

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 4, 1985

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building on March 4, 1985 at 9:00 A.M. The following members were present: Commissioner J. Newton Cohen, Commissioner Jamima DeMarcus, Commissioner Harry Sifford, Commissioner Richard Messinger and Chairman Hall Steele.

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

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve the minutes of February 4 and February 11, 1985. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus requested to talk to Commissioners about the Transportation Program involving the City of Salisbury, a study of the Kan-La-Con and recognition of volunteers.

Monthly reports- Commissioner DeMarcus reported that Rowan Tech did not have a quorum and that Dr. Brownell gave a yearly report. Parks and Recreation have done a lot of maintenance work. Chairman Steele said the Department of Social Services will have an extra food distribution on March 20 and will video tape a portion of it to show at the National Convention.

Commissioner Messinger recommended waiting another month before making appointments to the Historic Properties Committee due to the matter involving tourism. He told Commissioners that " a lot of things were in the making and it looks good".

Commissioners set March 18 at 12:00 noon for a luncheon meeting with the Agricultural Extension Agent's staff.

Commissioner Cohen requested that Tim Russell, Finance Officer gather data on the extra funding that the City Schools receive from the State and Federal. He said he would like to know what the .10 appropriation is about.

Commissioner DeMarcus said she would like to request a meeting of the school boards before funding anything. She said she was interested in education and agreeable toward teacher's supplement but would like a merger package before doing anything. Commissioners set March 18 at 2:00 p.m. to meet with the entire boards from both systems.

Mr. Murdoch read an invitation from Joe Sulkowski, Ambulance Director, inviting Commissioners to the open house at

the Landis based Ambulance Station on Sunday, March 10 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

A letter from Mayor Seaford, Granite Quarry concerning the recommendation from the Rowan Economic Development Commission, informing the Commissioners that a motion had been made and passed at their regular Town Board meeting to go on record of agreeing that the County should fund water and sewer line extensions to industrial developments where the County can recoup the cost in five years.

Mr. Wayne Simpson, Rowan County Tax Collector, reported \$330,802.76 in total tax collections for the month of February, 1985. Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve Mr. Simpson's request to purchase a typewriter from extra funds in equipment account. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. Also, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to authorize Mr. Simpson to advertise two delinquent tax procedures- April 22 and May 6, 1985. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioners authorized Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor, to advertise the Board of Equalization and Review for April 1, 1985 at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution approving an application for State funds to assist with the Development of a public access point at the Salisbury Pump Station Canoe Site on the Yadkin River. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. (attached).

Mr. Murdoch reported Interest:

General fund-	\$231,943.37
Murtis Nicholas-	866.82
Revaluation-	13,699.55
Revenue Sharing-	20,368.27
Drainage-	677.58
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Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the Resolution relating to the annexation of territory of Arlie G. Reynolds and wife, Pauline H. Reynolds, and Jerry Wayne Reynolds and wife, Dorothy Carole M. Reynolds to Kannapolis Sanitary District. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval. (attached)

Board appointments to the Historic Properties Commission was deferred for another month upon the recommendation of Commissioner Messinger who had met with the Commission.

Appointments to the Airport Board were deferred also upon the recommendation of Commissioner Cohen and Commissioner Messinger who had met with Mr. Rufus Honeycutt and reported that nothing had been accomplished as far as Airport needs.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to commit the \$75,000 to the Rowan County Public Library for the Rockwell branch extension. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to reappoint Mildred Cooper for a three year term on the Rowan County Nursing Home Advisory Committee and to appoint Mr. Harold Marioneaux to replace Wayne Simpson for a one year term on the same committee.

Appointments were made to the seven-member committee of the Senior Citizens Center: Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to appoint Mr. Paul Phillippi and to also appoint him Chairman to head this committee. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to appoint Joe Taylor, Maria Seiwell, Beatrice Amendola, Katherine Giles, Bob Thomas and Jane Arnold as the other six members. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to re-appoint Mr. W.L. Noles and Mr. Albert S. Stout as extraterritorial members to the Spencer Board of Adjustment for three year terms. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve paying the bill in the amount of \$31.20 for the photo expense reimbursement services in the case of Lee Frick. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve service agreement and paying the bill from COG in the amount of \$1,850.50 for the study being completed on the Communication Center. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. The money to be taken from Contingency.(attached)

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to support COG's proposal in raising membership dues from .14 to .17 but not in favor of cutting services. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval. Announcement was made of the next COG meeting which will be hosted by Rowan County on the 13th. at 6:15 at the Civic Center.

Mr. Harry Whalen, Director of the Rowan Economic Development Commission and Dan Williams, Chairman of the Economic Development asked that Commissioners approve a resolution establishing policies pertaining to Municipality/County Participation in the Extension of Water and Sewerage Systems. The proposal asked the County to put up 100%

of the capital for extending water and sewer lines if it can recoup the money through taxes within five years.

Commissioner DeMarcus moved to approve the resolution delineating that it follow the county's needs that the county receive tap-on fees for five years and land cost appreciation and to add that the county get to review each applicant giving the county veto power over it. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to proceed with the utilization of the data processing services of Mr. Robert Nichols. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Nichols presently does contract work with the city of Salisbury. Commissioners agreed that Mr. Nichols contact Daryl Shelby, Supervisor in Data Processing and together they specify which application we would need Mr. Nichols for.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the \$2,000.00 extra funding from Revenue Sharing Contingency to pay for completion of Landis REMAS base and repairs to Salisbury base. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner Cohen authorized the County Manager to advertise for Bids one 1975 Cadillac Ambulance used by Rowan Emergency Medical Ambulance Service. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Proclamation proclaiming March 21st- March 29th as Chamber of Commerce Days in Rowan County. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch reported bids received on the county's parking lot at 302 North Main Street: Jim Bost- \$12,920.63, Piedmont Asphalt- \$12,145.00 and from Bennet Construction- \$11,200.00. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to authorize and to proceed with the lowest bid from Bennet Construction Company. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Chairman Steele declared the Public Hearing open for anyone wishing to speak for or against Ambulance Services in Rowan County. No one wishing to speak, Chairman Steele declared the Public Hearing closed. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to adopt the Ambulance Ordinance giving the County control. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus informed Commissioners of the February Transportation meeting at the Civic Center. She said the discussion was on inventory and analysis of vehicles. She said the next meeting would be on March 15 at 10:30 a.m. at the Civic Center.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion for the Board of Commissioners to sponsor "Nine Who Care" pertaining to the recognition of volunteers , two persons Bill Carson, United Way and Deborah Cassidy, office on Aging. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval. Ms. Betty McCrary agreed to work on this proposal.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve Mr. Hawley's request to approve the State's funding of the Adult Health Risk Reduction Project for the period February through June. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. (Budget Amendment attached).

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve Mr. Hawley's request to reclassify Donna Poe from PHN I to PHN II. Her present salary is \$16,668 and the first step of the PHN II classification is \$17,496. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve Jean Ramsey's request to increase the salary of Judy Burris who is replacing Kay Schaffer, Register of Deeds Office from \$8,808 to \$9,252. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch presented personnel for approval: Louellen P. Moss, Clerk Typist III Department of Social Services, salary \$734.00 monthly replacing Bonnie H. Lawrick at \$809.00. Gail Rector, Programmer/Analyst, salary \$1,458.00, a new position, Anne Verdin, Social worker II, salary \$1,200 monthly, replacing Robert Alger at \$1,458.00, Fred Bean, Appraiser, salary \$1,200.00 monthly, a new position. Commissioner Messinger made a motion to approve the personnel. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Chairman Steele adjourned the meeting for lunch to continue at 1:00 p.m. to hear presentations from Architects interested in the construction of the new Agricultural Building.

Commissioners continued their meeting at 1:00 p.m. hearing first from Architect James F. Kluttz, Rockwell, N.C. who opened his presentation saying he had visited the site and had done previous ground work in filling in the gullies located at the site. He said he knew the overall needs. He talked about the enormous amount of paper work that would be involved; and a 4-6 month planning program. He said Commissioners would have to allow 60 days for bidding of construction- recommending a two-story building. He said a solar building would be a great opportunity with additional funding. He said he has learned a lot from mistakes; and recommended Mr. Harold Knight for heating, air conditioning and plumbing.

Commissioners heard next from John Ramsay another local Architect who reported his last construction and design was the

Civic Center. He said his firm stayed in tune with high technology, but also said he realized the county needed a low-cost productive-, no-nonsense building. He discussed the structure of the building with Commissioners saying the lower level should be for EOC, maybe going with a two-story building. The time element, he said six months from contract to bids in hand. Gave Steve Hocsak for electrical engineer and Harold Knight- air conditioning, heating and plumbing.

Commissioners then heard from Jack Robinson, P.C. Moore & Associates, Sanford, N.C. who had brought preliminary design drawings and cost estimates of the proposed building. He said he had met with various department heads who would be housed in the new building and in considering their needs he had constructed a Colonial Type design.

Commissioners then heard from Paul Briggs and Dan Mathews, Lexington, N.C. who had prepared a Building Program Analysis, Scope of Services and also presented a computer aided drafting of the proposed building, along with projected cost control. Mr. Briggs stated that his firm had constructed the Davidson County Agricultural Building.

Mr. Hugh Stokes, High Point, N.C. informed Commissioners that his business was fifty-seven years old. He showed slides of his previous construction work.

Doug Tennent, Salisbury, N.C. told Commissioners that he felt that his firm had the necessary expertise and technical help available to produce the work to meet the Commissioners' schedule. He presented to the Board a proposal for the architectural services in connection with the new Agricultural Building and the renovation of the existing facility.

Mr. Robert Stone, Salisbury, N.C. was the last Architect to present his proposal. He told Commissioners he had a good many repeat clients. He said he saw the building as a two-story. He said he had done the construction work at the Salisbury Police department and that 200 sq. ft of that building was devoted to Emergency Services; and that he was familiar with Solar Energy.

After hearing all the Architects proposals, Commissioners voted. They chose three of the seven who are: Jack Robinson, Sanford, N.C., Dan Mathews and Paul Briggs, Lexington, N.C. and John Ramsay, Salisbury, N.C. Chairman Steele asked Mr. Murdoch to notify each Architect and to inform him of the three who were chosen. Commissioners set Tuesday March 19, at 1:00 P.M. as the time to hear in detail presentations of the three firms chosen in order to make the final selection.

There being no further business, Chairman Steele adjourned the meeting until March 18, 1985, at 2:00 p.m., at that time Commissioners will hear from the two school systems on the Merger.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners