

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BUDGET HEARINGS  
MAY 20, 1986

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building on May 20, 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.

County Manager, Tim Russell opened Commissioners first session of budget hearings with comments concerning revenues. He relieved a lot of pressure whenever he told them that they only needed \$17,220 to complete the funding for the new Agriculture Building. They discussed user's fees. County Manager recommended a 50 percent increase in landfill charges. Commissioner Messinger suggested drafting a proposal to the City and municipalities concerning an increase in landfill charges so they can figure the cost into their budget.

County Manager told Commissioners that he had also included in the budget Commissioner Sifford's request that the county charge for inspecting wells and septic tanks.

Commissioner Sifford said he was disappointed that no one in the Faith area was willing to sell property to the county for a garbage compactor site. Chairman Hall Steele recommended writing a letter to the community involved.

County Manager said he did budget total cost for installing 911.

Commissioner Cohen raised the question of government cut-backs, does the budget reflect the county picking up any of these funds, and if so referred to the resolution that Commissioners agreed on in 1981 not to pick up these funds anymore. County Manager said there was no way to tell looking at the requests. Commissioner Cohen made a motion that the resolution be reaffirmed. Commissioner DeMarcus said she might be able to support it at a later time. Commissioner Messinger said he would rather not cut on that basis or reaffirm the resolution. Motion died for lack of a second.

County Manager proposed a pay increase for Chairman to the Board and Commissioners. It represents a flat salary instead of adding extra meetings pay. Commissioner Cohen made a motion to leave these salaries as is that he considers these positions a

service to the county; that they will have to cut somewhere. Motion died for the lack of a second.

County Manager told Commissioners that \$110,000 has been spent on merit raises this year, \$40,000 more than what was budgeted. He proposed \$60,000 for next year, putting a more restrict policy on the selection. Commissioner Cohen requested that he be given a copy of all merit increases given this year.

Commissioner DeMarcus said she would like to see account #4115.185 Unemployment Compensation reduced from \$27,229 to \$15,000 and Commissioner Messinger said he would like to see account #4115.555 -Capital Reserve Equipment increased. County Manager said that the agencies under Contracts and Grants- #4115.600 have been invited to come and present their budgets to Commissioners.

County Manager presented his budget to Commissioners justifying increases to travel, and the need for a new photocopying machine and a request to purchase office furniture. Mr. Russell also added two positions that of Personnel Officer and Personnel Clerk. Commissioner Messinger said he was supportive of the program.

Mr. Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor told Commissioners that he needed \$5,000.00 in salaries part-time to help out with mapping. He told Commissioners that if his office is not allowed to hire a mapper full-time, than they would have to look at the possibility of continuing to use part-time help on a larger scale. He added a new item #4140-310- Envelope Stuffer - \$1500. He is asking for an increase in salary for Madolyn Yates; to fill a vacant position for a Draftsman or Engineering Assistant and a Real Estate Assistant. Mr. Peeler also is requesting to re-classify one position and replace one.

Mr. Wayne Simpson, Tax Collector is asking Commissioners to reclassify the position of Vicky Miles, Office Assistant II to Office Assistant III. He said he was considering sending Vicky to work in N. Kannapolis. He reported that \$21,689 had been collected in taxes in North Kannapolis.

Carl Sloop, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor told Commissioners that it would take \$35,000 to repair the court house front- to add this amount to Capital Outlay.. Line Item #4160.392 Cleaning and Janitorial Services, Mr. Sloop said he was working with court system in getting DWIs service daily and week-ends.

Drainage and watershed- Mr. Sloop told Commissioners that he used prison help in doing the landscaping at the County Office Building. The prisoners are paid \$1 per day. Mr. Sloop

is asking \$15,000 in capital outlay for a dump truck to be used by all departments such as Recreation, Landfill and General Services. Additional Staff- A Technical Assistant for Paul Canup in special projects.

Elections, Mrs. Pat Nelson, Supervisor told Commissioners she had no drastic changes. She said there was \$16,665 left in reserve for retrofitting precincts ballot counters.

Register of Deeds- Mrs. Jean Ramsey read her justifications for salary increases for her employees and herself to Commissioners. She is asking for increases in her office supply account, Microfilm old records and COM, Travel, dues and subscriptions, a new request in Capital Outlay: Other Equipment - for cabinet work- \$1,100. Office Equipment under Capital Outlay proposed budget \$15,905. Mrs. Ramsey told Commissioners that her estimated revenues for 1986-87 totalled \$238,800.

Data Processing, Mr. Daryl Shelby, Supervisor told Commissioners that he had two new line items under capital outlay. his Service and Maintenance Contract reflects more equipment. He said that in-house revaluation modification had been made that all information was in-house.

Mr. Wayne Ashworth, Emergency Services Director told Commissioners that he had budgeted for the 911 system including positions for Telecommunicators. That most all the capital expenditures proposed are connected with the new building. His budget combines Emergency Management, Emergency Services Director and Public Safety - Fire. All items pertaining to the Emergency Medical service are contained in the budget proposal of Terry Barber. Mr. Ashworth told Commissioners that his figures were realistic and whatever they give him to work with, he would do his best. That he had a meeting scheduled this week with the City to discuss the planning process for EOC.

Mr. Richard Hurder, Chairman of the Emergency Medical Advisory Committee told Commissioners that he looked over the shoulder of the Ambulance Director, Terry Barber during his budget process and that he recommended the justifications be approved. Mr. Barber is requesting in salaries, a two grade reclassification for the Director of the Emergency Medical Service, personnel who have upgraded from basic EMT to EMT-

Intermediate are recommended to be moved up two grades. He is proposing one more EMT per shift for a total of three, and a position for prime time (08:00-to05:00) . Mr. Barber said a full-time Operations/Training Officer position is needed and recommends that Richard Boutilier of their staff is most qualified. Mr. Barber said EMS has five ambulances in operation, two of which have over 100,000 miles. The 78 Chevy, and the 81 Ford are in need of replacement as front line units. The 78 would be taken out of service as an ambulance, and the 81 would become a reserve unit for down time of the front line units. Also requesting \$150 monthly to alleviate Dr. Barr's expenses (Dr. Barr is the Medical Advisor on the Emergency Medical Advisory Committee).

Airport Budget- County Manager said this budget reflected anticipated receipts.

Mr. Wayne Lackey, Sanitation Supervisor told Commissioners that he had budgeted \$350,000 in contract collection service in order to serve the container sites; \$810 under fixed charges for Rent-Land State of N.C.- and for land acquisition \$30,000.

Mr. Wayne Lackey, Landfill Supervisor, told Commissioners \$200,000 had been budgeted for a new landfill site; and that under capital outlay, \$37,358 had been budgeted for the leased purchase of loader. Mr. Lackey mentioned the user fee schedule for landfill. Was told that the costs would be increased in order to take care of present landfill for another year.

Mr. Steele told Commissioners that the Governor would be at the court house in the Superior Court Room, Thursday May 22 at 7:00 p.m. and he planned to talk to him concerning the status of permits for acquiring land for landfill use.

Mr. Phil Barton, Library Director told Commissioners that \$15,000 had been budgeted for Bond Counsel Fees. Personnel- Mr. Barton is requesting a personnel re-classification for his Administrative Technician I to a V, due to two retirements will have positions open to fill for a Library Assistant and Library Associate- requesting six new positions for the East Branch- one full time and five part-time. Item #575- capital outlay for the East Branch- \$26,000 to complete lower level areas- \$12,170

under other equipment- 550 and \$1,650 under Equipment 510 for two typewriters.

Commissioners finishing Agenda items, Chairman Steele adjourned until Wed. May 21.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners