

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 1984

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building on December 3, 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 DeMarcus opened with prayer.

Commissioner DeMarcus moved approval the Minutes of November 5, 1984 as presented. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Chairman Steele recognized the outgoing Commissioners, James Cohen and James Sides.

After a brief recess, oath of office was given to new Commissioners, Richard Messinger and Newton Cohen by Clerk of Court, Francis Glover.

Mr. Murdoch, County Manager, then called the meeting back to order to select a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Commissioner DeMarcus nominated Hall Steele to serve another term. Commissioner Messinger moved the nominations be closed. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioner Steele was chosen to serve as Chairman for the coming year unanimously. Commissioner Sifford moved the re-nomination of Commissioner DeMarcus as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Messinger seconded- moving that the nominations be closed. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Attorney Kluttz said there would need to be a motion for the election of both Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Mr. Murdoch then asked for a motion to elect Hall Steele as Chairman and Jamima DeMarcus as Vice-Chairman. He received a motion from Commissioner Cohen and a second from Commissioner Messinger with unanimous approval.

There were no additions to the Agenda.

On monthly reports, Commissioner DeMarcus said she had acted as liaison to several county agencies. The Library extended an invitation to Commissioners to attend the second birthday celebration of the South Rowan Branch on December 6, 1984. The Murtis Nicholas Bridge at Dan Nicholas Park has been completed. Mrs. DeMarcus also stated that she had attended the Transportation Feasibility Steering Committee meeting for Cabarrus and Rowan and had taken instructions back concerning our interest in the Ride-Share. That was discussed and a decision was made to purchase a computer. She also said she had the report from Kan-La-Con if anyone was interested in reviewing it.

Commissioner Sifford said the Tri-County Mental Health Complex needed additional space that the Administrative Personnel had already moved to the Southern Bell Building.

Mr. Edwin Koontz, Social Services Director along with John Lowery, Carl Blackburn and Bobbie Queen talked to Commissioners concerning child abuse and neglect cases, Adult Protective Services and the Chore Program. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to direct Tim Russell, Finance Officer to write a letter to the N.C. Department of Human Resources, Raleigh, requesting our need for additional resources to support the Chore Services Program. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Jean Ramsey, Register of Deeds, informing Commissioners that upon their approval on July 1, 1982 and in accordance with the "Records Retention and Disposition Schedule" issued by the Division of Archives and History that records disposition be approved and a list of these records to be destroyed be attached to the Minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Sifford unanimously.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Karen Buckle, Aging Program Administrator, to Clyde Fahnestock Aging Director, concerning the proposal of forming a Senior Citizens Center and task force to make the study of our needs. Mr. Murdoch suggested to Commissioners to consider setting up the task force and making the appointments to it at their January meeting. Commissioner DeMarcus moved the motion and to add to our list of comments to the task force recommending structure of the facilities for our Senior Citizens. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Thomas Ayres, Veterans Administrative commending Fred Howell, Veterans Service Officer for meeting the needs of our Veterans and their families and for doing such an outstanding job in that capacity.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve a road petition for persons on Fiber Acres Street "A" located in Fiber Acres Subdivision off US-70 near Cleveland. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve the abandonment of 2,135 ft. (0.40 mi.) of Old Karriker Road and to approve the addition of 1,842 ft. (0.35 mi) Karriker Road. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus moved to hold a Public Hearing on January 2, 1985 (next Regular meeting of the County Commissioners) at 9:30 A.M. for the purpose of changing a road name from Doris street to Foutz street. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch received a letter from the Department of Transportation concerning the request from Mt. Ulla Fire Department to pave the drive at their new fire station. This request was to be considered if funds were available in the Secondary Roads Project, April 7, 1984 for the 1984-1985 program. The DOT Department informed Mr. Murdoch that no funds were available.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to send Mr. Fred Howell a copy of the letter from Mr. Thomas Ayres, Veterans Administration Hospital along with a cover letter from this Board acknowledging our support in his endeavors. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Chairman Hall Steele asked the Commissioners to add to their list of Committees, Commissioner DeMarcus, to serve with Commissioner Messinger on the School Committee.

Mr. Wayne Simpson, Tax Collector reported \$843,759.24 in total collections for the month of November, 1984.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to grant permission to Mr. Jim Foltz, Parks Director to purchase a 1979 truck for use at the Park in the amount of \$3,800 from Revenue Sharing. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to grant permission to Mr. Foltz to apply for a 100% State grant for building a canoe landing next to the Pump Station on the Yadkin River and to converse with the City Council about having an operator at the Station to check on the site from time to time. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. Chairman Steele said he would make the arrangements for the Commissioners to review the film strip of the canoe ride so they would be more knowledgeable of the activities. Mr. Foltz told Commissioners that the county was in bad need for recreation assistance and that transporting

clients was the biggest gripe. He said the Office on Aging could provide a driver and van equipped with wheelchair facilities.

Ann Medlin, Mark Perry and Naomi Bernhardt expressed their feelings to Commissioners concerning keeping the Special Populations Director's position within the Parks and Recreation Department; rather than moving it to the Aging Agency. Ms. Medlin said this was a recreation position and that it belongs there. She said Recreation Programs targets all ages, not just the senior citizens. She suggested another committee qualified in community resources and agencies in assisting this position. Mr. Clyde Fahnestock, Aging Director gave his comments on how the Office on Aging could strengthen the Special Populations Program. Chairman Steele assigned Commissioners Messinger and DeMarcus as liaisons to this program to come back with what resources they could find and go from there.

Commissioner Sifford introduced and moved the passage of the resolution to approve the issuance of industrial revenue bonds for Scott Housing Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$550,000. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner Cohen introduced the resolution and moved the passage approving the issuance of \$1,000,000 in industrial revenue bonds for Carter Properties/Carolina Color Corporation Project. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval. (attached)

Mr. Harold Watson, Landfill Supervisor told Commissioners that the present Landfill would be filled to capacity in about 3 years and asked that they either consider land for a new Landfill or to consider another method of disposing of waste. Gene Adams, owner of Adams Industrial Sales of Mooresville, talked to Commissioners about an incinerator system. He proposed a 200 ton, \$4.5 million dollar unit to be installed at a local plant with an option for the county to own it after fifteen years. Commissioner Messinger made a motion authorizing Mr. Watson to gather information of costs of this procedure, identifying the tonnage of waste in order to present to this Board at a later date. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Leon Miller, Centralina Council of Government, gave Commissioners an update on the job training program. He stated that costs had been considerably less than had been projected and program performances had improved and could exceed their goals.

Mr. Murdoch presented personnel replacements and one new vacancy for approval by Commissioners: William A. Hamrick, EMT- Hired 11-11-84- Salary- \$1036.00 replacing Thomas Lane at \$1036.00. Johnny L. Morris- Animal Control Officer I- Hired 11-8-84- Salary- \$752.00- replacing Terri Barringer at \$771.00- Christina L. Fulk- Clerk-Typist III- Hired 11-5-84- salary-

\$752.00- replacing Elaine Williams at \$771.00- David Holyfield- Deputy Sheriff- Hired- 10-22-84- salary- \$1115.00 replacing Daron Stewart at \$1143.00- Shelia D. Mitchell- Office Asst. I- Tax Collector's office hired- 10-29-84 salary- \$637.00- Mary Ann Leonard- Office Asst. II- Tax Collector's Office- hired- 10-29-84- salary- \$734.00- replacing Odessa Davis at \$771.00. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the personnel. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to approve salary adjustments for R.A. Whaley- to Range 20, Step H- \$(13,716.00) retroactive to July 1, 1984 and J.H. Rollings- Range 20, Step H- \$13,716.00- also retroactive to July 1, 1984. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch reported Interest-

General Fund	-	\$165,496.23
Murtis Nicholas	-	646.73
Revenue Sharing	-	8,518.76
Drainage	-	299.80
Reappraisal	-	<u>8,406.91</u>
		\$183,368.43

Mr. Murdoch reported one refund from the Building Inspection Office. Refund to Robert Cobb the amount of \$5.00 for a permit issued in error. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion that the refund be approved. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to approve the resolutions of annexation of territory to Kannapolis Sanitary District which consists of the property of Cabarrus and Rowan Counties, namely-"Baker's Creek Park for final approval and also final approval for property of Stanly B. Haley and wife, Vanessa D. Haley, and Henry Lee Holbrook and wife, Sadie M. Holbrook. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to authorize the County Manager to run bids to sell a 1976 Ford and a 1983 Plymouth for the Sheriff. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the purchase of the container site on Dunns Mountain Road from Duke Power Company for \$3,300.00. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford moved to accept the State's lease agreement for the container site on Highway 29 North at \$690 yearly on a ten year rental basis based upon the efforts and need for the site. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to decline to enter into an advertisement contract with the Chamber of Commerce in promoting their booklet called "Quality of Life". Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the bond coverage for County Employers and Employees. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to renew Jimmy Lee Deal's lease to rent the farm land on Heilig Road on a year-to year basis at \$18.00 per acre on 86 acres. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioners agreed to defer the problem concerning Airport Hanger Rental Policies until Tuesday, December 11, 1984, and also to employ the services of another attorney since this is a conflict of interest for Clarence Kluttz, County Attorney.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to authorize the signing of the contract from the N.C. Department of Justice Police Information Network for the use of a centralized computer system in the Sheriff's Department. The county shall assume the usage cost of \$250.00 per month. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the Committee Appointment for another year for the County Attorney, Clarence Kluttz, County Manager and Budget Officer, Seth Murdoch, Finance Officer, Tim Russell, Tax Collector, Wayne Simpson and Clerk to the Board, Brenda Honeycutt. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

There being no further business, Chairman Steele adjourned the meeting until 1:00 p.m. on December 11, 1984.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners