

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 1984

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building on November 5, 1984 at 9:00 A.M. The following members were present: Harry Sifford, Jim Sides, Jim Cohen, Jamima DeMarcus and Chairman Hall Steele.

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

Commissioner DeMarcus moved approval the minutes of October 1, 1984 as presented. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

There were no additions to the Agenda.

On Monthly Reports, Commissioner DeMarcus informed Commissioners that she did attend the last meetings of the Library, COG and Parks and Recreation. Commissioner Sifford said he had spoken to a group of concerned citizens in Cleveland concerning Ambulance matters and that it had been agreed that the main problem was in the Community with first responders, a misunderstanding about training volunteers.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve a budget amendment for the Department of Social Services to reduce the Medical Assistance line item from \$659,401 to \$430,555 and to increase the line item for Special Assistance to the Disabled by \$30,000 and Special Assistance to the Aged be increased by \$65,246. with no change in County dollars. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch informed Commissioners that he had received a letter from Mr. John Jones, Executive Vice-President of Southern Railways in answer to his letter of request that four (4) of the surplus radios from Southern Railways be given to Rowan County Ambulance Service. Mr. Jones in his letter said that this request had been granted and that we would be notified about the delivery.

Mr. Murdoch informed Commissioners that the Holiday Caravan Parade would be held on November 21- Wednesday- to start in Spencer at 3:00 p.m. and Salisbury at 4:00 p.m.- invited Commissioners to ride and told them he had a statement of policy and application in his office.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Bill Jarrett, President of Superior Oil Company offering to purchase property off Statesville Blvd. and Salisbury Blvd. with 200 ft. of road frontage for \$15,000.00- Mr. Murdoch said it listed for \$14,990.00 on the tax books. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to reject Mr. Jarrett's offer for two reasons, first- due to the requirement that the County have the property rezoned, and the second that it is a possibility that the County may use the property for a Satellite Ambulance Station. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve road petitions, Deerfield Drive and Landmark Drive located in Timber Creek Subdivision off Fish Pond Road and Catawba Drive, Pinecrest Street, Hillside Drive and Brookcircle roads in Greenleigh Subdivision off US-70 West of Salisbury. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. (attached)

Wayne Simpson, Tax Collector, reported that his office was now operating with a full staff and informed Commissioners about four foreclosure sales and said \$1,326,189.05 had been collected in taxes for the month of October, 1984.

Commissioner Sifford moved that the Board designate this meeting as a public hearing on revenue bond issue and the project for Carter Properties/Carolina Color Corporation Project. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Paul Carter explained that the proposal would allow the increase of 15 to 16 additional employees.

After the Board had heard all persons who requested to be heard, Commissioner DeMarcus moved that the public hearing be closed. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford introduced the resolution approving the issuance by the Rowan County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority of its \$1,000,000 industrial revenue bond and moved the passage of the resolution and Commissioner Cohen seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Sides voting against. (attached)

Attorney Max Blankenship introduced two petitions to Commissioners that will require a public hearing- one petition to close a portion of Lancelot Road and the other petition to close an alleyway adjacent to an unopened alleyway in the H.A. Wheeler subdivision of Fulton Heights. Commissioners set January 7 at 10:00 a.m. as the date for the Public Hearing.

Tim Russell, Finance Officer, explained to Commissioners the information that he had been instructed to obtain concerning teacher's salaries and the types of teachers in the Rowan and City School system. Commissioners had been given a copy of the information. Commissioner Cohen made a motion to deny the request- not to distribute any county funds-saying that this does not fall in with County money. Commissioner Sides seconded for discussion. Commissioner Sifford said he could not support the motion; but could not close the door- that he could see helping the City and offered a substitute motion to defer the matter. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded the substitute

motion. On the first motion, Commissioners Sifford, DeMarcus and Chairman Steele voting against. On the substitute motion to defer, Commissioners Sides and Cohen voting against, the motion passing with Chairman Steele voting I.

Mr. Bucky Glover, County Auditor, presented the 1983-1984 Audit Report. Mr. Glover explained the changes in Fund Balances, expenditures and revenues. Commissioners were able to follow Mr. Glover with their copy of the report. Mr. Glover then turned to their Management Letter which in the first section he had noted that the county's general ledger was not balanced. Commissioner Sides said it bothered him that it had been in error since July, 1983. Mr. Murdoch said it was difficult to find because it was out of balance a different amount each month; but the error was found and Mr. Glover recommended procedures that should help improve the accuracy of financial reporting. Commissioners questioned section (3) closing of checking accounts by various departments- all were closed except two - the Library and the Register of Deeds. Commissioner Sides made a motion to close these two accounts and make them consistent with County regulations; to deposit directly into the General Fund Account. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Murdoch said Mr. Glover had done an additional audit in the Tax Collector's office at a cost of \$1,500.00 to be paid from Contingencies

Mr. Joe Sulkowski, Ambulance Service Director presented bids that he had received on a radio system for his operation. He had received bids from Two Way Radio-of \$5,950.00- Triangle Communications- \$8,612.50 and Doug's Electronics- \$5,854.00. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to go with Doug's proposal with the \$5,854.00 coming out of contingencies. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to authorize Mr. Joe Sulkowski to enter into a contract with the 100 counties and the Cherokee Indian Reservation within the State of North Carolina regarding Emergency Medical Services. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to add two new employees to REMAS Convalescent Care Crew providing the County enter into a contract with the V.A. Administrative Hospital. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford commended Mr. Sulkowski's staff for the reports that they had compiled on the Convalescent Care Unit and the ambulance survey. It was agreed that Mr. Sulkowski send one cot every two months for repairs. Mr. Sulkowski informed Commissioners that REMAS would be undergoing a Physical Fitness Program in the near future and a few courses in stress.

Mr. Murdoch reported personnel replacements. Marcia L. Williams, Public Health Nurse at \$1312.00 replacing Clara Walters at \$1,607.00- Cordia Wallace, Daycare Service Coord. I at \$1323.00 replacing Lynn Miller at \$1607.00- Carolyn B. Fowler Data Entry Operator II at \$752.00 replacing Mitzi Wilson at \$850.00. Deborah Snipes Cassidy, Eligibility Spec. I at \$892.00 replacing Carolyn Myers at \$938.00- Kelly B. Williams, EMT at \$1036.00 replacing John Hancock at \$1036.00. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the personnel, Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch reported Interest:

General fund.....	\$139,674.38
Murtis Nicholas.....	512.57
Revenue Sharing.....	8,362.80
Drainage.....	299.80
Reappraisal.....	6,428.98
Total.....	\$155,278.53

Mr. Murdoch reported refunds in the Building Inspection Office. Refund to Gilmer Beck \$6.00 decided not to build a porch. Refund to R.H. Marshall \$21.06 decided not to build a second story on building. Commissioner Sides made a motion to approve the refunds. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to pay the bill of \$90 for six days detention and \$60 for four days detention a total of \$150.00 to Department of Youth Services. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus said Mrs. Joseph Amendola would be honored to replace Addie Rhem Morris on the Region F Aging Advisory Committee. She made a motion to place Mrs. Amendola on this committee. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch said he did not have a replacement yet for Wayne Simpson on the Nursing Home Advisory Board. This was deferred for another month.

Mr. Murdoch said Mr. Allen Mitchell did accept his nomination on the Domiciliary Home Committee.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve three petitions for annexation to the Kannapolis Sanitary District; one for Cannon Mills Co. another one for property of Bradford H.

Wyrick and wife, Sheila Wyrick and Howard V. Wyrick and wife Iris C. Wyrick and one for Zeb V. Russell and wife Martha S. Russell. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval. Also in order to put water and sewage at Baker's Creek Park, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve a resolution that that petition be filed. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to authorize Tim Russell, County Finance Officer to decrease or increase the petty cash fund in each department using his own discretion and to approve \$25.00 for Remas & \$25.00 for Aging. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to renew the lease agreement with Whitton Distributors for one year. Commissioner Sifford seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Sides voting against.

Mr. Murdoch received bids on the combined transportation study to be done for the city and the county. The bids were from Paratransit Services in Chapel Hill for \$14,941.00, from Alabama and Raleigh- Wilburn and Assoc. for \$14,978.00- from Raleigh- Kimley-Horn, for \$16,000 and from Columbia, S.C.- Carter- Coble Assoc. for \$15,742. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to accept the low bid from Paratransit Services in Chapel Hill and to pass the resolution that the city and county have already approved designating the city as lead agency to take care of the payment. Commissioner Sifford seconded. Commissioners Sides and Cohen voting against. Chairman Steele voting I.

Commissioner Sifford moved approval the budget amendment requested by Herbert Hawley, Director of the Rowan County Health Department. He had received an increase from the State to increase the Orthopedic and Neurology accounts. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. (attached)

Commissioner Sifford made a motion that Deputy George Wilhelm's salary be increased by \$100.00 per month retroactive to July 1, 1984. This increase is due to added responsibilities as requested by the Faith-Granite Quarry Police Authority with the \$1200.00 to be paid by them. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. (Budget amendment attached)

Mr. Murdoch reported an increase in the county's automobile umbrella coverage due to added vehicles and numerous accidents. After much discussion concerning the additional coverage and a couple of high speed accidents reported by the Sheriff's

Department, Commissioner Sides made a motion that the additional coverage come out of the Sheriff's salary budget, Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioners Sifford and DeMarcus voting against. The motion passing with Chairman Steele voting for to take \$13,737 out of the Sheriff's salary account. Commissioner Sides made another motion to take the \$8,223 for increase in Umbrella coverage from contingency. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to authorize Mr. Murdoch to advertise for sale One IBM System/3 Model 15D in Data Processing Department. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Airport Board to change the original request for a grant of \$15,000 from the N.C. Aeronautics Council to extend corporate taxiway to the construction of a security fence and road for fire protection off Airport Road. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Recommendations made by the Grand Jury were referred to the county's property committee to study and to report back to this board with their recommendations.

Commissioner DeMarcus said she was glad to see the information and referral from Tim Russell from the Self-Evaluation Committee and would like it to be recorded that she would like to see this building, (Community Building) be made more accessible for the handicapped.

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

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

No action was taken while in Executive Session.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners