

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 1, 1985

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building on April 1, at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present: Commissioner Jamima DeMarcus, Commissioner Harry Sifford, Chairman Hall Steele, Commissioner Richard Messinger and Commissioner Newton Cohen.

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

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the minutes of March 4, 18th, 19th and the 27th. Commissioner Messinger seconded with the correction to the minutes of March 4- 1st. page- 5th paragraph - to correct the spelling of Dr. Brownlee to Dr. Brownell. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the minutes with the correction.

Chairman Steele requested to add to the Agenda, Executive Session.

Monthly reports- Commissioner DeMarcus said the Rockwell Library and maintenance work at the Park were moving right along.

Commissioner Cohen said the Airport Board had not met, but the Salisbury Rowan Community Service Council met and revealed their audit report.

Chairman Steele said on the Department of Social Services report- last paragraph, concerning personnel identification equipment to prepare badges .Mr. Gunn presented proposition from Mrs. Mattox. He checked with the city and the city reports that the fire chief can't do it. Commissioner Cohen made a motion that the county pursue purchasing the equipment and use it for the benefit of the county. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Messinger moved to adopt the resolution to protect county Social Services Workers amending North Carolina General Statute 14-33. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. (attached)

Chairman Steele informed Commissioners about a letter that he had received from Hertford County Chairman of County Board of Commissioners requesting Rowan County Commissioners to support House Bill 80- by contacting our legislators with a similiar resolution. Chairman Steele said Mr. Koontz, Social Services Director was notified about this request and he said it does not apply to Rowan county. Commissioners tabled this resolution.

Mr. Murdoch read a request from Captain Ivan T. Beach Department of the Army requesting that Commissioners allocate \$255.12 to help pay for a Xerox Copier. Commissioner Sifford moved authorization of the \$225.12. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded . Commissioners Messinger and Chairman Steele voting for and Commissioner Cohen voting against.

Mr. Murdoch informed Commissioners of a resolution which was submitted to him from the Town of Spencer explaining their needs for a Nutritional Site. Mr. Clyde Fahnestock, Aging Director had been previously notified of their need.

Mr. Murdoch told Commissioners that the Department of Transportation Division of Highways' Maintenance Department Field Forces will be working a ten hour, four day work week beginning April 20, 1985.

Mr. Murdoch informed Commissioners of a cash gift of \$3,071.00 from the Presbytery of Concord for use by our Office on Aging to support the Cleveland Meal Site. Mr. Clyde Fahnestock, Aging Director had acknowledged the donation.

Mr. Murdoch told Commissioners that the N.C. Association of County Commissioners will hold their Legislative Briefing at the Mission Valley Inn in Raleigh on Thursday, April 25.

Mr. Murdoch presented a request from Wade Mobley, Superintendent of County Schools to transfer \$90,000.00 from Unappropriated Current Expense funds to Long-range Building Funds to cover cost of equipment and furniture for project at China Grove Elementary School. Commissioner Messinger made a motion to give the County Schools a letter of intent agreeing to take funds out of their 85-86 school budget. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch read a request from Bill Snipes, Snipes Realty requesting to purchase two lots from the county which the county purchased in 1967 thru a tax sale listed to Home Security Corporation for the amount of \$350.00 each a total of \$700.00. Mr. Murdoch said these two lots were located in the flood plains. Commissioner Messinger recommended checking this out with Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor. Commissioners agreed to defer.

Chairman Steele asked Commissioners to evaluate the county's needs and come up with recommendations for the Transportation meeting in Winston-Salem on May 7.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to authorize the Tax Collector, Wayne Simpson to send notices for renewals, collections for, and issuance of Beer and Wine licenses. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Senator Paul Smith briefed Commissioners on information that he had received during his three days in Washington. He told Commissioners, basically, they feel we will have some freeze on the Federal Budget. Senator Smith said, you "can't share revenue if you don't have it." Local bills passed, (1) Elimination of the County Coroner when term expires, (2) He told Commissioners he could see no problem with the county's request for control of the county's and city's waste for incineration. Senator Smith discussed a "rainy day" surplus fund that calls for a Two-Hundred Million Dollar reserve to put aside in case "we have a problem". Senator Smith said on Health Planning- to be careful until we see what comes down from Washington. For planning the budget, he said when the State cuts, that he would not vote for the cuts unless they were replaced by some kind of means. He said he had a vital interest in the bill for contingency funds for the handicapped- meaning- Vocational Workshop in the schools.

Commissioner DeMarcus said she and Commissioner Messinger had met and talked about the Special Populations program; she moved to accept alternative #2- to provide the necessary resources to the County Recreation and Parks Department and keep the Special Populations program under the Supervisor of this department as recommended by Hank Anderson, Project Coordinator and to advertise for a person to fill this position. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioners agreed on an advisory committee to pursue the transportation problems.

Jim Foltz, Parks Director, informed Commissioners of two donations from the Salisbury Jaycees. (1) \$1, 000 to Sloan Park and (2) \$1,200 to Dan Nicholas Park for purchase of birds.

Daryl Shelby, Data Processing Supervisor and Tommy Menius, Finances with the County School System made requests to Commissioners. Mr. Menius asked the Commissioners to approve the purchase of five terminals, a control unit and a printer to be used by the School System. Commissioner Messinger said the School Budget should be able to handle the \$14,000. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the request to allow the school board to encounter the expenses and handle by interest income account next year. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Shelby requested that Commissioners approve \$420.00 for rental for two more terminals. Commissioner Messinger made a motion to proceed with the \$420.00. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch reported personnel: Lawrence Miller, Jr., Heavy equipment operator at \$892.00 monthly replacing Terry Morrell at \$1200.00. Judy Burris, Register of Deeds at \$771.00 monthly replacing Kay Schaefer at \$1171.00. Robert Blackwelder, heavy equipment operator at \$892.00 a vacant position. Kristen Rodier, Clerk II Board of Elections at \$734.00 replacing Nancy Evans at \$809.00. Mary Kluttz, Tax Supervisor Clerk at \$734.00 replacing Reba Dudley at \$752.00. Kay Brown Hirst, Health-Community Services Consultant at \$1200.00 a new position. Linda Brown, Clerk Stenographer III Department of Social Services at \$771.00 monthly replacing Susan Russell at \$913.00. Charles Fulton, Landfill Aide at \$752.00 monthly replacing Tom Lynn at \$752.00. Range Davis, II Deputy Sheriff at \$1011.00 replacing George Hemline at \$1011.00. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the personnel. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch reported Interest:

General Fund.....	\$257,570.63
Murtis Nicholas.....	960.94
Revenue Sharing.....	27,475.30
Revaluation.....	15,200.01
Drainage.....	677.58
Total.....	<u>\$301,884.46</u>

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the REMAS refunds ranging from \$2.00 to \$215.87 totalling \$2,196.36. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to approve refunds for : James Rhodes- for \$31.50- as time has elapsed on the original building permit, Mr. Rhodes decided not to build a larger garage. for: Gilbert Fisher- \$2.52- overstated square footage on which permit fee was based. for: Godfrey Construction Company- \$204.75- permit was for alteration of existing Alltel building, however, when underground drilling was going on, the building developed structural cracks and was unsafe to remodel. They

have secured a new permit for a totally new building.  
Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch presented budget transfers for REMAS bringing some accounts to 0 to put enough in these accounts to last them the rest of the year. Transferred from account 4115-185-\$28,843 which is unemployment compensation to- uniform account, repairs to office equipment, capital outlay in the office account, capital outlay of other account and new equipment ambulance account- end up leaving enough money in the medical supplies motor fuel, office supplies, travel, telephone, radio services, electricity, vehicle supplies, laundry and training should be enough for the remainder of the year- totalling \$28,843. Commissioner Sifford moved approval. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.(attached)

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve paying the bill for Youth detention to the Division of Youth Services totalling \$105.00 from contingency. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion not to accept any bids received on the Cadillac Ambulance. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Murdoch had received one bid for \$300, another one for \$355 and a high bid of \$500. If a better bid cannot be reached, he recommended donating the ambulance to the transportation museum. Commissioner DeMarcus suggested contacting Michael Wells to see if they would accept the ambulance.

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to reappoint Mrs. Clayton Davis and Ms. Ann Murdoch to another three year term on the Rowan Historic Properties Commission Board. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. Chairman Steele asked Commissioner DeMarcus and Commissioner Messinger if they would serve as liaisons to this Board. They accepted.

Commissioners reappointed Lewis Hamlin and Dianne Greene to the Rowan Airport Board to serve three year terms. Commissioner Sifford commented that the biggest problem with the Airport policy was the hangar rental guidelines.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to appoint Larry Parrish to the Salisbury Planning Board, Dr. Sanford Silverburg to the Salisbury Zoning Board of Adjustments and Mr. Charles

Shuping as the alternate. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioners agreed to defer the five appointments to the Advisory Board for the Building Inspection Department until they have had time to think and define the board.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract between County Commissioners and John Erwin Ramsay, FAIA, Ramsay Associates. Commissioner Sifford seconded. Commissioner Cohen made an amendment to the motion to add to 14.7.2 provided this shall not apply to delays beyond the control of the county. Commissioner DeMarcus accepted this amendment with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch presented the budget schedule to Commissioners. Commissioners agreed on: Monday, May 20, 1985- 8:30-12:00- Wed. May 22, 1985- 8:30-5:00- Fri. May 24, 1985- 8:30-5:00- Tuesday, May 28, 1985- 9:00-5:00- Review- Monday-June 24, 1985-7:30 P.M.- Public Hearing.

Commissioners agreed to "leave as is" the County Vehicle 1984-1985-Tax Act. - beginning April 1, 1985 identifying a \$3 fringe benefit on all employees who drive a county vehicle.

Commissioner Sifford moved approval the "Application For Franchise" form to operate ambulances or rescue vehicles in Rowan County. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Chairman Steele adjourned Regular Commissioners Session for the Board of Equilization and Review.

Chairman Steele called Regular Commissioners Meeting back to order. Commissioner Messinger made a motion to renew Dr. David Skrowronek's contract for professional services with the Jail. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Tim Russell, Finance Director presented to Commissioners Rowan County's summary of a revised proposal of total costs per Centralina of Government's allocation plan for a Communications Center and 911. Estimating a two year cost for equipment, personnel and other cost, the first year he estimated- \$426,476 and the second year- \$476,047. The Commissioners unanimously endorsed the submission of an application to FEMA for monies to subsidize the construction of the EOC.

Chairman Steele said we have to take a hard look at what we have and asked the Commissioners, "how do we ascertain our feelings ".

Commissioners agreed on a meeting with the mayors of each municipality and to include COG. Setting the date and time-April 9, 1985 at 7:30 P.M. to discuss the Communications center and 911. Each mayor will be sent a copy of the Final Report and Recommendations Salisbury-Rowan Emergency Services Communications Study.

Commissioner DeMarcus discussed with Commissioners some good news concerning transportation. Starting July, 1985 the county will enter an agreement with the city for purchase of supplies and maintenance on vans used for transporting clients. She said there would be a meeting on Friday, April 5 at the Civic Center on this subject.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to go into Executive Session for purposes of personnel and litigation . Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to allow the Personnel Committee to look at salaries in the Building Inspection and Sheriff's Department. Also, to meet with Craige Trexler, Building Inspection Department and work out a salary scale. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Chairman Steele made everyone aware of the N.C. Transportation Spring Clean-Up campaign.

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to pay the bill to Att. Don Sayers in the County vs. Lindsay Hess case. The amount of \$1,371.00. Commissioner DeMarcuss seconded with unanimous approval. To be paid out of the Airport Account.

Mr. Murdoch mentioned the NACO Convention to be held on July 13 in Orlando, Fla. He told Commissioners that he would let them know as soon as he received the reservations.

Mr. Murdoch told Commissioners that he had set April 4, 1985 at 4:00 p.m. to brief department heads about the budget.

There being no further business, Chairman Steele adjourned the meeting until April 9, 1985 at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners