Sides seconded with unanimous approval. Planned activities will be noted.

Commissioner DeMarcus moved to authorize the County Manager to sign the contract to request the N.C. Department of Transportation to provide 90% of the allowable cost for the Rowan County Transit Study Update at an estimated total cost of \$6,000. Rowan County will provide 10% which would amount to \$600.00. Commissioner Sifford seconded. Commissioners Cohen and Sides voting against. Chairman Steele voting I. The study was done in 1979. (attached)

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the refund from the Tax Supervisor's office for William McDaniel for \$71.66. Taxes had been paid twice- once by son and also by Mr. McDaniel. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to defer the refund for Ronald William Stout and allow the County Attorney to investigate it. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to declare April 8 thru April 14 as Rowan County Pick-Up Litter Week. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus told Commissioners that Hazel Everhart, Chair person for the Domiciliary Advisory Committee had called her and requested that she speak to Commissioners about allocating funds for the repair of a building at the Heritage Home. Mrs. Everhart said some of the people there could help. Commissioner DeMarcus said \$10,000 would make it usable; but Commissioner Sifford said he had gone by and looked at it and it would take something like \$20,000. It was agreed that each Commissioner go by and look at the 22 by 55 building at the Heritage Home to consider allocating funds for repairs come budget time.

Centralina had sent a note informing Commissioners about a workshop which they are planning to hold on April 19, 1984. It will be on planning and zoning.

Commissioner Sifford commented that the Iredell County line is still in controversy. Chairman Steele said Wallace Peeler would bring this information up-to-date.

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

Commissioner Sides made a motion to come out of Executive Session and go back into Regular Session. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

No action was taken on the matter of personnel.

Chairman Steele adjourned the meeting to come back at 1:30 for the Equilization and Review Meeting.

Chairman Steele reminded Commissioners about their meeting on April 9 at 4:45 P.M. to hear Commissioner Sifford's presentation of the EMS Study and to accept or reject the Draft.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board of County Commissioners