

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REVIEW OF THE 1986-87 BUDGET
MAY 29, 1986

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building on May 29 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.

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to raise Governing Body's salaries 10%. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Unemployment Compensation- 4115.185- Commissioners agreed to reduce to \$15,000.

Under 4115-399- Other Services- Reduce to \$2,000.

Arts Council- 4115.601 Commissioner Sifford made a motion to give them \$15,000. Commissioner Cohen seconded. The motion failing with Commissioners Messinger, DeMarcus and Chairman Steele voting against.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to grant the Arts Council \$16,000. Commissioner Messinger seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Cohen voting against.

Commissioners agreed to reduce Capital Outlay- DSS renovation to \$200,000- item #4115.556.

Army Flight Facility- 4115.602- Commissioner Sifford made a motion to reduce to \$2,500 same funding as last year. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to move approval the \$250 for Historic Properties. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.- Deleting \$2,250.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to strike from the budget the funding of \$16,000 for Hanford Log House Renovation. Commissioner Cohen seconded. The motion psssing with Commissioner DeMarcus voting against. Commissioners agreed to strike now but to bring it up later- to leave the door open.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to write off the loan on the Davyd Hood Architectural Books and allow the Historic Properties Commission to start receiving profit from the sale of the books. (\$4,300 amount of loan) Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to leave as is the funding for the Economic Development Commission at present level of \$36,381. Died for the lack of a second.

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to fund the Economic Development Commission at the requested amount of \$57,000. Commissioner Sifford seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Cohen voting against.

Commissioners agreed to strick out the funding for the National Guard. To delete \$1,000.

Commissioners agreed to leave as is the funding for the Planning Board at \$1,000. Commissioner Cohen said to give them a Subdivision Ordinance to work on.

Commissioner Sifford recommended leaving as is the funding for the Salisbury Economic Development at \$25,000.

Rowan Museum- 4115-608- Commissioner Cohen made a motion to fund at \$2,000. Died for the lack of a second.

Commissioner Sifford moved to fund them at \$3,500. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. The motion failing with Commissioners Cohen, Messinger and Steele voting against.

Commissioner Messinger moved to fund them at \$2,500. Commissioner Cohen seconded. The motion failing with Commissioners Steele, DeMarcus and Sifford voting against.

Commissioner DeMarcus moved to fund them at \$3,000. Commissioner Messinger seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Cohen voting against.

Commissioners moved approval the funding for the Forestry Service.

Commissioner Sifford moved approval recommendations by the County Manager for funding of the Rescue Squad which was to reduce to \$5,000- cutting \$27,500. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioners agreed to let County Attorney review the contract of the Baker's Creek Park before making a decision.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to request the funding of \$9,826 for one year for the operation of Baker's Creek Park. Died for the lack of a second.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion that the deed to Baker's Creek Park be offered to the City of Kannapolis for the Park property and then grant the funding of \$9,826 for one year- indicating final funding. Commissioner Messinger seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner DeMarcus voting against.

N.C. Transportation Museum- Commissioners agreed to fund \$5,000.

Economic Development Water & Sewer- 4115.654- Commissioner Sifford moved approval \$225,000 as requested- Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Senior Citizens Center- Commissioner DeMarcus moved to approve the \$30,000 to include rent (\$5,000)- for Office on Aging- Commissioner Messinger seconded- the motion passing with Commissioner Cohen voting against.

Third Creek Watershed- Left open in order to find out what their plans were.

Kannapolis Senior Citizens Center- Commissioner Cohen moved approval the County Manager's recommendation to delete the \$8,274. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Hanford Log House Renovations-delete \$16,000- but could come back.

Salisbury Downtown Business District- Commissioners agreed to support the \$7,000.

Tax Supervisor- Commissioner DeMarcus moved to accept County Manager's recommendations and to amend to include one full time position. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. Recommendations of the Manager was to delete mapper position and real estate assistant to keep the part-time mapper salary- delete fringes and to add listing form envelope stuffing.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to increase mapping fees to \$2.00. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Cohen voting against.

Tax Collector- Commissioner Sifford moved County Manager's recommendation to delete all reclassifications and fringes. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Court Facilities - Commissioners approved the County Manager's recommendations to add Courthouse renovations of \$35,000- reducing Office Furniture and equipment to \$3,000, Electricity to \$26,000, and Janitorial Supplies to \$2,200.

Commissioners approved County Manager's recommendation of the Election budget to approve the part-time salaries.

Commissioner Cohen approved the recommendation of the County Manager for the Register of Deeds to delete all reclassifications, \$11,275 and fringes- \$1,426, reduce office supplies to \$21,840, reduce Microfilm old records to \$700, add - omitted insurance and reduce capital outlay to \$6,602. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus moved approval the Data Processing budget as presented . Agreed by the Board.

Public Buildings- Commissioner Cohen moved to accept County Manager's recommendation of the Public Building budget to eliminate the elevator- \$50,000 eliminate reclassification(2)- \$1,810, reduce C.H.- 10%- \$1,928 and fringes- \$473. Commissioner Messinger seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Sifford voting against.

Sheriff Department- Commissioner Messinger made a motion to reduce Training- 4310-395- to \$8,000- Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to accept the recommendations of the County Manager for the Sheriff's Department and to amend the elimination of the part-time-\$13,534 to remain- Commissioner Messinger seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner DeMarcus voting against. The recommendations

are to eliminate the Civil Deputy, and fringes, reduce transportation prisoners to \$1,500, training, to \$10,000, add liability \$11,424, reduce Capital Outlay - vehicles from 25 to 17 and lease purchase- decrease by \$200,000,

Salisbury Jail- Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the recommendation of the County Manager in the Salisbury Jail budget to eliminate the position of Jailer- \$13,346 and fringes - \$2,553. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

North Kannapolis Jail- Commissioner DeMarcus moved approval the budget of the North Kannapolis Jail. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus moved approval the proposed Secondary Road Program for 1986- 87 for Rowan County as submitted by the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval. (attached)

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

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

Chairman Steele read a resignation letter to Wayne Ashworth, Emergency Medical Services Director from Leslie Lee.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to accept the resignation from Leslie Lee and to delete this position from budget line item- 0410001. Commissioner Demarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to accept the County Manager's recommendations on Emergency Medical Services. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. His recommendations are to reduce Gas and Oil to \$2,000, Vehicle repairs- \$1,500, travel- \$1,500, Telephone- \$7,710- Training- \$1,200, Eliminate- Capital Outlay Data Processing- \$75,000,

Eliminate Vehicles- \$6,000 and eliminate- Mobile Command Post- \$18,300, and radio service is a duplicate to delete \$11,000.

Codes Enforcement- Commissioners agreed to hold personnel until further discussion with Lee Armour, COG- they also agreed to accept the recommendations from the County Manager on the budget which are to reduce training to \$1,500 and office supplies to \$1,500.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to accept the County Manager's recommendations on the Ambulance budget except to add one more position. His motion died for the lack of a second.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to accept the County Manager's recommendations. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Sifford voting against. County Manager's recommendations are to eliminate new positions except one EMT and eliminate reclassifications- reduce travel to \$1,500, reduce laundry to \$3,000, equipment: eliminate computer -\$3,500 and ambulances- \$74,187- keep- refurbish ambulances for front line.

Airport Budget- no problem with Commissioners.

Sanitation- Commissioner Sifford made a motion to set aside- \$25,000 for dumpster site improvements- eliminating \$5,000 from the dumpster and set aside \$350,000 for contract. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Landfill- Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to set aside \$200,000 for a Landfill Site. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Drainage and Watershed - Commissioners approved the budget of drainage and watershed except the new position which was deferred.

Agriculture Extension- Commissioner Cohen made a motion to accept the County Manager's recommendations. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. Recommendations- reduce salaries to State grant- \$2,582- reduce capital outlay office to \$1,000, reduce office supplies- \$3,500- FICA and retirement- \$4,772.

Health Department- Commissioner Sifford asked to take exception to deleting the increase in salary for the clerk- (Vicki McCombs) - with that exception, Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the recommendations of the County Manager. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the budget of Animal control as proposed by the County Manager with no reclassifications, the clerk-typist position approved. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Tri-County- Commissioner Sifford moved approval the budget of Tri-County Mental Health upon the recommendation of the County Manager to limit the increase to 20% and not to consider expansion. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. Allowed (\$208,464)

Social Services- Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve the recommendations of the County Manager to eliminate the Clerk-typist position, reduce service & maintenance contract to \$5,660 and eliminate the position of eligibility supervisor II. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner Sifford said the Eligibility Supervisory position should be left in with Commissioner DeMarcus agreeing. Commissioners agreeing that it could be subject for placement in the budget later.

Aging- Commissioner Sifford made a motion to accept the proposal of the County Manager plus the \$5,000 for meals which is included in the \$30,000 they gave the Senior Citizens Center. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. Recommendations are to eliminate reserve for salary increases \$642, reduce gas and oil to \$3,750, reduce transportation contract to \$21,000, eliminate new position, account 5551.195 - eliminate \$836 and reduce site supplies to \$6,500.

Veterans Service Office- Commissioners agreed to accept the proposal of the County Manager to eliminate the part-time position.

Schools- Commissioners agreed to accept the recommendations of the County Manager to reduce Rowan County Schools current

expense by 10%- deleting \$466,617, reducing Salisbury current expense by 10%- deleting \$85,063, reducing Kannapolis current expense by 10% deleting \$33,346. Deleting the attendance officer's position, reducing trainable class by 10%- deleting \$11,000, deleting Kannapolis Joint- \$11, 319 and Supplemental Education Center- \$64,326, deleting capital outlay by 10%- deleting \$284,120 - Rowan County Schools, Capital Outlay- Salisbury- reduce by 10%- deleting \$51,794, Kannapolis schools Capital Outlay- reduce by 10%- deleting \$20,304. Rowan Technical College- Commissioners agreed to accept the proposal of the County Manager to reduce Rowan Technical College current expenses by 10% deleting \$63,649 and eliminating depreciation reserve- \$125,000.

Library - Commissioners agreed to accept the proposal of the County Manager to delete reclassifications, reduce travel to \$4,000, reduce postage to \$6,600, reduce electricity to \$19,000, reduce program activities to \$1,500, reduce other materials to \$3,000 and reduce microfilm to \$4,000.

Parks - Commissioners agreed to accept the proposal of the County Manager with one exception and that is to allow the Nature Center Director- George M. Campbell to have the Farm House rent free and to change the salary of David Williams which is in error to \$14,718 and to approve the reclassifications. The recommendations are to reduce motor fuel and lubricants to \$4,000, reduce training to \$1,200, eliminate the computer- \$4,050, eliminate land acquisitions- \$10,000, eliminate one small mower- \$2,000, eliminate restrooms at Sloan Park- \$12,000, eliminate road at Sloan Park- \$16,000, Eliminate increase to full-time position \$7,377 Special Populations budget. Reduce VCR Projector to normal size unit with TV Monitor in the Nature Center budget - deleting \$4,000.

Commissioners agreed to delete the Hospitalization Program- reducing back to \$60- (300,052- 191,500) deleting \$108,552.

Commissioners approved the reduction of DSS renovations- deleting \$60,000.

Commissioners approved the elimination of the installation costs for the E911 deleting \$197,797.

There being no further business, Chairman Steele adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners