

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 5, 1986

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building on May 5, 1986 at 9:00 A.M. The following members were present: Commissioner Jamima DeMarcus, Commissioner Harry Sifford, Commissioner J. Newton Cohen, Commissioner Richard Messinger and Chairman Hall Steele.

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

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the minutes of April 7 with the correction of one word Colonial Dan to Colonial Dames, 4th paragraph, 1st page. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Due to the absence of Commissioner Messinger from the special meeting of April 7, 1986, he said he had read the minutes and had no objections, Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the action taken during that meeting. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the minutes of April 22. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Demarcus made a motion to authorize Mr. Clyde Fahnestock, Aging Director to complete the Local Recipient Organization Certification Form and send it to the Local National FEMA Board of our acceptance of the FEMA grant of \$1,067.96. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Fahnestock told Commissioners that he expected to receive \$28,331 in revenues this year.

County Manager informed Commissioners that he had received a letter from the Town of China Grove confirming action taken by their board to accept Commissioners offer to transfer the Universal Weight Machine to the China Grove Fire and Police Department.

County Manager read a letter of confirmation of the scheduled public hearing of the Department of Transportation and the Rowan County Commissioners for the purpose of discussing the Secondary Road Construction Program for Rowan County set for

Wednesday, May 28, 1986 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building in Salisbury.

County Manager informed Commissioners that they had a copy of the report on water supply alternatives for the South Yadkin River Basin from the Department of The Army. The report was prepared to assist State, local, and municipal officials in evaluating the water supply needs of the basin and developing plans to meet those needs.

County Manager told Commissioners that he had received a letter from Mrs. Curtis Ballard suggesting a name for the new Rowan County Agriculture Building. She said her first thought was that since this is a building for the people why not call it just that - THE PEOPLE'S BUILDING -or - ROWAN COUNTY CITIZEN'S BUILDING.

A letter from Bill Hefner informing Commissioners that he would continue to do what he can to make room for the Revenue Sharing Program in the Budget Resolution.

On the issue of the S. Yadkin River Basin, Commissioner Sifford commented that he wanted to go on record approving an effort to lower the drawback requirements.

A letter from Paul S. Smith, N.C. Senator regarding the High Rock Lake Study Committee and HB 724, his suggestion is to have a joint meeting of the Rowan and Davidson County Commissioners and the High Rock Lake Study Committee. County Manager was asked to contact Davidson County to set a date.

Commissioner Sifford mentioned setting procedures for naming the new building and setting a cut-off-date; also asked news media to get the word to the people suggesting a contest type article. Commissioner Cohen suggested to do this before the 1st of December while this board is still here.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion that the microfilm record of 80 volumes is now the Official Record of Mortgage Books 1 through 80 in the Rowan County Register of Deeds Office. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to add Old Farm Road and Gregory Road to the state system. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioners agreed to defer approving Second Street in Level Acres until they could receive more information pertaining to all signatures not being on the petition. Commissioner Cohen was asked to call Mr. Charles Kluttz to find out.

Mr. Wayne Simpson, Tax Collector reported total collections for April- \$345,544.81. 110 wage garnishments were issued in April. Remas collections amounted to \$21,882.38 for the month of April.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion that the Board proceed to hold a public hearing on behalf of Lane Punch Corporation for the issuance of revenue bonds to finance the project. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

After the Board had heard all persons who requested to be heard, Commissioner Cohen moved that the public hearing be closed. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus introduced the resolution which was read by Tim Russell, County Manager approving the project in principle and the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in revenue bonds. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Mrs. Louise Stirewalt, wife of the late Sheriff John Stirewalt accepted a certificate of appreciation from the Commissioners that thanked her for the services of her husband.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to proclaim the month of June as Yadkin River Month. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion that Rowan County go on record favoring local house bill 724 which establishes a noise ordinance on the lake. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Larry Russell, a homeowner on High Rock Lake protested the placement of no-wake buoys in the cove where he lives. He said it deprived his family of use of the water and he wants it removed. Commissioner Sifford said this area had been considered dangerous that it was a potential dangerous area for boats. Commissioner Messinger said he would like to look into this and check it out with Ed Haupt, Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to proclaim the month of May Mental Health Month. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to adopt the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance for Rowan County with amendments to certain areas in order for it to read to whom it will apply and address the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Chairman Steele honored the North Rowan Basketball Team for their outstanding achievements in winning the 1985-86 National with a plaque. Accepting the plaque were Coach Hundley, team members Kitley, Sifford and Kesler.

Mrs. Edith Alcorn, Lyn Brown, Mr. Hawley and Mrs. Colson told Commissioners that they were present in order to clear up any confusion concerning the Infant Safety Seat and Toddler Seat Program and to receive a positive response. Mr. Hawley, Health Department Director told Commissioners that his department is only proposing to establish and maintain a Safety Seat Loaner Program for TODDLERS, 20-40 lbs. Mrs. Colson said the Sorority is not doing this to make money that she tried to get Rowan Tech to take it, that she is not comfortable with the Toddler Program and has no problem with the Health Department that they are willing to support them and wants to continue the service. Mrs. Brown said that State law requires children up to three to be restrained. That the State Program will provide 25 matching seats for the initial 25 seats provided through the Health Department. The remainder of the seats will be secured through community organizations. Mrs. Brown told Commissioners that they had \$720 in reserve for the 25 seats; and they they have made contact to fund for any additional seats. Mrs. Colson recommended attaching a written policy to the contract stating that infants will be served by the Zeta sorority and toddlers will be served by the Health Department. Commissioner Sifford moved that the Infant-Toddler Seat Program be approved. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the request of Jim Foltz, Parks Director for a turnstile at the T.M. Stanback Barnyard Zoo for the \$2,295 to be taken out of

contingency. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Jim Foltz, Parks Director invited Commissioners to attend a dedication which would consist of a canoe ride on June 1 at 2:00 to start at the Salisbury Pump Station.

Chairman Steele asked Mr. Foltz to look at the Crook's cove matter involving the buoy.

Mr. Phillippi, Senior Citizens's Advisory Council Chairman introduced Ms. Elaine Stoops, Assistant Secretary, Division of Aging to Commissioners who talked with them concerning Senior Citizen's Centers. She told them that 90 of the 100 counties in the state have a center and expected another nine more and would like to see Rowan County be 100. She said she had gone out and looked at Wiley School and said it was a wonderful building; and if a Senior center were to establish there, it would be the second largest in the State. Mr. Mike Haswell, program developer who accompanied Ms. Stoops told Commissioners that of the 23,000 senior citizens expected by 1990, 10 to 15 percent would use the center. Commissioner DeMarcus asked if the grant funds of \$76,000 plus would automatically come to Rowan County if they do not have a designated agency to receive it. Mr. Haswell told Commissioners that a local group would have to have a commitment on the project, that whoever makes the application gets the money. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to designate The Evergreen Senior Activities Center, Inc. as the group to be the receipt of the funds. Commissioner Messinger seconded for discussion. He questioned this group as to its organization and said he still needed to know a definite amount and plans for the space, and if they could come up with this information, he would vote in favor of the idea. County Manager, said he had a proposed budget and plans from the group and copies would be given to the board. Commissioner DeMarcus withdrew her motion and Commissioner Messinger withdrew his second. Commissioner DeMarcus then made a motion that the Board of Commissioners approve the concept of what has been presented today and that they be given a chance to look at the budget. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Shirley Wilkerson extended an invitation to the Commissioners for May 13 thru 17 to attend field events for the

elderly- 55 and older and it will be the fourth year for the special events.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to set June 16 at 6:30p.m. as a public hearing for Scotch-Iris Fire Department at the fire station followed by another public hearing at 8:00 for Woodleaf fire department at the Woodleaf Community Building to hear from their citizens whether or not they are willing to support their volunteer fire departments with fire tax in their district. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to set June 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the fire station for Gold Hill's public hearing on the fire tax issue. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

The Centenary Volunteer Fire Department can make it one more year without the fire tax reported by a representative from that district.

Bear-Poplar-Mt. Ulla and Rowan Iredell did not attend the meeting, nor submit anything in writing, although they had expressed an interest in a fire tax.

Robert Gobble with the Rowan County Rescue Squad asked Commissioners that the Rescue Squad be excluded or allowed to operate under a grandfather clause under the county ambulance ordinance. Mr. Gobble said the ordinance offered no protection to the rescue squad. Mr. Gobble indentified four problems with the ordinance- (1) the \$100 civil penalty for violators, (2) The section allowing the emergency services director to make investigations "as he deems necessary", (3) The length of the franchise being determined by the county and (4) The requirement that "each ambulance provider shall notify and request authorization to transport". Mr. Gobble said he did not like county emergency officials to inspect the rescue squad's records, that they are inspected by the state. Commissioner Messinger said you owe the county - you should be subject to someone looking over your shoulder if taking money from someone. That we have to get a handle on emergency services to make it good glad to rethink it in a year and made a motion to accept the ordinance as written. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner Messinger accepted as an

amendment to his motion to strike out Section 9.5 and in section 9.6 to omit Rowan County Rescue Squad. Commissioner Sifford accepting the amendment. The amendment was voted for by all Commissioners except Commissioner Cohen who abstained.

Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor had sent Commissioners copies of all cases heard by the board of Equalization and Review and in light of all cases been studied by Commissioners, Commissioner Messinger made a motion to approve Mr. Peeler's recommendations. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

County Attorney, Clarence Kluttz told the board that they had approved in principle transfer of a hanger from Brad Ragan to National Industry. That they needed to consent to transfer the condition of the policy. Commissioner Sifford made a motion that the County Manager be authorized to sign the agreement. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

After receiving word that a majority of the property owners on Second Street had signed the petition to be added onto the state system, Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve the petition. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the request of the Library to allocate \$4,771 of unbudgeted State Aid to the East Branch Project. Commissioner Messinger seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Cohen voting against.

Dr. Detty told Commissioners that there was not enough funds to pay for all CBA suspension programs, that North Rowan has now been added. That she had asked all to take a 6% cut in order to pay for all of them, and that Dave Allred had been asked to become a member of the Task Force. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the CBA funds. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner Messinger made a motion that Dave Allred, Nazareth Child Care Director be appointed to fill one of the two vacancies on the Task Force. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

that he got the permit for. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve paying the bill to the Division of Youth Services for the detention of one juvenile for 8 days totalling \$120.00. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve paying the bills to Kluttz and Hamlin for Peeler vs. Remas in the amount of \$696 and Morris vs. Sheriff in the amount of \$1,366.00. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve changing the name of the county's emergency medical service to Rowan County Emergency Medical Service. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

County Manager said the Rowan County Tax Prepayment and Discount Resolution that all Commissioners had signed has been filed with the Department of Revenue and is consistent with Cabarrus and City of Kannapolis. Allowing a discount for taxes paid between July 1, 1986- August 2, 1986- 2.0%- and August 3, 1986- August 31, 1986- 1.5%- effective May 1, 1986.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to rescind previous action on renovating the county office building for Department of Social Services. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioners agreed to proceed with budget hearings beginning Tuesday May 20 .

County Manager reported status report on acquisition of Landfill Area. Public advertisement was made for a week. received several responses of interest which two appeared adequate in size to satisfy the landfill needs for a very long period. Will need to address this issue of acquiring adequate land for use as landfill in the 1986-87 budget. Approximate cost- \$30,000-\$50,000.

County Manager informed the Commissioners that the City of Salisbury has informed us that the sewer line extension planned

for Old Concord Road to the Agriculture/Extension Operations Center Facility will cost a total of \$616,000 as opposed to the original estimate of \$350,000. The County share will be \$308,000 instead of \$175,000, or \$133,000 more than is presently budgeted. County Manager told Commissioners that they might want to look at tap-on fees. They agreed that before reacting they would need to see something in writing.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to reappoint Mr. Bill Hall to the Special Populations Advisory Committee. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to appoint Rev. John Woodard to the Human Relations Council. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to appoint Kay Norman to the Human Relations Council. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioners agreed to defer the two appointments to the Industrial Control Council.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to ask that a special bill be introduced which would authorize the Animal Control Officer to issue citations. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Discussion followed concerning the Old Post Office.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss matters involving personnel and landfill. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

No action was taken while in Executive Session.

There being no further business, Chairman Steele adjourned the meeting until May 20, at that time, Commissioners will begin Budget Sessions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners