

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
 ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 ADJOURNED MEETING
 JUNE 19, 1985

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building on June 19, 1985 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Commissioner Jamima DeMarcus, Commissioner Richard Messinger, Commissioner Newton Cohen and Chairman Hall Steele. Absent: Commissioner Harry Sifford.

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

Mr. Douglas Waters, Department of Transportation, Division Engineers, Winston-Salem presented the Secondary Road Program for 1985-86 to Commissioners. Along with Mr. Waters, was: Charles Kluttz, Ed L. Lockhart, Don Honeycutt, Rufus Brock, Board Member, and Charles Shelton, Board Member. Mr. Waters said Rowan County's share of state allocation of funds which comes from Highway Use Taxes is \$533,415.00 to be used for:

- 1) (a) Grade, Drain, Base and Pave (20' Pavement)
 Joe Lentz Road SR 2139, from SR 2140 to Dead End. 0.80 Mile
 (Priority #1).....\$ 73,000.00
- (b) Grade, Drain, Base and Pave (20' Pavement)
 Morgan Road- SR 2141, from SR 2364 to SR 1004. 2.10 Miles
 (Priority #2).....\$178,000.00
- Property Owners' Participation Projects:..... 48,500.00
- 11) Widen St. Stephens Church Road- SR 2352, from
 16' pavement to 22' pavement, from SR 1221 to Cabarrus County
 Line. 0.45 Mile..... 35,000.00
- Widen Shue Road - SR 1506, from 16' pavement to
 22' pavement, from US 29A to SR 1586. 0.80 Mile..... 36,000.00
- Lower vertical curve on Bradshaw Road - SR 1549,
 at the intersection of SR 1551 to improve sight distance 12,000.00
- Replace Bridge # 233 on Ebenezer Road - SR 1267
 with two (2) 112 " x 75" C.M.P.A..... 27,000.00

111) Spot Improvement:

(a) Replace Bridge # 40 on Bud Foster Road - SR
1982 with three (3) lines of 103" x 71" C.M.P.A. and spot
stabilization..... 28,500.00

Spot Stabilization:

Spot Stabilization of various roads in County. 51,500.00

1V. Road Additions: (approximately 4%)..... 20,000.00

V. Contingencies: (approximately 4%)..... 23,915.00

Total for the Proposed Secondary Road \$533,415.00

Program for 1985-86

Mr. Waters said Rowan County has 202.14 miles of roads to be paved- that roads are rated every two years. Chairman Steele asked him to go over the point system for unpaved roads. Mr. Waters said six points for permanent residencies- three points for semi-homes- 10 points for schools- 10 points for Churches- five for businesses- five for industry- five for recreation facilities which he said was just added to the system; and ten points for thru fares.

Chairman Steele asked if Bud Foster Road will be moved-that he would recommend moving it. His answer at first, was to replace with pipes and then after conferring with Mr. Kluttz he said it would be moved.

Chairman Steele then asked for questions from the floor- First to speak was a Mr. Wallace who asked if trailers counted as permanent homes - his answer was yes.

Mr. Hunter on Carson Road - Asked if there was any flexibility to the roads that are on the priority list for paving. If they could be changed- That Carson Road has a Church on it with a lot of attendance. #324 on the priority list.

A Mr. Talley, Hartman and Pansy Earnhardt talked about the Hartman, First Street and Ridgecrest roads off the Bringle Ferry Road close to the Union Fire Department. They said the roads were full of holes and impossible to pass and it makes it hard for the school bus to get by.

Mr. Carl Hartman said he thought it was terrible that they have to pay taxes and then have to pay for the road repairs since they were in a subdivision.

A lady who lives in the Enochville Section said there was a nursery (Peter Pan) with 30 cars every morning delivering children on Johnson and North Dale Streets- these roads are full of holes- not paved- subdivision- she said she has lived there for 30 years. She said someone came out but did nothing. This road has a traffic count of 90.

Dale White, a blind man who lives in the Ridgecrest area asked about rezoning. Was told the County had no zoning- there are 31 homes on a one mile stretch.

Aleece Witherspoon, Lake Ford Road- which is 68 on the priority list said there were holes in the road- like a "wash board"- she said before she moved to another State, this road was #6 on the priority list. Traffic Count- 108 daily.

Ezra Gilliam, Lake Fork Road- verified Ms. Witherspoon's discription of the road. Asked if a motorgrader could come out and help.

Another man (Mark) who lives on the Ridgecrest Road said big trucks use this road every morning early and wakes everyone up. They could use Mahaley Road which is close by, but they don't. He said the trucks shake their homes.

Steve Karriker thanked the Commissioners and the DOT for making Morgan Road one of the priorities for 1985-86. He said they have come a long way and had to wait.

A man (Randy) Unity Church Road- complained about his road. He said he got a motorgrader to pack the road but whenever a good rain comes, it is a mess again.

June Agner, Hartman Road- facing Bringle Ferry Road- Whenever a truck hits, it makes a hole. Was told by DOT it would cost \$8.00 a center line foot after July 1, now it is \$4.00.

Fred Wallace, Dogwood Road #1479- Dogwood Lane is dead end- found out that this road had been moved from seven on the priority list to twenty. His biggest complaint was needing curving on the road instead of pipes. Especially for school buses. Cars have to stop and let them pass. This road has a lot of traffic. Another resident on this road said he had called DOT and had requested that a ditch be dug for the water to run off the road but nothing was ever done.

Mr. Waters told everyone that maintenance would be considered for these roads that everything possible would be done to help them to have safe roads.

Mrs. Steve Karriker who lives on Morgan Road which is second on the priority list for paving told residents who live in this subdivision to get neighbors together to consider ways of working together in order to obtain funding for having their roads paved- she mentioned yard sales.

Mr. Waters told Commissioners that this was his presentation and that he would need a resolution from them approving or disapproving.

Commissioner DeMarcus moved approval the 1985-86 Proposed Secondary Road Program for Rowan County as presented. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Chairman Steele suggesting that .04 mile to the Church on Carson Road #1970 and (2) To move Cool Springs Road because of boulders sticking up. Commissioner Cohen accepting his amendment if work can be done, unanimously.

Chairman Steele said he had talked with members of the Transportation Department about these road. He said Carson Road had no homes on it but there was a Church with a lot of members.

Other Business-

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from the National Association of Counties requesting that a delegate be appointed and an alternate. Commissioner Messinger made a motion to appoint Chairman Hall Steele as the voting delegate to the 50th Annual Conference and its Vice Chairman, Jamima DeMarcus as the alternate. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to authorize Chairman Steele to sign a contract at the request of Bachman S. Brown, Mayor of Kannapolis approving Rowan County to act as their agent in the collection of ad valorem property taxes levied by Kannapolis on properties located in the Rowan County portion of the City. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus moved approval the hiring of Renita Ritchie who was recommended by the Parks Board as the Special Populations Director at a salary of \$17,069.00. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Murdoch said Ms. Ritchie was selected from about fifty applications.

Commissioner Messinger moved approval the fee of \$5,960.00 to COG for the study that will be started on July 1, 1985 at the Sheriff's Department. To evaluate the existing structure of the department and updating salaries. The motion was also to add the 40 free hours provided by COG. Commissioner Cohen seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner DeMarcus voting against. Commissioner Messinger requested Mr. Murdoch to include in his letter to Mr. Lee Armour, COG to notify him when he does the study so he can go to the Sheriff's Department with him to brief the people.

Chairman Steele said Rep. Charlotte Gardner had called him and asked him to get the feelings of the Commission of a bill which would enable Rowan County to enter into the process of securing property and leasing for industrial development. Their

feelings were to send back to Ms. Gardner that they were not for it or against it and did not want to move on this issue now.

Commissioners Cohen and DeMarcus both said they have been getting a lot of calls at home from citizens saying the proposed tax rate is still too high.

Commissioner Messinger said he expected two groups to be vocal at the public hearing on the finalization of the budget, the schools who will be asking for more money and the tax payer who don't want their taxes to go up.

Commissioners said they may consider cutting the tax rate more after the public hearing.

Commissioner Cohen said he may make a motion to cut 2 or 3 percent. again saying that a 5% across the board raise for all county employees is too much since the cost of living has increased only 3.5 percent. He asked Tim Russell, Finance Officer how much the county would save if the raises were held to 3.5%. Mr. Russell said about \$68,000.

Commissioner Messinger said he was disappointed in the attitude of the school boards; and that he would consider cutting the \$400,000 set aside to bring county teachers salaries up to the city level to \$300,000, if the systems merge.

Commissioners discussed keeping the tax rate lower by selling bonds to finance the new Agriculture Building; but Mr. Murdoch told them the county could only sell \$137,000 next year without holding a referendum.

Commissioner Cohen said he would like to obtain a copy of the N.C. Statutes controlling schools; and pertaining to schools he said Craig Phillips Office said Rowan County handled schools in a favorable way and this came down from Raleigh.

There being no further business at this time, Chairman Steele adjourned the meeting until June 24.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners