

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET HEARINGS
MAY 27, 1986

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building on May 27, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. The following members were present: Commissioner Jamima DeMarcus, Commissioner Harry Sifford, Commissioner J. Newton Cohen, Commissioner Richard Messinger and Chairman Hall Steele.

Commissioners heard from Harold Caudill, Agriculture Extension Director. He told Commissioners Rowan County shared with the State on a 50-50 basis with salaries. He is requesting \$2,248 under Capital Outlay, and \$4,000 in office supplies. He said their District Chairman did their merit evaluation.

United Arts Council- Richard Miller, Chairman, told Commissioners that Arts help with Economic Development in attracting people into the Community. Their agency is requesting \$16,000- \$2,000 increase from last year - which the State will match (\$2,000) if approved- \$2,000 being new money.

Historic Properties Commission- Rick Eldridge, Chairman, requesting that the Board approve \$2,500 funding for operating expenses. Mr. Eldridge requested that the Board liquidate the loan of \$4,300 for Historic Davyd Hood Books and that the Properties Commission begin receiving the revenue from the sale of the books. Another request from the Historic Properties Commission for the Commissioners to consider \$25,000 to move the Hanford Log House to offset \$65,000 in total costs. Chairman Steele told Mr. Eldridge that the Commissioners would consider later on that they should be looking for a site.

Colonial Israel - Army Flight Facility explained to Commissioners that the \$12,045 proposal is being budgeted for the construction of a 10' x 23' add on building to make their facility safer. He said they had a state supported facility and needs donations from private sectors.

No one present to represent the National Guards. They are requesting \$1,000.

Economic Development Commission - Dan William and Harry Whalen told Commissioners they had a lot of sites and had accomplished a lot in 20 months- they had been involved in 81 engagements and still had files on 29 still active. They need

money in order to handle prospects - to put together site management- they are asking for \$57,000.

Salisbury Planning Board - Commissioners heard from City Manager, David Treme and Larry Chilton, Planner. Mr. Treme told Commissioners that a majority of their activities are staggered through their community and Economic Development Department and Public Works. Mr. Treme explained to Commissioners some of the county-level functions of the City of Salisbury- which included providing county statistical data such as Census printed reports, changes in cost of living and marketing inquiries. The Planning Department is requesting a funding of \$1,000 and the Salisbury Economic Development Department- \$25,000.

Forestry Services - Wayne Alexander and Vick Owens from the Lexington District Office told Commissioners that the County shared with the State on a 60-40 percentage- the county being 40% - of \$58,800 which is \$23,520. Mr. Alexander, local ranger told Commissioners they had planted 1,028 acres- from December to the end of March.

Rowan Museum - Mr. John Fisher, Treasurer, and Susan Waller, President asked the Commission to fund the museum-\$4,000 which is an increase of \$500 over the \$3,500 budget last year. Ms. Waller said this helps to keep two major historic sites open to the public on a year round basis and helps to attract many visitors.

There was no one in attendance to represent the Vocational Workshop- but they are requesting a funding of \$52,326. This funding helps to provide salaries for 3 staff persons and in addition there is an ABE teacher provided by Rowan Technical College. In Ms. Olsen's letter she said she budgeted for 15 clients each year to provide service to mentally and physically handicapped adults. The enrollment is now 17- and anticipates it reaching 20 in the next 2 months. She is requesting that the Commissioners continue the \$12,000 to the regular Workshop Program. The enrollment in this program is for 82 clients.

Senior Citizens Center- Frieda Nikolai, President of the Evergreen Senior Activities Center presented a total operating budget of \$112,990 to Commissioners. Their request is for whatever can be provided.

Kannapolis Senior Citizens Center- Mr. William Fesperman, Executive Director of the Cannon Memorial Young Men's Christian Association and Community Center, presented to Commissioners a request for \$8,274.00 for a Senior Center in Kannapolis. It's total budget is \$57,260.00.

Salisbury Downtown Business District- Mr. R.O. Everett, Chairman Marketing Manager's Committee asked the Commissioners for \$7,000 for support of a downtown marketing manager for Salisbury.

N.C. Transportation Museum- Requesting a funding of \$10,000 for Spencer Shops- which Commissioners was told was becoming North Carolina's most visible site. Funding needed to continue track rehabilitation.

Rowan Rescue Squad- Mr. Bob Tomlin, EMT Purchasing Chairman- told Commissioners that they needed \$32,500 for the purchase of a new van-type ambulance.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a matter of personnel. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

No action was taken while in Executive Session.

There being no further business, Chairman Steele adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, May 28 at 10:00 A.M. for further discussion of the 1986-87 budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners