

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 4, 1986

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building, Salisbury, North Carolina at 9:00 A.M. The following members were present: Chairman Hall Steele, Commissioner Jamima DeMarcus, Commissioner Harry Sifford, Commissioner Richard Messinger and Commissioner J. Newton Cohen, Sr.

Chairman Steele called the meeting to order and Commissioner DeMarcus opened with prayer.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Cohen and a second by Commissioner Messinger, both minutes of June 30 and minutes of July 7 were unanimously approved.

As an addition to the Agenda, Commissioner Sifford asked to comment on the request from Mayor Seaford in Granite Quarry concerning Codes Enforcement.

Monthly Reports- Commissioner DeMarcus commented on Parks and Recreation and Library. She said Tom Bost had informed her that Kerr Mill will be placed on the Tour Guide. Commissioner Sifford said he was pleased with the work that the Health Department was doing with the Risk Reduction Program. Chairman Steele said Betty Beaver had replaced Dorothy Ellis on the Domiciliary Home Advisory Council.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve Road Petitions- Barber Grange and Lyerly Road off Thompson Road SR 1952, Oak Ave, Willow Creek Phase I and Dogwood Drive Ext. Ray Drive (Dogwood Est.). Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

County Manager reported on the Rowan County ABC Board report giving a comparative statement of operations and distributions for the years ended June 30, 1986 and 1985.

A letter from the Rowan County Vocational Workshop thanking the Commissioners for their continued support of their program.

A letter from the North Carolina Transportation History Corporation thanking the Commissioners for their appropriation for 1986-87. Mr. Corriher, President said in his letter that the County's continued assistance has been a big boost to their efforts at Spencer Shops State Historic Site the past few years.

A memorandum from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners concerning resolutions received for consideration by the Resolutions Committee at the 1986 Annual Conference in Winston-Salem. Commissioner Sifford said he wanted to go on record opposing the formula for secondary road funding. Commissioner Cohen said he would support Commissioner Sifford on this issue.

Commissioners discussed the memorandum from N.C. Association of County Commissioners concerning important clarifications and corrections to legislative bulletin #9-86- Additional Retirement Benefits for Local Law Enforcement Officers.

Chairman Steele presented to Lottie Williams a Certificate of Appreciation and a County pin for thirty-three years service to Rowan County in the Tax Supervisor's office.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to include Map and Parcel Identification number on Codes Enforcement Permits. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Peeler, Tax Supervisor said this would provide a more efficient operation in his office in the area of identifying revised valuations on facilities, houses, etc.

Mr. Wayne Simpson, Tax Supervisor reported collections for the month for all units and all years amounted to \$159,839.80. Mr. Simpson reported Ambulance Collections of \$209,000 for fiscal year with adjustments of \$1,055 which resulted in a percentage not lower than 66.5%.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to set September 9, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. as the date and time to hear citizens in the Centenary community comment on a proposed fire tax.

Board Appointments: Commissioner DeMarcus commented that Mr. W. C. Wilkerson had been reappointed to the Salisbury-Rowan Good Neighbor Council.

Appointment to the Rowan County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority was deferred.

Commissioner Sifford moved the reappointment of Mr. Maynard Newman to the ABC Board. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioners Messinger and DeMarcus and Chairman Steele voting against.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to appoint Mr. Frank H. Dunn to the ABC Board. Commissioner Messinger seconded. Commissioners Cohen and Sifford voting against. Chairman voting I.

Mr. Dave Graham, Manager of the ABC Board present at the meeting said thank you that this would be his 39th. year with the ABC Board.

Commissioner DeMarcus moved the appointments of Rev. J. Whitley and Mayor Walter Boger to the Aging Advisory Council and Mrs. Bea Amendola as an exofficio member. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus moved the appointment of Betty Beaver to the Domiciliary Home Community Advisory Committee. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Appointment to the Domiciliary Home Community Advisory Committee was deferred along with Commissioner Sifford's recommendation to consider two more on this committee.

Chairman Steele said to defer the appointment to the Centralina Private Industry Council. Jessie Corry's name was mentioned for appointment to this Council.

Commissioners received a copy of the letter from Rural Fire Department of Rockwell informing them of the termination of Lucille Patterson from the Rockwell Rural Fire District Commission along with names of three nominees for this vacant seat. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to appoint Mr. Leo Miller. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion that we accept the request of Mayor John Seaford, Granite Quarry to enforce Article VII of the Town's Zoning Ordinance which contains a Section 3 which deals with mobile or manufactured homes and their placement on individual lots within the Town's zoning area. All mobile homes permitted under this section shall be placed on a foundation with piers and masonry curtain walls with anchorage as required by the N.C. Procedures and references for mobile homes, modular units, and other factory built structures. Requesting that the Codes and Enforcement Department not issue a permit for electrical service to manufactured homes placed on individual lots in their zoning area until the compliance with a masonry curtain wall is accomplished. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Attorney Clarence Kluttz said to be sure that it be made clear that the county was not enforcing zoning ordinance all over the county.

Commissioners discussed the size of the High Rock Lake Commission. Chairman Steele said Davidson County had 15 on their committee and the idea would be to combine the two. Names of interested persons would come to County Manager. Commissioner Sifford said Jack Kepley would be very interested .

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to set September 15, 1986 at 7:30 the time and date for a public hearing to hear from citizens concerning the one-half cent sales tax. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

John Slaton with Base, Inc. asked Commissioners for a non-exclusive franchise to service people who live where cable is unfeasible. Mr. Slaton said it is their intention to give everyone the opportunity to receive cable whether it be by regular trunk line (C.A.T.V.) Direct Broadcast (direct from satellite) or multiple distribution (collecting and re-broadcasting). The county would receive 3% of the franchise fees. County Attorney Kluttz was asked to review the contract and

Commissioners agreed to hear from Vision Cable the present holder of the County's franchise at their next meeting.

Commissioner Messinger asked Commissioners if they wanted to hold the School's reserve or give it to them. \$5,108,407 was appropriated for Current Expense. An additional \$510,840 is being held. Mr. Messinger commented that the Schools are seriously overbudgeting in this account and suggest that we continue to hold the County share pending receipt from them of a more realistic budget. After much discussion, Commissioner Cohen made a motion to release 10% of the reserve appropriation as a current expense- and say no more reserve on our side. His motion died for the lack of a second.

Commissioners decided to defer this issue.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the adoption of ambulance franchise applications for Enochville Fire & Rescue, Atwell Township Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., City of Salisbury Fire Dept., M. A. N. Truck & Bus Corporation, Rowan County Rescue Squad, Inc, and Rowan County Emergency Medical Service. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Ashworth said the Celanese Application would come in later.

Commissioner Sifford moved that the Chairman be authorized to enter an agreement with Centralina to work with Mr. Wayne Ashworth, Emergency Management Supervisor in the implementation of the County's Communication System. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the Rowan County Emergency Medical Service Standard Operating Procedures. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Ashworth commented that applicants for the position of Fire Marshall would be reviewed Thursday night, August 7, at 7:00 p.m. . He said thirteen of the sixteen applicants were from Rowan County.

Mr. Claude Hutton from Dewberry and Davis gave Commissioners an evaluation and report on the County's Waste to Energy Project being studied by their Company. They were contracted to provide an evaluation and report on State of the Art Technology, Galax Virginia Rotary Kiln Incinerator Experience, Economic Analysis, Steam Agreement/Negotiations, and General Recommendations. The potential construction of a "turn-key" 450 ton/day municipal solid waste incinerator plant was evaluated. After listening to the study and hearing increase in cost, Commissioner Messinger commented that what the study did was to "put us back into the Landfill business". Mr. Hutton said he would continue to monitor the Galax project and stay in touch with Mr. Russell.

Chairman Steele noted that a couple of boy scouts were observing the meeting for a merit badge.

Commissioner Sifford moved that we authorize the State to transfer \$12,230 in available grant funds for water and sewer projects to Cleveland. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval. The funds had reverted to the county when the town missed a deadline to apply for them.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to adopt the Policy For Allocation of Senate Bill 2 Funds with the proposed changes: Section 3- to read Such projects will be reviewed by the Salisbury/Rowan Economic Development Commission for economic impact and recommended to the Rowan County Commission for potential funding. The Rowan County Commission will make the final decision. Section 5. To delete All requests will be evaluated by the Economic Development Commission for satisfying the primary criteria.

Commissioner DeMarcus moved the adoption of the Animal Control Ordinance with the inclusion of the leash law. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. For future , Commissioner DeMarcus said we should see what we can work out with the Vets in neutering and spaying animals. Bonnie Smith

with the Humane Society said that wording should be changed in talking about Vicious animals and animals that are a Public Nuisance. She said there was a World of difference between these two animals. She said they should be treated separately.

Tom Bost, Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees and Elinor Swaim told Commissioners that the opening of the East Branch Library would be on September 28 and extended an invitation to them to attend. Chairman Steele told them that the Commissioners owed them a debt of thanks for their speeches and hardwork done on the bond work and that he did not think that the secret ballot vote for Architect was meant to be secret. Commissioner Messinger said they could give their decision on Wednesday after hearing from J. Pease, the firm selected by the Library Board as opposed to John Ramsay. He said he wanted to see the contract and know that there is no hidden changes and how much on-site follow-up will be done- how often it is checked- because he does not want construction held-up and if there will be any additional charges. Commissioners set this meeting for 7:00 p.m. August 6, Wednesday. Interviews for Personnel Director to start at 7:30- this will be Executive Session.

Mr. Bost asked permission to talk to Southern Bell about adjacent property to be used for parking for the Library. This cost is already built into their building budget. Commissioners agreed for Mr. Bost to talk to them.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion that the following personnel replacements be approved:

John D. Sharp EMT	Ambulance	\$1,124	Rep-Teddy Phipps	\$1,124
Karen C. Kornegay Asst. Agent- 4-H	Agric Ext	833	Rep-Alice Grunwald	747
Charles E. Lyerly Hvy Equip Operator	Landfill	1,020	Rep-A.W..Mullenax	987

Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve the high bid from Mark Peeler of \$225.00 for a 1970 Chevrolet Truck. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval. Other bids were: Timothy Lee Kesler at \$101.00, R.L. Kesler at \$75.00 and Marvin Feezor at \$60.00.

County Manager reported that the Wildlife Resources Commission had responded to his letter concerning removal of the two buoys in Crook's Cove. In answer the cumulative effect of the two provisions is that if the Board of Commissioners of Rowan County sees fit to remove the two buoys from the cove, or to have them so removed, that part of the regulation which applies to the cove will automatically become unenforceable, even though it remains temporarily a part of the regulation. Mr. Russell told Commissioners that Mr. Goodman had been reimbursed for his buoy- \$180.00, and that everything was calm now.

Interest earned thru July:

General Fund.....	\$47,112
Revenue Sharing.....	1,738
Myrtis Nicholas.....	n/a
Drainage.....	n/a
Revaluation	n/a
Library: East Branch.....	n/a
Library: Main Branch.....	51
Total Funds.....	<u>\$48,850</u>

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to allocate to the North Carolina Army National Guard their \$500.00 budget allocation. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval. They were dropped from the budget this fiscal year because they had made no indication that they needed the money; and by letter dated July 23, they requested the allocation.

Refunds: To Lee Spears, \$5.00- service cancelled

To Greg Everhart Electric-\$5.00- Customer decided
not to have work done
To William C. Kluttz, Jr. \$60.12- for double taxing
To Paul Green \$43.76 - for double taxing
To Mrs. Ernest Phelps, Jr.- \$6.00 she decided
not to build
To Harvey Criminger, Jr.- \$149.35- Decided he needed
another permit
To Billy Coward- \$270.00- Not allowed to do work

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the refunds.
Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve two payments to
Gaston Center for detention of one juvenile for five days in the
amount of \$75.00. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous
approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve the payment of
\$120 for the month of June for one juvenile for eight days
detention to Forsyth Youth Center. Commissioner DeMarcus
seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve REMAS refunds
totalling \$108.30 for eight refunds. Commissioner Messinger
seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to approve a budget
amendment for Parks and Recreation to rebudget the remaining
requirements for construction of Barn Yard Zoo at Dan Nicholas
Park for 1986-87. Donations made by Stanback family. To
increase by \$18,597 accounts capital outlay-Barnyard and dona-
tions. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to increase budget and
revenue line items for the Health Department Headstart/Kinder-
garten program. Reflecting additional time for Headstart Nurse.
Increasing salaries by \$2,176, FICA Tax- \$155, Retirement by
\$120 and Headstart/Kindergarten- \$2,451. Also, for the Health

department- To budget \$300 for membership fees for Board of Health to State Association. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign a resolution made up by Harold Caudill, Agricultural Extension Director and County Manager thanking the participants involved in distributing hay to Rowan County. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford said Vicki Bradshaw had volunteered to work in the Prenatal Clinic on Saturdays.

A letter from Red Gorman thanking the Commissioners for their continued support at Sloan Park.

There being no further business, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and contracts. 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.

No action was taken while in Executive Session.

Chairman Steele then adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, August 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners