

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET HEARINGS
MAY 28, 1986

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building on May 28, 1986 at 10:00 A.M. The following members were present: Commissioner Jamima DeMarcus, Commissioner Harry Sifford, Commissioner J. Newton Cohen and Chairman Hall Steele. Absent was: Commissioner Richard Messinger.

Jim Foltz, Parks Director was first on today's agenda. He told Commissioners that he needed to upgrade two positions in his #6230 department due to added responsibilities. Those two positions are Phyllis Cornelison, Administrative Technician I to a II and Ernest Gorman, Assistant to Parks and Recreation Director be titled as Park Supervisor. Requesting a new position as Pump Station Attendant for 8 months - 14 hours a week to open, lock up clean up and mow.

Mr. Foltz told Commissioners that he had increases in Ground Maintenance, Office Supplies, Travel, Telephone, Electricity, Repairs to Vehicles, Program Activities, Training, Advertising(a new line item) , Environmental testing(a new line item- capital outlay- repairs to dam, barnyard zoo fence, turnstile to control traffic and generate income for support of the Barnyard zoo, replace shelter roof, replace boat deck roof, trail repairs around lake, a new shelter, tables and grill, benches, small shelter and parking and road at Sloan Park, sloan park play area, outside cages, gravel for parking, restrooms at Ellis, A computer and printer \$4,050, a small truck- \$7,400, \$10,000 set aside for future land acquisition, three small mowers and one for Ellis Park-(four mowers at \$18,000) and \$800.00 for repairs to farm house.

Michael Campbell, Nature Center Director told the Board that the department will need almost \$2,000 more for animal feed, \$5,341 for a videocassette recorder projector and \$1,200 for outside cages; Mr. Foltz requested that Mr. Campbell be reclassified due to added responsibilities and also that a new assistant position be added due to the added responsibilities of the barnyard zoo. Ms. Renita Ritchie, Director of the Special Populations, told Commissioners she needed a full time Assistant in order to take care of more requests for more activities in order to better suit the public.

Mr. Roy Deaton, Chairman of the Cabarrus-Rowan Park asked the Commissioners to adopt an agreement proposal by the Park Committee in order to establish funding for the operating budget of the Bakers Creek Park which is presently funded jointly by Cabarrus and Rowan. Mr. Foltz said this is a very realistic budget. Commissioners mentioned that this would tie them in for four years.

Mr. Clyde Fahnestock, Aging Director told Commissioners that they were averaging serving 390 meals per day but could only fund for 346. He asked Commissioners to consider funding a Contract Managers position at \$12,942 a year- but he said he would be less justified in asking for this if they gave the county a 40-hour work week. If they don't, he said they will have to have this position. He said their agency receives matching funds from the Older American Act. He asked for \$11,214 in additional county revenue to enhance the Older American Act funding. This includes \$5,000 for the full payment of office leasing expenses for the agency's office, \$5,523 for partial funding of salaries and fringe benefits and \$691 to replace a typewriter.

Mr. Herbert Hawley, Health Department is requesting a new sanitarian position, eligibility clerk and a promotion for an accounting clerk. Under line item Drugs and Medicine- includes an appropriation for flu vaccine for county employees and money for the proposed vaccine for the low income and high risk groups including the elderly. Budgeted \$6,400 to cover the cost of an autoclave. A plan for charging Environmental Health Fees and general guidelines.

Animal Control- A request for new dog warden position and to upgrade positions of Johnny Morris and Mary Jo Stiller.

Mr. Hawley also recommended that some corrections be made and fees increased under the Animal Control Ordinance.

Sheriff June Bost said the Career Development Program came up short on the Civil side that it was almost impossible to keep up with the work load and that they were in desperate need of a Civil Officer.

Sheriff Bost told Commissioners that the town of Granite Quarry Officer would be eliminated from his budget in June and that he had received a request from Cleveland for a second deputy to be added and for Rowan County to fund one-half of his salary and fringe benefits. An increase in uniforms due to the new positions under the Career Development Program Request for 25 new cars fully equipped with heavy duty parts - approximate cost - \$10,990.00.

Salisbury Jail - An additional Jailer requested - A salary increase for Hazel Stirewalt- who works a regular shift assignment- A \$2,200 request to purchase two Air-Paks - \$500 for cooking utensils for the kitchen and \$20,000 for the installation of Camera Surveillance and Monitoring Equipment.

North Kannapolis Jail- \$500 to purchase a refrigerator which is required by the State.

Tri-County - Mr. Daylon Green, Director read a lengthy budget message to Commissioners- noting their request in funding for Rowan County to be \$257,811. The employment of one Nurse for Salisbury and a case manager for the Carter House.

REVIEW- REVENUES - USER FEES - Commissioners agreed to leave as is the fees for dogs and cats as spelled out in the Animal Control Ordinance.

Sanitarian Fees- Commissioner Cohen made a motion to accept the Proposed Environmental Health Fees as proposed and adopted by the Board of Health. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Landfill- Commissioner Sifford made a motion to increase the present level of charges at the Rowan County Landfill by 50%. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to raise the Codes Enforcement Fees by 50% and look at it again later. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. Commissioner Messinger and Steele voting for- Commissioner Sifford not accepting the proposal saying this will not get the job done.

County Manager was asked to inform Jim Foltz, Parks Director that Commissioners were looking at User's Fees and problems it represents.

Chairman Steele then adjourned this meeting to start again the next day on Thursday at 9:00 A.M. to continue the total review of the budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners