

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 1984

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building on December 11, 1984 at 1:30 P.M. The following members were present: Harry Sifford, Jamima DeMarcus, Richard Messinger, Newton Cohen and Chairman Hall Steele.

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

Chairman Steele said the meeting had been called to consider the policies of the Airport and the problems derived from that. He asked the parties involved to present their presentations.

Mr. Don Weinhold, Attorney representing Lindsey Hess, Hess Aviation, said he felt there were two main issues involved here one being the general policy at the Airport and the other use of one of the particular hangars and the application of the policy that was in effect at the time. The "particular" hangar is presently occupied by Lindsey Hess who acquired the hangar rights from Brad Ragan whose fifteen year lease just expired and the question now is whether an additional five-year lease was granted- which Mr. Messinger added- "determines whether Mr. Hess stays in the hangar or not".

Commissioner Sifford said Mr. Hess did not receive an additional five-years. Attorney Weinhold said this was failing to recognize the policy that it automatically extended five years. Commissioner Sifford argued that Hess Aviation does not have the right to continue renting the hangar, but Attorney Weinhold said Brad Ragan, the developer, still owns the hangar and should be able to use it or rent it as it wants.

Attorney Lewis Hamlin, who the Rowan County Airport Board had assigned the particular hangar to and contract already signed by concerned parties, told Commissioners that Mr. Hess moved his aircraft into the hangar to keep him out.

Mr. Jerry Burnon, pilot, has two aircrafts on tax role valued at one million dollars told Commissioners that the Rowan County Airport Hangar Policy should be written and constructed making it possible for the developer to get full use of it; and making the fees nominal. He said Rowan County Airport offered nothing concrete to plan on.

Commissioner Messinger moved for Commissioners to go into Executive Session to discuss this matter with Don Sayers, the County's appointed attorney. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford moved for Commissioners to come out of Executive Session and back into Regular Session. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to uphold the action of the Airport Board and to refer to them the proposed changes made to the Airport policy for their study and recommendations. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen told Mr. Burnon that it was not our policy to make things hard for anyone to build a hangar that we want to work with him and see more hangars at the Airport.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to grant Jim Foltz, Parks Director permission to sell his 1974 Ford Currier at the Park in order to be able to purchase another one which Commissioners have already approved. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch reported that he had received a court summons in regards to an incident that occurred in 1981 involving a tree limb falling on a parked car at the County Office Building at 402 North Main Street. The car owners insurance would not cover the cost and as a result of this, the owner is suing the county to recover the damages. The owner is asking for \$840 to cover the damages. Mr. Murdoch said this case will come up on December 17 and that he will report back to the Commissioners at the next meeting to let them know the results.

Commissioner Sifford suggested that the matter concerning the Airport be referred to the Airport Board for ratification.

Commissioner DeMarcus, concerned about the steps taken concerning the Airport situation, was assured that County Attorney, Clarence Kluttz had looked at it.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners