

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 7, 1985

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building on May 7, 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 Cohen opened with prayer.

Commissioner Sifford moved to approve the minutes of April 1 and April 9 upon the addition of correction to the minutes of April 1- 7th paragraph, second sentence first page- to add to identification- equipment to prepare badges.

Commissioner Sifford added Executive Session for the purpose of personnel to the Agenda and Commissioner DeMarcus added Library Board, Historical Salisbury and County Police set-up.

Commissioners recognized retiring employee, Virginia Kluttz who worked with Tax Supervisor's Office for 30 years.

On Committee reports, Commissioner DeMarcus reported that the Rockwell Library Branch had received enough money to get started on their new branch. Commissioner DeMarcus also reported that Mr. Charles Weaver would be the guest speaker at the School Board meeting to speak on the proposed school merger and redistricting.

Commissioner Sifford gave an updated report on the allocation of Nursing Homes for Rowan County and also reported that Mr. Kent Mishak, EMT, China Grove and Mr. Robert Ashley EMT - for REMAS had been given awards for outstanding achievements at the annual EMS award ceremony on April 18.

Commissioner Cohen reported that he had attended a meeting with the Rowan Rescue Squad on emergency preparation and said that it would be worthwhile for this Board to hear his presentation.

Commissioner Messinger informed the Board of a luncheon set for June 3, 1985 at 12:30 by the Transportation Advisory Board for the purpose of discussing money for Spencer Shop and Historical Salisbury Depot.

Mr. Murdoch reported that he had received a letter from Jerry McKenzie, Abex, who thanked him and Commissioners for the

use of the Commissioner's Meeting Room for the purpose of conducting a Seminar.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the request from Historical Salisbury Foundation of \$434 for the purpose of completing 35,000 brochures for the purpose of promoting tourism in Rowan County. Commissioner Messinger seconded for discussion. After much discussion, Commissioner Messinger said he had reservations as to what "our role is", that we should give it considerable thought. Commissioner DeMarcus voted for-the other four Commissioners voting against.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to give Jean Ramsey, Register of Deeds permission to dispose of Deed books numbering 128-537 and that the microfilmed records of the Deed Books are the official records. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve the road petition for "Dogwood Avenue located off SR 1482 near Unity Church Road in Atwell township. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval. (attached)

Mr. Rufus Brock, North Carolina Board of Transportation told Commissioners that he had replaced Jake Alexander and if they needed anything to call on him.

Mr. Tim Russell, Finance Director, filling in for Mr. Murdoch who had to leave the meeting reported Personnel: Replacements- Kelly B. Williams, replacing Vickie C. Miles, Tax Collector's Office- Kelly at \$668.00 - Vickie at \$809.00. George R. Miller replacing Leonard Richardson- Janitorial-George at \$652 and Mr. Richardson at \$717.00- Joyce Matthews replacing Susan Lyerly in the Tax Collector's Office- Joyce at \$752.00 Susan at \$734.00- Dorothy Barnhardt replacing Pauline Stone- Jail Matron- Dorothy at \$871.00- Pauline at \$892.00-Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve the personnel. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve Mr. Fred Howell's request, Veterans Service Office to hire a new employee to replace one who is leaving - two weeks prior to her leaving. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Jean Ramsey, Register of Deeds requested Commissioners to hire another full-time employee as soon as possible. Commissioner Cohen in the form of a motion suggested that employees in the Register of Deeds Office be switched to a 40-hour week approving the additional help, Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with a misunderstanding of the motion. Commissioner Sifford suggested approval with temporary action until we can resolve the whole problem. Commissioner Cohen withdrawing his motion. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to grant Mrs.

Ramsey's request. Commissioner Sifford seconded. Chairman Steele and Commissioner Messinger voting yes. Commissioner Cohen voting NO.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to authorize the Tax Collector to proceed with the preliminary work necessary to Levy and Collect Schedule B Licenses in compliance with the provision of the Rowan County Privilege Licenses Ordinance as adopted by The Rowan Board on June 1, 1981. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval. (attached)

Commissioner Messinger moved to renew a Memorandum of Understanding for Harold Caudill, Rowan Extension Officer. Commissioner Sifford seconded. Commissioner Cohen questioning salaries- said he hated to see us get out of step- Mr. Caudill's employees are on state personnel code- and they get paid more. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve five CBA proposals for Sandy Reitz, one being new for Salisbury High. All five totaling \$86,116. Commissioner Sifford said they had been referred to the school board and had been approved by them. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. George Knox, West Rowan Jr. High said "in-school suspension was worth its weight in gold, as far as the students were concerned, keeping them in school".

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to approve Jim Foltz's request to give the property committee permission to approve the purchase of another used truck and use the rest of the amount for a holding cage for animals. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the easement grant for Baker's Creek Park giving the Kannapolis Sanitary District permission to run a line the perimeter of the Park. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Foltz told Commissioners the Trail Association meeting will meet the 29th of May at Tanglewood concerning acceptance to build the canoe excess.

Mr. Russell reported Interest:

General Fund.....	\$291,630.99
Murtis Nicholas....	1,059.95
Revenue Sharing....	27,986.86
Reappraisal.....	16,913.85
Drainage Fund.....	<u>867.58</u>
Total.....	\$338,269.23

Mr. Russell reported Refunds: Tax Supervisor's office- For David B. Miller- \$80.15- charged twice for mobile home tax.

Building Inspection Office- Gary L. Brown- \$33.48- relocation- void permit- another one issued in Cabarrus.

To: Curlee Electrical- from Building Inspector's Office- \$20.00 Electrical work not being done.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the refunds. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to approve the school transfer of additional cost for roofs- \$13,000.00 and circulation fans- \$2,500.00 from Heating Systems and Energy matching. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. (attached)

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to proclaim the week of May 12- 18 as National Hospital Week in Rowan County. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to proclaim the week of May 5- May 11 in Rowan County as National Extension Homemakers Week. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to proclaim the week of May 12 - 19 as Soil Stewardship Week in Rowan County. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to appoint Mr. Walter E. Goodlett, Sr. and Mr. A.L. Jarrell, III as extraterritorial members to the Spencer Planning Board. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus moved the appointments of Dr. Pat Whitley, Gary Rhodes, Jim Murtaugh, Ms. Marie Gilbert and Bill Hall, Jr., to the Special Populations Advisory Board. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval. The appointments will be important to the person hired as Special Populations Director. The complaints received will go to the person and this person will make recommendations to the Parks Board. The Special Populations Director will report to personnel at the Park.

After a short recess, Commissioners heard again from Eugene McKinney, Accounts Executive with Southern Bell who made a presentation weeks ago of the 911 system. He asked if they wanted to proceed or not with his proposal. He offered three alternatives in which Rowan County could pay the \$180,000. Commissioners could pay the amount in one lump sum when it goes on line (2) They could make monthly payments over 18 months or Southern Bell customers could be asked whether they would agree

to be billed monthly until the system is paid for- this option would be by ballot. The customers would be paying .50 to .60 a month for 6 to 9 months. Commissioner Messinger said he wanted to make sure that the Sheriff's Department were sold on the 911 system. He said they need to know how it will affect them. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve a letter of intent saying the County wanted a 911 emergency telephone system and authorize the County Manager to sign the letter within 30 days. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to appoint Gene Howard-Electrical, Bill Brown, Plumbing, Don Crowell, Builder, Terry Jones, Builder and Sonny Allen to the Building Inspection Advisory Board. Commissioner Messinger seconded with Chairman Steele, Commissioner Sifford voting for and Commissioner Cohen voting against. He said he could not go along with a committee who will be undermining the Building Inspector. Clarence Kluttz, County attorney said the Building Inspection Advisory Board will act strictly in an advisory position to the Building Inspector. The committee will have no legal authority to change or modify the inspector's decision.

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to approve paying the railroad litigation bill to attorneys Ruff and Cobb in Charlotte in the amount of \$1500. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve paying the bill to the Department of Youth Detention for \$45 and another one for \$495. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Russell reported two requests for payment of litigation from Jefferson Insurance Company in New York that Commissioners agreed to defer- to allow Attorney Lewis Hamlin to look into.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to accept the high bid from Computer Needs in the amount of \$675.00 for the County's old computer. The other bid was from Criterion- Dallas, Tx. for \$560.00. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus moved purchase of the Identification Equipment for personnel for \$2,000.00 from Ms. Mattox. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to approve the construction work bid from the city for \$1,592.71 to relocate the entrances into the county's parking lot - getting in and out- giving us nine additional parking places. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to authorize the grant application for federal funds for the Airport Master Plan to be filed for a total of \$69,900. Federal - \$62,910- State- \$3,495 and local funds - \$3,495- Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to allow C & L Construction Company to proceed with the completion of the compaction site on Dunns Mountain Road by adding another \$550.00 to the \$8,900 for pad- gravel underneath. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioners agreed to defer naming the street in Kannapolis- North Caldwell Street in order to allow Commissioner Cohen to do some checking.

The County Manager re-advertised for the sale of the 1975 Cadillac Ambulance and received a bid of \$1500 from Reece Convalescent Ambulance Company which they agreed to defer in order for Commissioner Messinger to check into.

Bids were received from Kannapolis Service Co. \$4,800, Cedarwood Septic Service- \$6,006.15, and Myers Septic Tank Co. \$6,925 for making improvements to the Heritage Home. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to award the low bid of \$4,800 to Kannapolis Service Company. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to authorize the Chairman to enter into an agreement with the City of Salisbury to sell the Old Post Office Building and land at the corner of Church and Innes Streets for \$300,000 subject to agreements with the U.S. Postal Service and any changes in Building to be subject to Secretary of Interior's standards for rehabilitation (Historic Bldg.) Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioners agreed to accept the Transportation Proposal for 1985-1995.

Discussion concerning the Law Library's overspending; County attorney, Kluttz said he would talk to the lawyers Chairman and request that he come and talk to the Commissioners.

Ms. Sara Hawkins, 1056 Grady Street, a concerned citizen in that area waited to talk to Commissioners concerning their sewage problem. She said the sewage was on top of the ground-bacteria in the water and reported cases of hepatitis that the Health Department was aware of. Commissioners said they would discuss the problem with Salisbury City Council.

Mr. Leroy Bostian,, another concerned citizen also talked to Commissioners concerning theft, and arson cases occurring. The

Commissioners told him they would include him on the June Commissioners Agenda.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to appoint Carl Short, Jr. (Chip) to the Library Board to replace Tom Caddell who has resigned and to re-appoint Ruth Sifford to the Domiciliary Home for another term. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval. Mrs. DeMarcus said the Domiciliary Home Committee wanted to make sure that Mrs. Sifford was reappointed so they could make her an officer. Commissioners agreed to allow Mr. Short to complete his term on the Rowan County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority and then replace him.

Commissioners adjourned and started again at 1:30 to hear the joint presentation to them and the city council on the Transportation Development Plan by the Para-Transit Services. Mr. Harvey Mathias, City Manager, said the reason we are here is to prepare a transit plan for whole Rowan County. Mr. Garrity and Mr. Little with Para-Transit Services presented their study to concerned citizens. They discussed State guidelines and made recommendations. Mr. Garrity said the county will have to spend at least \$150,000 in local funds during the next 18 months to replace worn-out vans. Ms. Kathy Evars, Planning and Assistance Coordinator for DOT told them that Rowan County would not be eligible for any funds this year unless the county adopted a plan that called for a more efficient operation. The plan would allow joint use of vans for human services programs combining routes and avoiding duplication. The plan would also allow for agencies to have the vans serviced at the city's new garage instead of private garages. The plan will save the county an estimated \$150,000 in capital costs during the next two years. Mr. Garrity told them. Ms. Evars said the grant application had to be in by May 10. Question was raised concerning who would direct the management of vehicle maintenance if contracted by the city. Mr. Mathias suggested appointing an advisory committee to make decisions on a day - by - day basis. He said the city would not dictate how to manage the program. Mr. Clyde Fahnestock, Aging Director asked the Commissioners to give their consent to the proposal in order to be able to apply for the 16-B Grant plan for existing resources. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion that Commissioners approve the plan and enter into an agreement for Vehicle Maintenance with the city July 1985.....and that we approve the consolidation of management concept. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Robert Gunn, Fire Marshal, told Commissioners that Locke, Atwell and Bostian Heights had approved the areas known as no-man's land and requested that the county pay them the \$150.00 monthly coverage. Commissioner Messinger made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Fire Marshal for

coordination of the fire districts. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus told Commissioners that a study should be done on a County Police Department and recommended that they look at a 1973 study of the Sheriff's Department and bring the subject up at the Commissioners next meeting.

Commissioner Sifford moved to go into Executive Session. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford moved to go back into Regular Session. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

No action was taken while in Executive Session.

Mr. Tim Russell, Finance Director, gave Commissioners their copy of the in-house budget prepared by him which showed a summary by departments.

There being no further business, Chairman Steele adjourned the meeting until May 20 at 8:30 A.M. at that time, Commissioners will begin their budget hearings.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners