

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 1986

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building on September 2, 1986 at 9:00 A.M. The following members were present: Commissioner Jamima DeMarcus, Commissioner Harry Sifford, Chairman Hall Steele, Commissioner Richard Messinger and Commissioner J. Newton Cohen.

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

Commissioner Sifford commented on the amendment to the minutes of August 4 that had been sent to Commissioners for their review prior to the meeting. The date of September 9 that had been set for a Public Hearing for the Centenary Fire District has been changed due to the fact that the Fire District is having problems with their district lines, so let the minutes show that September 9 will be a public hearing to hear citizens feelings concerning the one-half cent sales tax and to cancel the date of September 15 which had originally been set for this public hearing.

Commissioner Sifford moved that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Honeycutt, District Engineer, Department of Highways thanking him for the additional \$96,000 to be used for Secondary Road Improvements, that we endorse his allocations and urge and heartily endorse the improvements on Long's Ferry Road and inform him that we support any added funds to complete the projects. Commissioner Demarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a correction to the minutes of August 22, Page 3, paragraph two to read 45 days instead of 4-5- days. Commissioner DeMarcus corrected paragraph 3 page 3 to read drowned instead of grounded and Commissioner Messinger corrected paragraph five - page 3 to read to obtain a proposal from them. With these corrections, Commissioner Sifford moved the approval of the minutes of August 4, August 6 and August 22. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to proclaim the week of October 5 through October 11 as Handicap Week in Rowan County. (To employ the handicap). Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Agenda change time for Don Pruitt, "Citizens for a Safe Environment" from scheduled time of 10:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner DeMarcus reported that Parks and Recreation had elected a new Chairman, Bill Hall. She said she had attended the meeting at the Chamber of Commerce concerning designation of clean-up campaign, and she stated that she and Commissioner Cohen had attended the Rowan Tech meeting and that they had started a satellite school in Cabarrus County; and that Special Populations were introducing a lot of new programs and involving a lot of people.

Chairman Steele announced that Mr. Henry (Hank) Palmer was recently appointed by the Social Services Commission to the Rowan Board of Social Services.

Correspondence: A letter from Gene McKinney, Account executive with Southern Bell regarding the status of the County's 911 Subscriber Billing Option. He stated that the Public Staff of the North Carolina Utilities Commission has prepared its package for presentation to the Commissioners, and they are in the process of getting it scheduled on the agenda.

A letter from Phil Kirk, North Carolina Department of Human Resources regarding expansion funds for the CBA Program. He states that Rowan County's allocation of CBA funds for FY 86-87 has been increased by \$18,209 bringing our total for the year to \$128,093.

A letter from Andrew Harris, Executive Director of the Salisbury-Rowan Community Service Council, Inc. to the County Manager informing him that funding of \$54,600 had been approved by the State Transportation Department for the purchase of (1) 15-passenger van and one (1) 26-passenger small bus with a wheelchair lift.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to add 0.15 miles of Mendenhall Road to the State Road System. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve changing road named Barringer Road - SR 2312 to Barringer Street and that the portion outside the city limits of Granite Quarry be changed to Barringer Street Extension. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to set October 6, next Regular meeting of the Commissioners as the date for two public hearings on changing road names for SR 1730 - Bradshaw takeover Road and County Road 2582 (Service Road running north of Peach Orchard Road, East side of I-85). Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval. County Manager was asked to verify property owners.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to reappoint Julius Waggoner to the Rowan County Housing Authority. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus recommended that Don Weinhold replace Carl Short on the Rowan County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority. Commissioner Messinger recommended Sonny Allen. With a tie vote, Commissioner Sifford abstaining, this appointment was tabled until October.

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to appoint The Rev. Malcolm Bullock to replace Kelly Peoples on the Domiciliary Home Community Advisory Committee. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner Sifford said they needed four members on each sub committee in case one member is absent since it is a requirement for them to have three. County Manager recommended inviting members to the next meeting to discuss the sub committees.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to appoint Jesse Corry to the Centralina Private Industry Council to replace Bob Moore. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

County Manager had received a letter from the Human Relations Council requesting Commissioners to approve six persons to their committee. Commissioners agreed to defer this until they receive the changes the city council made in the by-laws.

Chairman Steele said he had been trying to communicate with Davidson County in identifying any particular attitude or instructions that we need to take on the High Rock Lake Study Committee. He said one thing that would have to be decided would be how large a committee they would need. That in a couple of years it would come down to one committee. Commissioner DeMarcus said she had been reading Davidson County's resolution and that in the beginning they had a board composed of thirteen to eighteen members to be appointed by the Board and that it listed the things they wanted the Board to study such as, water safety regulations, legislative creative commission with authority over the lake, problems and solutions for those problems arising from the use of the lake, and provisions for preservation of the lake for future generations. She recommended appointing the people who have shown an interest to study this and "sort of have a shake-down " period for one year; by this time, usually, someone will drop-out there will be several leaders who will merge and then we will be in position to choose from a good number of those who will represent us on a combined board. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to appoint Terri Burnham, Don E. Bringle, Donald C. Hamilton, Jerry W. Merritt, Claude J. Yates, Hoover Lingle, Larry Burwell, R. Wayne Eller, Don Honeycutt, Paul G. Wilson, John Graham, Jack Ramsey, Eddie Snow, David Simmons, Faye Parker and Captain Ed Haupt and Commissioner J. Newton Cohen as ex officio members. Commissioner Sifford seconded

with unanimous approval. Commissioners also agreed to appoint representatives from the High Rock Lake Marina and Alcoa Aluminum.

Wayne Simpson, Tax Collector reported a total of \$221,509.50 in total collections for all units, and all years. Net Fiscal Year for Ambulance collections amounted to \$38,561.71. Mr. Simpson said his office will begin keypunching landfill data on September 3, 1986 on a daily basis.

Mr. W.D. Smith, owner of Matika Villa Trailer Park, talked to Commissioners about a proposed sewer line from Grants Creek area to Airport Road this line would also be run up to Cedar Springs Road and from Airport Road to Highway 29. Mr. Smith said in running this line it would open up a total of 675 acres to industry. Commissioner Messinger told Mr. Smith that a decision concerning Senate Bill Two money will be made at their October meeting. There will be \$730,000 available for water and sewer.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to revise the county's lease with Whitton Distributing Company to allow parking of approximately 50 feet deep by 200 feet wide on the North side of Airport Road. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval. This area is presently being leased for use as a drain field by their company.

Commissioner Messinger invited the Commissioners to a luncheon at the Rotary Club today to hear Dr Goodwin speak on "Teenage Pregnancy".

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to endorse the joint resolution with the City of Salisbury designating the month of September as Clean-Up Month in North Carolina setting aside the week of September 22-27 as Clean-Up Week in Salisbury and Rowan County and to authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus moved the endorsement of Governor Martin to designate the week of September 21-27, 1986 as Emergency Medical Services Week in North Carolina. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford moved approval the ambulance franchise application from Celanese Fibers. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford moved the recognition of the door prize donors for the Commissioners 1986 Annual Conference in Winston-Salem who were: Bernhardt's Hardware, Food Lion Stores, Inc., Zimmermans and Loeblein Brothers. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. Thank-you letters had already been sent out by the County Manager.

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to adopt the proposed revision to the County's Merit System as recommended by the Personnel Committee with limitations on the number of available units that can be granted, not changing this year at this point nor the years total recommending the amount of \$40,000 to be spent the first six months and \$15,000 the second half. Commissioner Demarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the budget amendment from the Airport to budget for Airport Master Plan at the Airport the amount of \$53,330. State Grant: Master Plan- 5.6% - \$3,000.00. Federal Grant- 90%- \$47,997 and Local appropriation: 4.4%- \$2,333.00. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford moved the approval of personnel for August, 1986. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Tamara H. Kerley Office Assistant II Tax Collector's Office	\$848 - replacing Mary Ann Leonard at \$912	
Willie Locklear Semi-Skilled Laborer Parks	\$827 -	
Phyllis H. Buck Library Associate	\$1,085	
Kim Yeatts Nature Center Assist.	\$912	New Position
Susan Dishman Health Nurse	\$8.81/hr. - replacing Brynne Brown at \$1,389	
Kim Thompson EMT	\$836	New Position

County Manager reported Interest:

General Fund	\$ 52,809
Revenue Sharing	7,203
Myrtis Nicholas	89
Drainage	30
Revaluation	1,644
Library - East Branch	5,337
Library - Main Branch	11
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Commissioner DeMarcus moved the approval of refunds for the Ambulance Service in the amount of \$285.78. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve the three refunds for the Building Inspection Department to:

Jackie Webb, the amount of \$43.75 the Historic Salisbury Foundation sold the house before he started to work.

Michael Kent Shirley the amount of \$15.00, he purchased the permit for 200 amp service and decided to install only 100 amps.

William Doug Morris the amount of \$120.80 not enough variance-set back per City of Spencer for family care center.

Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

County Manager informed Commissioners that he had send each municipality a letter concerning Senate Bill Two Monies and the Policy pertaining to it.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to grant permission to Phil Barton, Library Director to dispose of back books and periodicals which have been withdrawn from the collection. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Barton said there were approximately 8,000 books and periodicals stored on the second floor of the County Office Building. Time and date set for this disposition is Saturday September 13 from 8:00- 4:00 at the Salisbury Civic Center, friends of the Library will be in attendance. County Attorney said Mr. Barton would need to advertise this in the paper ten days before the sale.

Mr. Barton extended an invitation to Commissioners to attend a reception in honor of the Board of Alderman in Rockwell and Library Trustees at the new East Branch on September 28 from 2:00- 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Don Pruitt with the Concerned Citizens For A Safe Environment Organization again talked to Commissioners concerning the National Starch Chemical Matter. Attorney Kluttz assured him that he did not say that he had advised Commissioners against helping him at the last meeting that Mr. Pruitt had attended with Commissioners. Mr. Pruitt read a "News Release" to Commissioners that the Organization had prepared. Commissioner DeMarcus informed Mr. Pruitt that Commissioners did have an interest in this matter that she had spent forty-five minutes talking with the man from Atlanta. She said she told him everything that she knew about the matter. Commissioner Sifford said as Chairman of the Board of Health, he had called Mr. Strickland, Division of Environmental Health and said that the matter has been investigated. Commissioner Cohen recommended that the County Manager extend an invitation to National Starch to come before us and bring us up to date on what he is doing to control the operation and what they are doing.

Doug Tennant, Architect showed plans of the proposed renovations of the Social Services Department, West Innes Street. Commissioner Cohen made a motion that stabilization of the parking lot be included in Mr. Tennant's contract. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Tennant said he could see no problems and would like to come back next month with a report. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to authorize Mr. Tennant to go ahead and draw up plans. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve Mr. Jim Foltz's , Parks Director's request to use balance of money set aside for large mower in the budget (\$3,001.00) to purchase another small mower (the 3rd one, then each park would have one. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

A letter from the Evergreen Senior Activities Center, Inc. informing Commissioners that they have engaged a professional fundraiser from Hickory to help raise the funds needed to build a center. Their request to Commissioners is to use the \$25,000 (budgeted by Commissioners) as seed money to get the campaign started. Mr. Paul Phillippi told Commissioners that they needed land that the City's search had not been fruitful. Commissioner Cohen said he would be willing to donate land to them. Commissioner DeMarcus said she would be willing to look into land. Commissioner Sifford recommended that the matter of funds be legated, sites be researched and take up at an adjourned meeting in September. Commissioner Cohen also suggested that the County Manager ask the Evergreen Committee to be present at this meeting.

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to release the \$640,473 in current expense to the three schools since Commissioners now have a pretty good handle on it. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus read a letter from Leo and Nell Sowers thanking Commissioners for their decision in the matter of the architect for the Library.

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

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

No action was taken while in Executive Session.

There being no further business, Chairman Steele adjourned the meeting until September 9 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of Commissioners