

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF

ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 1, 1984

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building on October 1, 1984 at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present: Harry Sifford, Jim Sides, Jim Cohen, Jamima DeMarcus and Chairman Hall Steele.

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

Commissioner Sifford moved to approve the minutes of September 4, September 10 and September 12 upon the clarification of one sentence to the minutes of September 10 bottom paragraph, 4th. line - to add to Chairman Steele, Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

The County Attorney next advised the chairman and the Board that the Board had been requested by Carter Properties to schedule a public hearing to receive comments with respect to the issuance by The Rowan County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority of an industrial development revenue bond in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, the proceeds of which would be used to finance the expansion of an existing manufacturing facility located at 100 East 17th Street, Spencer, North Carolina and to acquire and install machinery and equipment in such facility, all to be utilized by Carolina Color Corporation for the manufacture of concentrated color pellets for use in the plastics industry. Upon a motion by Commissioner DeMarcus and a second by Commissioner Cohen, the board unanimously approved the designation of its regularly scheduled meeting on November 5, 1984 at 9:30 a.m. as the date for such public hearing and directed the clerk to the Board of Commissioners to publish appropriate notices for such hearing.

As additions to the Agenda, Mr. Murdoch announced that the Sheriff would come at 10:00 to render a request and Commissioner DeMarcus asked to give Commissioners information concerning the South Rowan Christmas Parade.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to adopt the resolution paying tribute to Jack F. Cooke upon his retirement from the Rowan County Tax Collector's Office. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. (attached)

On monthly reports, Commissioner DeMarcus informed the Board that the Parks and Recreation had two new projects, a bridge at Dan Nicholas Park and a shuffle board at Ellis. She said Sloan Park had being a scene of fashion and had been featured in Southern Living. Commissioner DeMarcus commended Tim Russell, Finance Director, on his expertise and knowledge on

working with the handicapped in setting up a self-evaluation committee. Commissioner DeMarcus said the Library had received a computer grant and is requesting someone with expertise about computers from the county to work with them. Commissioner Sides said that would either be Daryl or Tim. Chairman Steele asked Tim to call Phil Barton, Director of the Library and volunteer his services and ask Daryl to assist him if needed.

Chairman Steele said on the Social Services report, there was an error to Aid to The Blind that \$364.40 should be \$264.40 and noted that between 70-80,000 pounds of food had been distributed (2 truck loads).

Commissioner Sifford noted the vast number of Sanitation visits and checks. He said this was a lot of activity within the Health Department.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from the Alcoa Foundation Advising Commissioners that a grant of \$750.00 had been approved for Rowan to buy safety equipment for the boat recently purchased for the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to authorize the City Schools to sell Wiley School since the County has no need for the property. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

After much discussion concerning the requests from the County and City School Systems for extra salary funding, and after hearing from Tim Russell, Finance Officer, concerning their audit, Commissioner Sides made a motion that we not allow them the funding, nor allow them to transfer any money. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioners Sifford, DeMarcus and Chairman Steele voting against.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to deny the funding from County funds of \$68,089 for the county school system. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to deny the requests for transfers. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioners Sifford, DeMarcus and Chairman Steele voting against.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion that further consideration be deferred until data is obtained from the school system explaining more information about employees and salaries. Commissioner Sides seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Board and news media that he had received a telephone call from Carl McCombs, Cannon Mills, saying how helpful the Building Inspection Department had been in assisting him on a matter.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve road petitions for residents on Mellon Drive and Jacobs Drive located in Jacobs Terrace Subdivision, West 19 Street Ext. located in Kannapolis, Hickory Street located in China Grove township in the Landis area and Blue Heron Road Ext. located in Crane Cove Subdivision in Providence Township. Commissioner Sides seconded with unanimous approval.

Tax Collector, Wayne Simpson thanked everyone for his appointment and gave the total tax collection for the month of September- \$517,444.61.

There was a discussion from the Board concerning the new postal tax notices that had been sent out. Commissioner Sides said they should be more private; Commissioner DeMarcus said there was a tremendous savings on postage and print-outs. Chairman Steele said they would take a closer look at it.

Due to the retirement of Jack Cooke, Mr. Simpson is requesting to appoint Mrs. Mildred Fink to fill his position effective October 1, 1984 as Assistant Tax Collector- salary range- 28F-\$16,259.00. Moving into Mrs. Fink's position as Administrative Technician II from Office Assistant III he is recommending Mary Helen Deal. County Salary range No. 14 to 16-Range F-Salary to be \$12,133.00. Moving into Miss Deal's position- to Office Assistant III he is recommending Sylvia Rex-at county range #14- \$11,256.00. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve all of the personnel changes. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. (attached- a letter from staff members)

Joe Sulkowski, REMAS Director, told Commissioners that he was looking at the Communication Problem and the future need for adding two new personnel on the convalescence ambulance which he said one day would need replacing. He said he could readily justify this by obtaining business from the VA Hospital who has already said they would go along with the county system if the county were better equipped for ambulance service. Mr. Sulkowski told Commissioners that he was getting the paper work ready for the VA Hospital. He said his crew was receiving extra training and then requested that they approve for him half of the costs of a training course for EMT Directors to be held at the University of N.C. on how to manage personnel. The cost is \$850- requesting \$425.00 and the other half to be paid by OMS. Commissioner Sifford moved to pay from contingency \$425.00 for Mr. Sulkowski. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Sulkowski said they had an old cot that was not suitable and was afraid of a law suit if they continued to use it. Commissioner Sides recommended repairing it. Commissioner Sifford instructed Mr. Sulkowski to talk to Rebecca Yarbrough, COG to see if funding was available to replace it. Mr. Sulkowski said Buddy Wilhite is the new crew chief and also acting as training officer.

Sheriff Stirewalt requested that Commissioners approve one part-time transportation officer, one part-time Jail Matron and three additional officers- as well as two fully equipped patrol units and two new mobile radios. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve one-part time transportation officer- at \$6,066.00 and one-part-time Jail Matron at \$5,352.00 - and to defer the three additional officers until a later date. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. Commissioners Sides and Cohen voting against. Chairman Steele voting I.

Commissioner Sides made a motion that an arrangement be made within the Sheriff's Department to make each deputy responsible for overseeing the availability of their vehicles. To utilize them at all times. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve all three nominations to the CBA/JJDP Task Force. Dr. Warren Young, Tri-County Mental Health, Mr. Mike Connell, Director, YMCA, and Mr. Randy Steele, Superintendent of Nazareth Children's Home. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch presented personal replacements for approval:

James A. Deal, EMT at \$10,036 replacing Harold Wilhite at \$10,036.

Wanda Ford Social Services Worker II at \$1,200.00 monthly replacing Kathryn Tart at \$1,200.00 monthly.

Richard Hooker, Cottage Parent II- \$789 replacing Jean Honeycutt at \$10,036.

Bonnie Lawrick, Clerk Typist III at \$809 replacing Regina Wilson at \$871.

Jeffrey McCorkle, EMT at \$10,036 replacing William Bellamy at \$938.

Wayne Simpson, Tax Collector at \$16,007.00 replacing Glenn Trexler at \$19,054.00.

Alice Grunwold, Assistant FH Agent at \$687.50 replacing Pam Crowhurst at \$560.58.

Michael R. Williams- Jailer at \$871 replacing George Henline at \$892.

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

Mr. Murdoch reported Interest:

General Fund.....	\$131,767.39
Revenue Sharing.....	7,074.47
Murtis Nicholas.....	401.81

Reappraisal.....	3,155.11
Drainage.....	<u>299.80</u>
Total.....	\$142,698.58

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the refund for Rex Allen Phelps in the amount of \$9.18 which was charged in error. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

On a show of hands, Susan Sherrill, Attorney was given three votes and Gary Rhodes one for the replacement of Chip Bridges on the Tri-County Mental Health Clinic Board.

Commissioners had received a copy of the letter from Addie Morris requesting that she be replaced on the Centralina Council on Aging Board and suggested Bea Amendola as her replacement since she is now the president of the Council on Aging. Commissioners agreed with Commissioner Sifford on his recommendation that this matter be deferred.

Commissioner DeMarcus moved to ask Allen Mitchell to serve on the Domiciliary Home Advisory Board and if he declined to ask Joe Baker as a second choice. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen moved travel expense of .20 per mile for the Domiciliary Home Advisory members just for the month of October. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval. This information will be given to Mrs. Everhart, Chairman.

On a show of hands, Jack Crowell received three votes and Frank Dunn one vote to fill the expired term of Harry Welch on the ABC Board. Mr. Crowell will serve a three year term.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to place Joe Sulkowski, REMAS Director on the Region F EMS Advisory Board to replace Al Upton who resigned. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioners had received a letter from Wayne Simpson informing them of his resignation from the Rowan County Nursing Home Advisory Committee. They will be able to replace him upon submission of a nomination from the Nursing Homes.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to accept the low bid from City Motor Company for one station wagon and one four-

wheel drive truck to replace the ones that the Sheriff's Department has been using. Mr. Murdoch said he had received one bid each from City Motor Company. \$12,000 had been budgeted for the Station Wagon and he received a bid of \$11,833. On the 4-wheel drive truck-\$11,500 had been budgeted. The bid price was \$10,891.00. Commissioner Cohen seconded Commissioner DeMarcus's motion to accept the bids. The motion was voted on unanimously.

Mr. Murdoch received bids on two trucks for the dog warden as replacements. \$14,400 had been budgeted for the two trucks. He received bids on the trucks for basic and fully equipped. From Byerly- fully equipped for both trucks-\$18,034.48 - from City- fully equipped for both trucks-\$16,160.00. After deducting air conditioning and automatic transmission- on the low bid- \$13,956.00. Commissioner Sides made a motion to accept the low bid with deductions. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioners DeMarcus, Sifford and Chairman Steele voting against. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to accept the low bid from City Motor Company including air conditioning- \$15,214 with \$814.00 to come out of revenue sharing contingency. Commissioner Sifford seconded. Commissioners Sides and Cohen voting against. Chairman Steele voting I.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the adoption of the personnel ordinance and the merit plan with the amendments made. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Murdoch said he would set up a meeting with the department heads to brief them on both and later on a meeting with the employees.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to authorize the County Manager to pay Kluttz and Hamlin \$275.00 for services rendered in the property acquisition from Rufus Honeycutt, Trustee. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to authorize the County Manager to pay to the N.C. Department of Human Resources- Youth services the amount of \$120.00 for eight days detention for one youth and \$90.00 for six days detention for another one. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford moved approval transfers for both the Social Services and the Health Department. For the Social Services- To decrease item in food under 5852-21 put in capital outlay 5855-10- food line item reimbursed from school food services in order to buy a refrigerator. Health Department- Classify Clinician Fees- to correct accounts into 152.- 5110-153- change to 5110-152- 5153-151 Medical Consultant change \$800.00 into 5110-152- Fees. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded.

Commissioners Sides and Cohen voting against. Chairman Steele voting I.

Commissioner DeMarcus announced the date of the South Rowan Christmas Parade- November 20 at 3:30 in China Grove and 4:30 in Landis. Commissioners were invited to ride in the parade.

Chairman Steele informed the Commissioners of the last meeting with Centralina Job Training Partnership. He reported that the State ARC program did not do well due to staffing; but a lot had been accomplished in other programs.

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

Respectively submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners