

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 1986

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building on February 3, 1986 at 9:00 A.M. The following members were present: Commissioner Jamima DeMarcus, Commissioner Harry Sifford, Commissioner Richard Messinger, Commissioner J. Newton Cohen and Chairman Hall Steele.

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

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the minutes of January 6 and January 20 with corrections amended which are minutes of January 6, page 3, paragraph 3 to change the word formerly to formally. January 6- page 4, paragraph 3 to read initial estimate of restoring the Hanford House. Minutes of January 6, page 9 last paragraph- to read to obtain information from Attorney Kluttz for an adjourned meeting on January 20. Minutes of January 20 page 4 - last paragraph to delete pay off the Architect what we owe him and reverse our decision to ask the voters to approve a \$1,000,000 bond referendum. Minutes of January 6, 8th paragraph page 1- to read to implement new program with input received as of February 1. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford said as an addition to the Agenda, he would like to discuss the resignation of a REMAC member.

Monthly reports- Commissioner DeMarcus made reports on the Parks and Recreation Commission, and Special Populations. Commissioner DeMarcus said a letter of resignation had been received by Marie Gilbert who is on the Special Populations Advisory Committee and that they would need to replace her. Mrs. DeMarcus reporting on a meeting at Rowan Technical College said a representative from Phillip Morris presented two Rotary Scholarships. She said Rick Eldridge, Historic Properties Commission had given a good program at their meeting and would talk to Commissioners later on in the meeting. Mrs. DeMarcus said she also attended the Airport Board meeting and they approved building two hangars. Commissioner Sifford added to the Agenda, Airport Board Policy and Health Department Environmental Inspections. Commissioner Messinger said he had attended the School Board Meeting and that they have changed their minds about the Erwin School Cafeteria. Chairman Steele reported on Social Services said their Block Grant will be reduced and the

coming year Medicaid how it can be used in the area and use for Chore services.

Tax Collector, Wayne Simpson reported collections for all units during January \$5,540,173.30. Commissioners agreed on April 14 and 28 to collect 1985 delinquent taxes.

Commissioners at this time went into Executive Session to discuss a litigation matter.

No action taken while in Executive Session.

Back in Regular Session. Commissioners heard from Tom Bost, Elinor Swaim concerning the Rowan Public Library-East Branch Project. Commissioners were told that it would take \$26,000 to complete the total project. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion that we give a letter of intent of \$26,000 for completion of the East Branch Library Project to come out of next year's budget. Commissioner Messinger seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Cohen voting against.

County Attorney, Clarence Kluttz read the bond order to Commissioners. Commissioner DeMarcus moved the adoption of the bond order authorizing the issuance of \$2,600,000 Library Bonds of the County of Rowan. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to set February 26, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Building in Salisbury, N.C. as the date and place for the public hearing on the bond order. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the request of Herbert Hawley, Health Director, to reclassify Lynn Brown, Health Educator, I to a II. No County money involved. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

County Manager, Tim Russell reported Interest:

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| General fund | \$263,381.72 |
| Murtis Nicholas | 710.54 |
| Revenue Sharing | 16,870.80 |
| Drainage | 270.23 |
| Reappraisal | <u>11,277.86</u> |
| | \$292,511.15 |

Mr. Russell reported personnel-

Lois M. Allison

Special Population Program Assist.

Salary- \$4.44 hr. replacing Pat Reynolds at
\$4.44 hr.

Katherine B. Terrell- New position
Adult Services Librarian
Salary- \$1,568.00

Cynthia J. Panebeanco- New
Young Adult Librarian
Salary- \$1,568.00

Lucinda C. Epperson- New
Branch Librarian
Salary- \$1,568.00

Mary Ann Shower
EMT
Salary- \$1,088.00 replacing Jeff McCorkle
at \$1,088.00

Sylvia Wiseman
Office Assist. III
Office on Aging
Salary- \$938.00 replacing Connie McMahon
at \$963.00

Jo Ann Montgomery
Deputy Register of Deeds
Salary- \$892.00 replacing Alma Daughtery-
at \$987.00

Terry L. Barber
REMAS Director
Salary- \$1,688.00 replacing Joe Sulkowski
at \$1,688.00

Steven R. Cannon
Sanitation Trainee
Salary- \$1,171.00 mo. replacing Paula Herion
at \$1,282.00 mo

Larry R. St.Clair extra new
Deputy Sheriff
Salary- \$1,061.00

Jerry W. Walter extra new
Deputy Sheriff/Jailer
Salary- \$938.00

John Lawson, Jr. extra new
Deputy Sheriff
Salary \$1,061.00 mo.

Michael Reid extra new
Deputy Sheriff
Salary- \$1,061.00 mo.

Deanna M. Martin- new
Job developer- Aging
Salary- \$8.62 hr.

Yolanda Thompson- New
Instructor- Aging
Salary- \$9.54 hr.

Commissioner Messinger moved that the personnel be approved. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus moved that a refund be approved for Craig Hight in the amount of \$3.00 for a building permit which he did not use. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford moved that the REMAS refunds totalling \$382.76 be approved. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the change of placing a Data Entry Clerk from Data Processing to the Tax Collector's Office . Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the resolution requesting that Arlie G. Reynolds and wife, Pauline H. Reynolds, and Jerry Wayne Reynolds and wife, Dorothy Carole M. Reynolds, B. Steve Stafford and wife, Bernice C. Stafford be annexed to the Kannapolis Sanitary District. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to pay the bill for youth detention to Forsyth Detention Center for two youths for 25 days during the month of November in the amount of \$375.00. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve paying the bill to Malcolm Blankenship for legal services in the case of the dismissal of Roberta Peeler in the amount of \$2,504 out of contingency. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

County Manager read a memo from Wayne Ashworth, Emergency Services Director, informing the Board that the EMT-Intermediate proposal for Rowan EMT was filed this past week with the State. They intend to begin training on February 13 with completion scheduled for June.

Mr. Jim Foltz, Director Parks and Recreation informed the Board that two tracts of land had been acquired for Sloan Park that they had not expected to receive and that it was time to decide what to do with the new land and decide where to put a new shelter for the park. Mr. Foltz had received a figure from Gardner Gidley and Associates, Park, Recreation and Resort Planning for updating the Park including new roads and parking, picnic facilities, etc. His fee -\$1,380.00., The chief product of the study would be a revised site plan and a brief narrative. Mr. Foltz said no funds had been set up for updating. Commissioners asked Mr. Foltz to defer this matter until after they had talked with Rick Eldridge, Historic Properties Commission later on in the meeting concerning moving the Log House.

Mr. Foltz reporting on the Outdoor Assembly Area said they now have the roof on and materials purchased, and counting on twelve more days work at \$110.00 a day not including wiring.

County Manager said Ron Aycock, Executive Director NACO was asking the counties to contact Rep. Hefner's office personally to let him know how important the reauthorization of revenue sharing is to our county. Mr. Aycock said by February 25, the Budget Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives must decide whether to support a budget line item. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to introduce a resolution by the Rowan

County Board of Commissioners supporting the continuance of Revenue Sharing as a line-item in the Federal Budget and authorize support to National Association of Commissioners. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. Commissioners Cohen and Messinger voting against. The motion passing with Chairman Steele voting for. Commissioner Messinger said he voted against the motion because he did not like the idea of spending tax money for lobbying.

Commissioners discussed their trip to Galax, Virginia to see the incinerator. One problem that was sighted and discussed was the feeder mechanism. The feeder has a tendency to clog up. Commissioner DeMarcus said she understood it after seeing it. Commissioner Sifford said the operation in Galax was quite small in comparison with what we will need here. Commissioner DeMarcus said she was impressed with the cleanliness.

Rick Eldridge, Historic Properties Commission told Commissioners that the Log House was well worth restoring. That it would be a valuable Tourist attraction; and that he would look at the \$50,000 on a long-range plan coming from private donations if the Commissioners would approve moving it to Sloan Park. Commissioners agreed that they wanted to do further studies before making a decision. Chairman Steele said \$40,000 is a lot of money. Commissioners agreed that this needed to be fit into a plan- justifying the \$40,000. Mr. Jim Sloan attending the meeting who is a member of the Historic Properties Commission told the Board that this log house ties in with the very earliest history of Rowan County and it would be a tragedy to lose it, that he would look favorably to moving it to Sloan Park; but he realized that expense has to be considered. Commissioner Messinger made a motion that we proceed with the study proposed by Gardner Gidley and associates, and Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with an amendment that both commissions, Parks and Recreation and Historic Properties Commission work together in doing the study. The motion was voted on unanimously.

Sara Cook and Beverly Mitchell with the Salisbury Family in Action for Drug Free Use talked to Commissioners about their program. Commissioners were told that "We are losing our Children", and that we need to fight back. Commissioners were told that their were things that could be done to help (save our

kids). That they have 400 parents who have joined their fight. Mrs. Mitchell proposed that the week of March 3 thru the 8th. be declared Awardness Week for all citizens in Rowan County. Chairman Steele said Citizenship would be the word for the county. To coordinate the resources that we have.

Commissioner Messinger moved that we appoint June Bost, Chief Deputy as Sheriff until the General Election in November. Commissioner Cohen seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner DeMarcus voting against. Mr. Bost was then sworn in by Francis Glover, Clerk of Court. Mr. Bost told Commissioners that his intentions were to turn over to a new Sheriff a well-organized, smoothly-operated department. He thanked each Commissioner for the new career development program which he said was in operation. At this time, Commissioner Cohen made a motion that we re-swore all deputies. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

After a lunch break, Ann Wilson, Finance Director gave Commissioners figures based on landfill permits from August thru December to compare with what individuals and municipalities would pay if the county decided on the incinerator. Most individuals and towns now pay \$2.50 per ton, incineration would cost \$7.50 a ton. An example would be Salisbury City which now pays \$40,000 a year- would pay \$71,000 a year. Mrs. Wilson said she arrived at this figure by conducting a 19 day study at the Landfill between November and January. An on-site operator recorded the number of cubic yards on trucks. The county, not including the towns would pay between \$150,000 and \$220,000 a year for its estimated 54 to 80 tons of garbage a day. Any savings would be in personnel and wear and tear on equipment if the board decides on the incinerator. Commissioners tentatively set Monday, February 10 as a meeting date to talk to representatives from Celanese about incineration. Commissioner Messinger said the board should start progressively to seek a landfill because they will still have to maintain one even with the incinerator.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to set the second Monday in March, March 10 at 9:00 A.M. as the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, instead of the first Monday on the 3rd. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioners will be in Washington for the NACO 1986 Legislative Conference on March 1-4.

County Manager gave the latest cost estimate for the construction of the gasoline fueling site at the City Garage. This would require both the City and the County to put up \$30,000. The city would operate it and furnish us with an itemized printout. Mr. Russell said we have an un-budgeted fund (intangible tax) . Commissioner DeMarcus moved that we join forces with Salisbury and take the money from unbudgeted funds. Commissioner Messinger seconded. Commissioner Sifford said we need to get cleared where funds are coming from. The motion was voted on unanimously.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the appointment of Wesley Cook as a new extraterritorial member to the East Spencer Planning Board. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford informed the Board that Stan Bozeman was going back to school and would be unable to serve on the REMAC Council and recommended the appointment of Jim Bost as his replacement. Commissioner Sifford moved this appointment and Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Messinger recommended deferring the appointment to the Historic Properties Commission. Commissioners agreed to do this.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to allow the Special Populations to budget the \$1,000.00 grant from the State Arts Council for supplies and other program activities. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford informed the Board that National Industries has an interest in acquiring the lease from Brad Ragan on his hanger at the Rowan County Airport. Commissioner Sifford said they need to know they have a twenty-year lease instead of a fifteen year lease. Commissioner Sifford made a motion that we authorize the County Manager to verbalize this in writing in conjunction with the two parties involved. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford presented to the Board figures that showed it would cost more to scrap the new Agricultural Building than to build it; and in conclusion, Mr. Sifford said, you would still have an old building with a 10-year flat roof. Commissioner Messinger said the main thing he had wanted to do was to remove the \$1 million bond issue which included more money for the new building. He said he was concerned that the \$1 million referendum would hurt the chances of the Library bond; and further stated that if they wanted to go ahead with the new building that he would support it. Commissioner DeMarcus said the time has come where we have to act on it. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to proceed with the new Agricultural Building Project and to authorize Mr. Ramsay to go out for bids and if we get in a bind, Mr. Sifford said, we will take care of it. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. Commissioners Cohen and Messinger voting against. The motion passing with Chairman Steele voting for. Commissioner Messinger said let the records show that he and Commissioner Cohen voted for the motion.

County Manager presented to the Board a resolution that the Rowan County Sheriff's Department could participate in supplementing their retirement income plan. BB & T is the administrator of this program referred to as the State 401 (k) Plan. Mr. Russell said this has nothing to do with their local retirement system and no cost to the county. Commissioner Sifford moved granting pay check authority contained in the agreement. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen raised the question of preparing the budget next year. Asked about what to include and what might be seen in capital outlay. He said he would like to propose at the next meeting that the County Commissioners fund the schools based on the purpose and extent of expenditures that they could control.

There being no further business, Chairman Steele adjourned the meeting until February 10 and February 26.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners