

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BUDGET HEARINGS  
MAY 21, 1986

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building on May 21, 1986 at 3:00 p.m. The following members were present: Commissioner Jamima DeMarcus, Commissioner Harry Sifford, Commissioner J. Newton Cohen, Commissioner Richard Messinger and Chairman Hall Steele.

Mr. Lee Armour, Deputy Director with Centralina Council of Governments opened this session of budget hearings with a study that he had made on the Codes Enforcement Office. He told Commissioners that they could not afford to have people who can't do inspections. His primary mandate was to devise a Career Development Program which would enable the County to attract, train and retain well qualified code enforcement officials. Another objective was to estimate the number of Code Enforcement Officers required and to determine the type and level of various certifications needed by such officers to adequately meet Rowan County's needs. Another objective is to provide an estimated cost of implementing recommendations made.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to go into Executive Session to hear a personnel report from Mr. Lee Armour. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to come out of Executive Session and back into Regular Session. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

No action was taken while in Executive Session.

Chairman Steele told Mr. Craig Trexler, Codes Enforcement Director that the study would be evaluated by the Commissioners and taken up later. Mr. Trexler then proceeded to go over his budget with Commissioners. Has one vacant position in his personnel. Under Office Supplies- money is used to purchase printed forms to type permits on- Under 352- equipment is older and repairs are needed. Training is at \$2,500 and under capital outlay- \$775 money is still there. Discussed increasing user fees.

Commissioner Cohen asked Mr. Edwin Koontz, Director of Social Services if he had any Federal cut-backs in his budget. Mr. Koontz said not any were reflected, that he would know in October. Mr. Koontz is asking for a Computer Programmer I to be stationed in the Data Processing Office, An Eligibility

Supervisor II , and a Clerk Typist III. Under the Emergency Food Asst Prog #5311-510- Capital Outlay Office Equipment A Used 5 Drawer Metal File Cabinet- 1- \$110.00- Under Block Grant-5320-550- A Washing Machine- \$500.00- Under 5370-510- a used 5 drawer- metal file cabinet and a computer terminal table- \$270.00- 5375-550-a casset filmstrip group viewer and rolling cart- \$558.00- and 5375-351- to paint the infant/toddler center- \$536.00- Under 5380-510- Public Assistance Administration- 28 computer terminal tables and seven - 5- drawer used metal file cabinets- total- \$5,250.

Mr. Fred Howell, Veterans Service Officer told Commissioners that he had made two changes in his budget that of Office Supplies to change from \$420 to \$460 and Capital Outlay from \$150 to \$186- this amount is budgeted for a calculator.

There being no more time available, Commissioners adjourned until 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk  
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Mr. Wade Mobley, Superintendent of the Rowan County Schools told Commissioners that they were asking for a new item in the budget, Dental Insurance for their employees and in addition an insurance clerk for their office since they will be handling four different insurance forms. Mr. Carl Eagle, Board Member told Commissioners that they had done some serious cutting and would like to see everything covered in the budget. They are requesting \$6,937,711 in current expenses including a 10% raise for teachers, \$135,100 for a \$100-a-year-per employee dental plan and \$173,250 to hire seven elementary school guidance counselors. In capital expense they are requesting roof replacements, stage curtain, parking lot paving, circulation fans in classrooms, athletic field lights and asbestos removal at C.C. Erwin Jr. High.

Mr. Marcus Smith, Superintendent of Salisbury City Schools told Commissioners that the increase in their current expense is modestly set at a 21.8% increase with a built-in 10.0% salary increase consistent with the state salary schedule increase program and the Career Development Pilot Project. The Capital Outlay Budget request is representative of their total needs and reflects an increase of more than 200% in capital funds. The City's request from the County for their 1986-87 budget is \$1,489,847; and \$55,000 for County-Trainable. Roof are their first priority. Mr. Glenn Ketner showed slides on need for capital improvements at the various schools. He told Commissioners that vital things were needed for a good education. Mr. Smith told Commissioners that a new heating system at Salisbury High School cost \$450,000 this year; and

that the square footage of building per child is higher in the city system.

Rowan Tech officials are asking for \$126,000 in capital expense and \$667,580 in current expense. Mr. Kenerly, board member told Commissioners that they have been unable to find adequate insurance coverage without paying much larger premiums the reason for requesting an overall increase of \$30,000 for insurance coverage. Increase in electricity 9% the range of the 9% increase they expect Duke Power to impose. Because of continuing stringency in state funding, they are asking for a supplement of \$22,000 for their postage as well as the funding of a Placement Officer. This employee would call on local businesses and industries to identify their students who would fit into these organizations.

Chairman Steele adjourned this meeting until Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. and Commissioners agreed to set Wednesday at 10:00 A.M. as another date for budget hearings.

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