

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED MEETING
JUNE 18, 1984

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building on June 18, 1984 at 4:30 p.m. The following members were present: Harry Sifford, Jim Sides, Jamima DeMarcus, Jim Cohen and Chairman Hall Steele.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hall Steele and Commissioner Cohen opened with prayer.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

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

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to move the authority of hiring all the ambulance personnel as EMIS with the exception of one who is qualified and will be taking the state test for certification; and three crew chiefs as requested. Commissioner Cohen seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Sides voting against saying that he thought it had been outlined that a comprehensive ambulance program would be allowed now with the people voting in November for the amount of service they desired to pay for. He said we should make the rules and stick by them- we should hire at those salaries we set or hire less qualified personnel.

Commissioners continued with the budget review starting with the Trainable Class. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to substitute the amount of \$36,225.00 for \$52,000 which had been requested by this line item. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sides made a motion not to accept the \$30,000 from ABC distribution. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioners Sifford, DeMarcus and Chairman Steele voting against.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion that we authorize the distribution of ABC Funds. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. Commissioners Sides and Cohen voting against. Chairman Steele voting I.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to fund the Supplemental Education Center at a 2½% increase in salaries with portion to Social Security and taxes (whatever is involved) added. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioner Sifford and Chairman Steele voting against. The motion passing with Commissioner DeMarcus voting for.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve Rowan Technical College's current expense. Commissioner Sifford seconded. Commissioner Cohen amended her motion by keeping the salaries 2½% increase. Commissioner DeMarcus accepted the amendment. Commissioner Sides voting for. Commissioners Sifford and Chairman Steele voting against.

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Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve Rowan Technical College's capital outlay except for the tractor. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to reduce line item Books- from \$82,000 to \$78,000, line item- contract services, a \$6,000- deduction from \$20,000 to \$14,000, and line item- processing- from \$19,000 to \$17,000 in the library budget. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioners Sifford and Chairman Steele voting against. Commissioner DeMarcus voting for.

Commissioner Sides made a motion that all other line items in the library budget be approved as presented. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to approve the Parks Account Budget line-items 6130-121 thru 6130-699. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve line items to the Parks Nature Center Budget with the reduction of \$355 in salaries account. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to deny the request for the Cabarrus-Rowan Park (Bakers Creek Park). Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioners Sifford, DeMarcus and Chairman Steele voting against.

After a bit of discussion concerning the Bakers Creek Park, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to fund it at the requested amount of \$12,075.00. Commissioner Sifford seconded the motion saying that it be understood again that once Kannapolis is elected a municipality that this initial fund start to accrue on July 1, 1985. Commissioners Sides and Cohen voting against. Chairman Steele voting I. Commissioner Sifford commented that he would not vote to appropriate money to a municipality for recreational purposes.

Commissioner Sides made a motion that the Rowan County funds be divided on a monthly basis and have those funds stopped as soon as Kannapolis voted for incorporation. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioners Sifford, DeMarcus and Chairman Steele voting against.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to reduce the Parks revenue sharing line items by one-half and let Mr. Foltz prioritize items most necessary. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. Half of \$23,600 would be \$11,800.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to take \$100,000 from the \$210,000 that was cut from the county school budget and put it into county buildings for the new Agric. Office. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. Commissioners asked Mr. Sifford to hold this until they finished the review.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to approve line items Sanitation Operating Expense, Sanitation Scraper, Capital Outlay-Sheriff Dept. 19 Autos, Street Signs and Parking Lot. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to approve line items New Roof Courthouse, Animal Control two trucks, Rescue Squad, and Contingency. Commissioner Sifford seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Cohen voting against.

Commissioners had deferred line items, Forestry, Vocational Workshop and Watershed.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to accept the Vocational Workshop Budget but to give a 2½% salary increase in line with the county. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to apply the same motion to the Forestry line item as the Sheltered Workshop, to approve the budget with the stipulation that the salaries be a 2½% increase as other county employees. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford moved approval the Watershed Budget recommending the need for responsibilities of employees to be redefined. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Sides voting against.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the Ambulance Budget- \$472,500.00 on a contingent basis. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Sides voting NO.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the concept of merit increases. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner Sifford wanted more specifics on how the merit pay plan would operate before approving any set amount for it. Instead of \$62,000 Commissioner Sides suggested \$40,000 be set aside for the program. He made a motion that the Board should set aside a maximum amount any employee could receive, based on merit. His motion died for the lack of a second.

Chairman Steele recommended to the board that they consider more than a 2½% across the board increase for Rowan County employees.

Mr. Murdoch presented bids on the boat for the Sheriff's Department. From: Southern Marine- \$8,200 and from Wise- \$9,300. Commissioner Cohen made a motion to accept the low bid from Southern Marine at \$8,200. Commissioner Sides seconded with unanimous approval.

There being no further business, Chairman Steele adjourned the meeting until Monday, June 25, 1984 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners