

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED MEETING
MAY 20, 1985

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building on May 20, at 8:30 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 to start 1985-86 Budget Hearings.

Mr. Tim Russell, Finance Director explained how the in-house budget had been prepared.

Mr. Murdoch explained the budget for County Commissioners which he said the salary item showed a 5% increase which will reflect throughout the budget. The Audit fee will be less since the county auditor, Mr. Bucky Glover did not prepare the 1985-86 budget. Mr. Murdoch also explained the item, Single Audit which he added \$200.00 for 1985-86.

Mr. Murdoch told the Commissioners that the County's professional insurance rates had increased 30% from \$8,896 to \$9,139 because of so many sue charges against the State.

Mr. Murdoch said that the umbrella coverage on property insurance had increased \$15,000 and that Vehicle remained the same.

The Rowan Council of Arts - reduce it by \$2,000 if the state does not give them the grant.

The Army Flight Facility- Mr. Murdoch said it was like a new industry coming into the county, they are preparing for expansion which will mean more revenue into the county.

Mr. Murdoch said the Historic Properties Commission had submitted a request to be funded at \$13,550. The budget shows a \$350 allocation. The request showed a breakdown on how they want to spend the money. Included in the request were funds to place homes on the National Register which Commissioner Messinger said the county should not be in that kind of business.

The line item for the Economic Development Commission should read \$36,381 instead of \$44,240. The increase shows the request for a secretary which Mr. Murdoch said would be shared with the Chamber.

Mr. Murdoch explained the capital outlay for the county's new Agricultural Building. He said \$657,557.00 would come from fund balance appropriated- including the sale of the old Post Office- and \$183,000 - grant from FEMER and revenue sharing reserve added on.

Mr. Murdoch said the Salisbury Economic Development Commission used to be the Planning Board. They do work for the entire county. They make up brochures for property available.

Mr. Murdoch said the Rescue Squad had submitted a request for equipment.

Cabarrus-Rowan Park- requesting \$21,000 to go toward finishing construction. \$10,632 showing in the budget. Mr. Murdoch said Commissioners would have to decide on allocating the extra \$21,000. Clerk was asked to pull minutes from last year's budget hearing to show the motion made concerning the Cabarrus-Rowan Park.

A new item- Hospice- requesting \$12,000. Commissioners will have to decide on whether they want to fund this or not.

Mr. Murdoch said Third Creek will have to be maintained in order for it to be effective.

Commissioners approved the \$275,000 for the Economic Development Water and Sewer months ago. (This is an estimated amount).

Commissioners skipped to Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor who said his line item #264 would be a major concern. He said in order to go to a Land records use a whole new set of maps would have to be constructed. He said what started the talking again is the city needs more maps of their areas and knowing that we might be interested in some mapping asked that this might be a joint venture. The first year, would require about \$75,000.00. If the county put in \$50,000.00 the city may contribute the other \$25,000.00.

Mr. Peeler said the General Assembly had passed a law that tax supervisors, tax appraisers real and tax appraisers business personal property must take courses and complete examinations to be certified in their professions. He is requesting \$2,000 under item number 395- Training.

He is requesting salary increases for Lottie Williams and Brenda Bowers. To increase Mrs. Williams salary from \$14,755.00 to \$15,120.00 and Mrs. Bowers to \$12,432.00.

Mr. Peeler was asked to bring an aerial map to show Commissioners, which he did later on in the meeting.

Commissioners then heard from Mr. Wayne Simpson, Tax Collector, who is asking that Ms. Helen Deal be promoted to a Deputy Tax Collector, who would be in charge of delinquent collection and licenses- salary range- 24, step 1 \$13,056.00.

A request for summer part-time help for typing of garnishments. Request is made for 1200 hours \$4,380.00.

Commissioners then heard from Charles Hedrick, County Buildings and Grounds Supervisor who is requesting a deletion of item #126- part-time salaries for an addition of line item #392- Cleaning and Janitorial Services. The court facilities are requesting \$4,860 for repairs and cleaning drapes. Mr. Murdoch said he kept a record of expenditures of the court and sends it in to Raleigh.

Mr. Hedrick said he put in \$200 in Grounds Maintenance #244 in order to landscape the new county parking lot.

Mr. Hedrick said he had to include funding for air conditioning at the Farm Extension Office because the ones they have are beyond repair. He also included funds for roofing at the REMAS Building which Commissioner Cohen volunteered to take a look at, at no cost.

Commissioners then heard from Pat Nelson, Elections Supervisor who is requesting that Commissioners think about another system for counting votes. Mr. Herman Beaver, a board member said we are now paying Computer Election Systems a maintenance fee of over \$5,000. Governmental Data Systems will give us a three year maintenance guarantee- \$15,000 after the three year period their maintenance cost will be a lot less. Their request is for item- retrofit for precinct ballot counters- 43 @ \$775 = \$33,325 to budget 1/2 this year - 22 - cost- \$16,665.

Commissioners then heard from Jean Ramsey, Register of Deeds who said she needed to do more microfilming, and asked that Commissioners consider a microfilming department for her office. She said that file cabinets could be reduced to microfilm, and said that this would certainly benefit the Department of Social Services. Mrs. Ramsey is requesting a number of capital outlay requests including a cash register which she said she badly needed to get daily totals of each account; and also to trade an IBM copier III Model 30 for the Copier II which she has on a lease/purchase agreement. She is requesting \$16,000 for an Eastman Kodak new IMT-350.

Mrs. Ramsey said she needed an increase in her travel because the costs for seminars and conferences has increased.

She is asking for an increase for employee Doris Shives of \$9,948 to \$10,704.

Last, Daryl Shelby, Data Processing. Requesting 29 terminals, 6 control units, 7 workstation printers, 3000 cables, 30 connectors cost- \$39,281- 8 modem which allows communications with departments, 3 upgrade to 5251 M12 allows other devices at these remote sites- 1- system/38 upgrades change model 6 to 8 this upgrade is necessary to support the increased number of workstations. Cost- \$39,385- 1 system/38 upgrades 2nd. workstation controller- 2 system/38 upgrades communication line- cost- \$4,625- 2 IBM personal computer and accessories- 5- personal computer software- 1 word processing software- cost- \$12,438- 2 letter quality printers, 2 desks, 2 chairs- cost- \$7,960- final total- \$103,689.

Mr. Shelby is requesting two salary increases for Vickie Ealey and Mitzi Powers. Requesting that Ms. Ealey's be increased from \$9,708 to \$9,948 and Ms. Powers from \$10,952 to 10,952.

He increased his office supplies due to computer supplies being included.

An increase in Telephone is due to a proposed installation of a new leased telephone line and modification to the existing leased line. He said the new line would have a monthly charge of \$260.00.

Mr. Shelby said that training has been included in the travel account in the past but now is a separate item. It is to provide the programming staff with continuing system/38 education.

Commissioner Sifford said he would further investigate the microwave relay vs. telephone lines.

There being no further business at this time, Chairman Steele adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, May 22 at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners