

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED MEETING
APRIL 9, 1985

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building on April 9, 1985 at 7:30 p.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 DeMarcus opened with prayer.

Chairman Steele said the meeting had been purposely called in order for municipalities to response to the report from Rebecca Yarbrough, Administrator of Emergency Services, Centralina Council of Governments. He said he hoped that everyone had had a chance to review it, and that the Commissioners were interested in any reaction the Municipalities might have and any problems they might have.

Wiley Lash, Salisbury Mayor said they were favorable with the Emergency Services and wanted to proceed with it.

East Spencer Mayor, Charles Ramsey asked how they had arrived at the projected figures of cost. Ms. Yarbrough said the figures were based on total number of calls dispatched.

Rockwell Mayor Boger asked why his town would pay \$3,580 the first year while Granite Quarry which has about the same population would pay only \$896. Ms. Yarbrough said based on the number of calls to police each quarter- two towns with almost the same population- one might chip in more to run the center if its residents made more police calls. She said Rockwell would come out ahead having two busy fire departments. She said, "you don't pay extra", "it is based on law enforcement calls".

Harvey Mathias, City Manager said the formula is simple, concentrating on law enforcement, it is an easy way to define allocation of costs- he said everyone would benefit.

Mayor John Seaford said Rowan County needs this kind of system- it is a very equitable situation for a small town- he said he would support it.

Mayor Walter Boger, Rockwell, said "our Board would accept it, he just wondered how the figures had been arrived".

Mayor Ramsey, East Spencer inquired if we would receive any State or Federal funding and if it was included in costs. Tim Russell, Finance Director said the county was making estimates based on not getting funding, but that government grants for

operating costs would be subtracted from the total before the municipalities paid their share.

John Ramsey, a member of the City council said "we are talking about a committment for life, "it looks like a good plan".

Commissioner DeMarcus said "we have to be fair to the citizens making us partners", "it is a worthy plan and deserves our support".

Mayor Ramsey said he wanted to go on record saying, "his board was in favor of the proposal".

Faith Mayor Marcus Sifford said his board "seems to like it", he thought they would go along with it".

Commissioner Sifford said he could not support the idea of cutting thru the walls of the courthouse to house this center. That all he could see were a lot of problems- far more than the \$25,000 projected. There would be questionable damage to the building and moving of the equipment. He would go for one move to the New Farm Building which he could see no budget problems this year. He did however, recommend sending in request for FEMAL funding as soon as possible before they are phased out and also, he said we need to hire a center director.

Mr. Mathias said his concern is if his equipment will hold up by July 1986. He said we will do what we can to keep equipment as is. He said if we can move ahead, the city is willing to hold everything together by July 1986.

Chairman Steele briefed everyone on the Enhance 911 system from Southern Bell. He told them this was a county program- \$185,000 for equipment- payed for by telephone lines itself. He said it goes along with the communications program. Commissioner Sifford said it would take two years to create the data bank.

Since no one else had anything to say about the Communications Center, Chairman Steele adjourned for Commissioners business.

Commissioner Sifford moved to authorize the advertisement of the sale of two tracts of land owned by the county on map 806 for \$350 each. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Snipes, Snipes Realty, had requested to purchase these two tracts of land at a previous meeting of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to pay the refund on taxes requested by Citizens Savings in Kannapolis for Shannon Dedmond in the amount of \$174.07. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners