

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADJOURNED MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11, 1985

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building on February 11, 1985 at 1:30 p.m. The following members were present: Commissioner Jamima DeMarcus, Commissioner J. Newton Cohen, Commissioner Harry Sifford and Chairman Hall Steele. Absent was Commissioner Richard Messinger.

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

Harold Caudill, Farm Agent, was the first one to tell Commissioners and Architects what his requirements would be for his department in the new Agricultural Building. Mr. Caudill said he would need ten offices- 12 x 14 in size, a built in credenza in each office, one copy room- 14 x 21, a work room- 18 x 26, a computer room- 14 x 16, one laboratory- 14 x 8, 1 room- 8 x 8 with sink, one demo kitchen- 24 x 39 with modern equipment, one storage room 14 x 30, a 4,000 sq. ft. auditorium that would seat 200 people, three outside entrances, a serving kitchen for catering meals, cafeteria style. A total of 8,338 sq. ft. Mr. Caudill said he presently has 7,400 sq. ft. which a lot of that is wasted area.

Lorene Coates, Agricultural Agent, said she needed 1,800 sq. ft. this she said is a state requirement. She is requesting five different areas. A reception area, 22 x 20 sq. ft. - An executive office- 14 x 20, a compliance room, 18 x 22, a computer and equipment room- 18 x 22, a supply room- 18 x 15. She said this meets Federal guidelines.

Wayne Alexander, County Forester said he needed 400 sq. ft. for three (3) people. One office with one desk and one office with two desks. A storage room to store tools. An area maybe, 60 sq. ft. for storing educational publications.

Lipe Barrier, Soil Conservationist needs 700 sq. ft. A reception area with an office equipped with files for one employee. An office for two men. A storage area. An entrance for transit not necessarily heated.

Darlene Angel, Farmers Home Administrator, said she needed 1,100 sq. ft. - three private offices- 12 x 14. One other private office- she said she did not have these dimensions- maybe 230 sq. ft.- She needs a computer room for the Nationwide hook-up. A reception office with a 2ft. wide counter- to receive loan payments. Needs an 8 x 12 shelving for paper supplies.

Carl Sloop, Watershed Commission, told Commissioners he would need 500 sq. ft. an area for drafting work- enough for storage area for his expensive equipment. He has a need for a shower- in order to change clothes to go from one job to another.

Robert Gunn, Fire Marshall and Steve Tant, N.C. Division of Emergency Management presented to Commissioners and Architects the requirements for an EOC operation in the new Agricultural Building. Everything they outlined would have to meet Federal requirements in order to receive the 50-50 grant funding. Requirements based on a staff size of 60 was discussed. Mr. Tant said the walls must be 12" walls and have independent power and water supplies. A sleeping space, kitchen and dining facilities. A communications room. An operations room and six offices; 5,100 sq. ft. and no windows. Location of the three ambulances would be included in the Architects' presentation.

Commissioners agreed to get maps of the approximate area where the new building would be built and mail them to each Architect attending the meeting. Commissioner Sifford made a motion that each Architect who is interested in the proposal of the new Agricultural Building to contact the County Manager and let him work out a schedule- 30 to 45 minutes interviews for the afternoon of March 4, 1985. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch told Architects that the funding would come from Revenue Sharing Funds.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to authorize the transfer of funding as recommended by the Rowan County Schools. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner DeMarcus said that Commissioners wanted academic programs taken care of if money gets tight some of us will have to make alternate choices. Commissioner Cohen said he had been criticized for questioning the school board's request, but he did not at the time have all the relevant information that explained the transfer; but he further stated that he still questioned the integrity of the people spending the money. He recommended a future "meeting of the minds" prior to the budget. (attached)

Mr. Murdoch presented a letter to Commissioners from Edwin Yancey, District Extension Chairman, Agricultural Extension Service requesting that Commissioners approve allowing the Extension to use their present Merit System in lieu of the new County System and that the salaries would all be adjusted in July of each year. Mr. Yancey also requested that the County participate in total salaries on a 50/50 basis. Presently the ratio is about 45% county and 55% state. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the concept of the evaluation and agree to the 50-50 match. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Joe Sulkowski, Ambulance Services Director told Commissioners that he had a First Responders Program outlined but he did not want it approved today. He had a meeting lined up with Voluntary Fireman's Association for Wednesday night the 13th. Mr. Sulkowski said he had to revamp the whole system.

Dr. Elaine Stiller, Past Chairman and Rick Eldridge, Chairman of the Rowan County Historic Property Commission told Commissioners that the functions of their Commission was to designate properties as historic to place on the Register and identifying landmarks. Mr. Eldridge said they have 24 on the National Register. Beulah Davis, a member of the Commission said they would like to officially designate these properties as County Historic Landmarks. Chairman Steele said we need to address the matter of tourism, to request it of this board (Historic Properties) or to get another board. He said we are not ready to make a decision.

After a short recess, Chairman Steele called the meeting back to order and presented a 30 year service award to Mr. Edwin Koontz, Social Services Director.

Commissioner Cohen moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a matter of personnel. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to go back into Regular Session. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to adjust the salaries of Linda Bame, Data Processing Programmer to \$18,372 and Glenda Graham, Data Processing Programmer to \$18,817 and Daryl Shelby, Data Processing Supervisor to \$22,332. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to authorize the County Manager to handle the advertising for an Assistant Landfill Foreman and a Machine Operator for the Landfill. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch briefed the Commissioners on an experienced and qualified person in computers who now is working with the City. He has had extensive experience on the 38 and could be a big help to Daryl in Data Processing. Commissioners agreed to invite him to attend their March meeting to hear his resume.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to agree with the Town of Rockwell's Mutual Aid Agreement for Law Enforcement. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.(attached)

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve the changing of Doris Street to Foutz Street. He said he had received 4 signatures in favor and three not in favor and one neutral. Commissioner Sifford seconded. Commissioner DeMarcus voting against saying that it still needs to be cleared up. The motion passing with Chairman Steele voting I.

Commissioner Cohen mentioned the Law Library's budget being overspent by \$1,299. He recommended hearing from that agency at budget time.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners