

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 1986

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building on November 3, 1986 at 9:00 A.M. The following members were present: Commissioner Jamima DeMarcus, Commissioner Harry Sifford, Commissioner Richard Messinger and Commissioner J. Newton Cohen. Absent: Chairman Hall Steele.

Vice-Chairman Jamima DeMarcus called the meeting to order and Commissioner Sifford opened with prayer.

Vice-Chairman DeMarcus said she had some good news and bad news. The good news is that she had talked with Chairman Steele who is in the hospital at Charlotte Memorial and that he is in good spirits and is really wanting to get back to Rowan County. The bad news she said, is that she will be presiding today.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the minutes of October 6 with one correction to change the word lea way to lee way, 1st. page 3rd. paragraph, and page 8- 7th line from the bottom should be agency alone. Commissioner Cohen seconded the motion with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the minutes of October 13. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Additions to Agenda. Commissioner Sifford said he wanted to bring up Mr. Hawley's request for personnel that was pending from the October 13 minutes, matter concerning the pre-natal clinic and a matter concerning EMS.

Monthly Reports: Commissioner Cohen said he had attended the meeting of the Community Service Council and reported that they have budget problems. Commissioner Cohen told Commissioners one of their requests was, "could the County help them with funding, Commissioner Cohen told them he could not speak for the Commission but that he would bring it before them. Commissioner's agreed to wait a month to see what they work out.

Commissioner Messinger said he asked the County Manager a couple of weeks ago about a survey on revenues stemming from the Environmental Health Department verses charges we are making.

Commissioner Sifford reported progress being made to the new combined building on Old Concord Road and invited Commissioners to go by and look at it. He also reported that they were ten days behind the target of April.

Commissioner DeMarcus reported that the Senior Citizen's campaign was coming along real well and it looks like "we should start looking for our matching money". She said they had set a goal to get 2,000 senior citizens to give an equivalent of \$10 each in response to Mr. Cohen's challenge last month.

Commissioner DeMarcus said Chairman Steele had asked her to attend the FEMUR meeting Phase 4 grant under United Way and that was reported that the Salvation Army received \$3,203.90 and with that they have served over 3,000 meals and with an additional grant of \$1,488 they have provided night lodging for 79 individuals; and some technicality in that mandated that a County Commissioner be a part of that decision and said she was glad she could do it.

Commissioner DeMarcus also attended the meeting of the Rowan Tech Board and reported that they had approved a group request from the Department of Correction to provide a Human Relations Course and this followed the training they had given on Job Readiness; and also a report on Fundamental Educational Components told us that 32,000 persons in Cabarrus and Rowan County can't read at the eighth grade level and that the survey showed that one in seven can't even read simple instructions.

Commissioner DeMarcus also attended the Parks and Recreation Meeting. Reported that attendance at Ellis Park in October was 5600, Sloan Park Kerr Mill was 3600 and Baker's Creek 2500 and the American Legion in Kannapolis has donated a flag pole and Congressman Hefner donated a flag for Baker's Creek Park.

In the Nature Center, 4,048 have paid to tour the Barn since its opening on September 14, 1986, quoted Commissioner DeMarcus.

Mrs. DeMarcus reported also that 18,000 people had attended the Autumn Jubilee at the Park.

The Park is looking for permission to clear land from one acre tract for future parking and shelter and said it would be up for approval later.

Mrs. DeMarcus commented that there were two things that Sloan Park and Kerr Mill are thinking about, one is keeping the Park open seven days a week starting in April and going through August and the other is to let the Yadkin Valley Folk Lore Society present an annual entertainment show.

Mrs. DeMarcus reported that the Library was going great. The East Branch in the first month- the first twenty-five days, approximately 1700 people visited the Library. Over 2500 books were

circulated and nine Library programs were given to one-hundred-sixty-four children and four community groups used the room for their own program.

Mrs. DeMarcus also reported that the plans for the Library expansion were presented by John Ramsey, Architect to the total Library Board for their review and that they were pleased with them.

Correspondence: A letter from Governor James Martin concerning Mr. Russell's request for Exxon Overcharge Funds. Mr. Martin reports that this request must be considered in light of regulatory and legislative restrictions on the use of these funds. Urging Mr. Russell to submit a proposal for use of these funds.

The Salisbury City Schools submitted their 1986-87 Budget Resolution to Commissioners for their review.

A proposal from Governor Martin to assist counties in financing public school buildings. Commissioner DeMarcus recommended that Commissioners meet with local legislators and discuss this issue at a later time.

A letter from Rick Eldridge, Chairman Historic Properties Commission concerning his opinion and feasible options on the Hanford Log House. Commissioner Messinger commented that he would like to close this issue that he would support a motion at the next regular meeting of the Commissioners to return the log house to Mrs. Hanford. Commissioner DeMarcus said she would like to see Mr. Gidley's plans for locating the log house and recommended inviting him to show these plans at the next regular meeting.

A letter from Vision Cable of Salisbury and Vision Cable of Metrolina informing the County Manager that effective December 1 they will begin charging a \$10.00 fee for collection made at their home of accounts that are 45 days or more past due.

Mr. Russell mentioned that copies of the Minutes from the October meeting of the Soil and Water Conservation District were enclosed in their package for information.

A letter from Harold Coley, President North Carolina Retired Peace Officers Association, Inc. requesting that he be considered

for a position on the ABC Board of Rowan County when a vacancy should occur.

A letter from Barbara Doby, Chairman Southern Rowan Christmas Parade Inc. informing Commissioners that the 1986 Southern Rowan Christmas Parade will be held Tuesday, November 25 beginning at 3:30 pm in China Grove and ending in Landis. Mr. Russell told Commissioners to let him know if they wanted to participate and he would send in the form.

Commissioner DeMarcus commented on the Chamber of Commerce annual event at Myrtle Beach and recommended that each Commissioner attending the meeting choose one of the six topics that are on the Agenda to discuss.

Information from Don Honeycutt, Department of Transportation, saying that they plan to widen the pavement on a portion of South River Church Road- SR 1981 from 16' to 20' from Foster Road - SR 1972 East for a distance of 0.55 mile to tie into the existing 20' pavement.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve the addition of Shaver Street and Robinson Street to the Secondary Road System. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to appoint Mrs. Hazel M. Hancock to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Rikki Spencer, as an extraterritorial member on the Salisbury Planning Board. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the appointing of Mr. Paul Akers and Mr. Tony Therrell as appointees to the Board of the Fireman's Local Relief Fund Board of Trustees. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the request of Mr. Herbert Hawley, Health Department for the half time position to take up Environmental Health Fees. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford moved the passage of a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds in the principal amount of \$2,000,000 and the execution and delivery of financing documents

pertaining to the financing of industrial facilities in the County for Lane Punch Corporation (the "Company"). Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Wayne Simpson, Tax Collector reported total collections for the month of October - \$900,758.49. Gross collections for Ambulance amounted to \$20,513.20 and a net of \$20,299.66. Landfill collections amounted to \$29,742.63 for the month.

Commissioner DeMarcus said she wanted to publicly thank Mr. Simpson for the services that he is rendering the County.

Mr. Wayne Ashworth, Emergency Management Director reported to Commissioners about Hazardous Materials. He mentioned the seminar on Emergency Response to Chemical Emergencies that he and Mr. Russell had attended as guests of Celanese Fibers in Washington. He stated that 60% of the state's Emergency Management responses are chemical related. He recommended the organization of a Rowan-Salisbury Hazardous Materials Committee. This committee, he said, would include representatives from business, government, emergency response agencies, the media, and other groups as appropriate. Commissioner DeMarcus also recommended that the committee also include representatives from the trucking industry. Commissioner Sifford moved the authorization of the formation of the committee. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Terry Barber, Ambulance Director told Commissioners that he was looking at options for obtaining another unit for his ambulance service. The accident on the 27th of October took another unit out of service. Mr. Barber gave three options to Commissioners. (1) Remounting of the present unit with a new chassis which would take \$20,000.00 and 60 days for repairs. (2) Purchase of a unit refurbished- used on a new chassis- \$25,650.00 in Georgia. (3) Purchase of a brand new unit at a cost of \$42,500.00. Commissioner Sifford moved the acquisition of the refurbished unit from Georgia at \$25,650.00 and restoring of the box and motor which we will save and put on another chassis. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Barber said he would need to go to Georgia and make sure this is what they need before buying it.

County Manager told Commissioners that he had received a thank-you letter from the Town of Spencer thanking each of them for their

support in the allocation of \$75,000.00 to the Town of Spencer from the County's share of Senate Bill #2 Funds and also a thank you letter from the town of East Spencer for endorsing the \$112,500; also a letter from Belle Realty Development Company in regards to the \$57,000 that was allocated for the extension of water and sewer on Harrison Road. This was allocated to Belle Realty for the use of the Westwood partners to match funds. Mr. Wallace said in view of the fact that \$300,000 had been requested and two of their partners decided they did not want to match funds for this project, they wanted to release these funds so they could be allocated by the City of Salisbury for other purposes.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to allocate \$160,000 to the City of Salisbury and \$48,707 to the City of Kannapolis. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval. This \$208,707 represents the remaining SB2 funds after adjustment. The two industrial parks, Crystal Hill and The Shea Company will be funded under an agreement among the city, the developers and the county paying one-third of the cost. An amendment to Commissioner Sifford's motion which was accepted by Commissioner Messinger is if the City of Kannapolis is unable to comply the entire \$208,707 will revert to the City of Salisbury. This amendment was unanimously accepted by the board.

A letter from Mayor Boger, Rockwell, requesting that Commissioners approve a change in how the \$50,000 awarded to Rockwell will be spent. Mayor Boger requested that the money be applied to the town's plans to spend \$490,000 to improve its Southside sewer treatment plant; instead of being applied toward the construction of a new water tower. Commissioner Sifford moved approval the transfer of funds. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. David Knox and Members of the "STINK" organization appeared before the Commissioners requesting an update report on the newly proposed landfill site. Commissioner DeMarcus told them no decision would be made today that further soil testing was being done. Mr. Knox talked about the preservation of farmland. Commissioner Messinger commented that November 14 Commissioners would have to take the second step- option to proceed with further testing. Commissioner Cohen commented that Commissioners were trying to find

the best site in the county for a landfill that they were looking at other sites and having tests done.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the following personnel for October, 1986:

Adrienne B. James Asst. to Parks Director Monthly Salary-\$1,112 replacing Gail Foultz at \$1,288	Dora K. Wells Home Health Aide Title V at 3.52/hr. replacing Izetta Burton
Regina Wagoner Eligibility Specialist Monthly salary-\$1,032 replacing- Bonnie Williams at \$1,455	Wesley C. Myers Page at 4.04/hr replacing Keith Bridges
Patricia H. Myers Eligibility Specialist Monthly Salary- \$1,032 replacing- Judy Bowyer at \$1,420	Nancy R. Baker Computer Programmer I monthly salary-1,420 New position
Sylvia E. Rice Library Asst. Monthly salary-\$912 replacing- Dana Ludwig	Jeff S. Mauldin Page 4.04/hr replacing Lynn Kepley
Robert D. Sawyer Special Service Asst. Monthly salary - \$1,257 New Position	Martha J. Carpenter Clerk typist IV DSS monthly salary-981 replacing Frances McGinnis

Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

County Manager reported Interest earned through October 31, 1986:

General Fund.....	\$ 159,725
Revenue Sharing.....	12,999
Myrtis Nicholas.....	253
Drainage.....	85
Revaluation.....	4,609
Library: East Branch.....	2,386
Library: Main Branch.....	30
	<u>\$ 180,087</u>

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve the following refunds:

From the Inspection Department:

To: Wayne Eddleman - \$10.00
Decided to wait

To: Marnita Rogers - \$125.33
Decided to wait

To: Bill Eaton Electric- \$10.00
Customer decided to change service

From the Health Department:

To: Dale Tarlton - \$25.00
Lot is just one acre with one house already on lot.

To: Farmers & Merchants Bank - \$25.00
Analysis had already been done

To: Glenda Ruth Martin - \$25.00
Decided not to build.

From Ambulance Service:

Refunds for October, 1986- \$292.85

Commissioner Sifford seconded to approve the refunds with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the budget amendment for Parks and Recreation to: budget \$1,250 grant received from the Alcoa Foundation for use in Special Populations Program. (2) To budget \$500 Grassroots grant received from the United Arts Council to be used for Special Populations Program. (3) To budget \$500 grant from Proctor-Foundation to start a mobile day camp for the mentally retarded. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve paying the bills to: Kluttz and Hamlin in the amount of \$1,248.75 in connection with case of Forum Insurance vs. Rowan County and \$1,422.00 in connection with Rowan County Landfill and negotiations for option from Halls. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

A letter from Parks and Recreation Department requesting the authority to sell timber off one acre tract at Dan Nicholas Park, and to accept the high bid from J.E. Wilson Land Services, Inc. of \$800.00. The other bid from Steve Shepherd was \$450.00. If approved, they would like to use the \$800.00 for clearing and grading. Commissioner Sifford moved approval. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

County Manager told Commissioners that in August, bid proposal for Centralizing Dispatching and Coordinating Services for the City-County Joint Transportation Development Plan of 1985 had been proposed to all qualified bidders as presented to us by the State Department of Transportation. On September 15, a pre-bid conference was conducted in which discussion of all aspects of the bid request with bidders attending. On October 13, all bids were opened in accordance with specified bid requirements. Only one positive bid was received and two no bids. The positive bid came from CTS Management Company, Sanford, North Carolina, and Mr. Russell recommended rejecting this bid because of the excessive high cost per mile. As an alternative, he recommended that the County consider establishing its own centralized dispatching system of coordinating the vehicles under the TDP Program. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to reject the bid from CTS Management Company. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner Sifford moved to authorize the County Manager to develop his own plan and asked that he present it at the December 1 meeting. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Russell told Commissioners that it would cost the county about 55 cents a mile.

Mr. Edwin Hammill, Chairman of the Rowan Soil and Water Conservation District told Commissioners that the Rowan Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors feels there is a definite need to preserve the important farmland in the county because of our responsibility for soil and water conservation urging the Board to adopt a Rowan County Voluntary Farmland Preservation Program Ordinance to encourage the Voluntary preservation of farmland. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to defer the ordinance until we can sit up a Public Hearing and hear from all parties involved. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford explained to the board that Mr. Hawley, Health Director was having problems tracking the money to run the Pre-Natal Clinic and recommended that they consider removing the \$200 limitation. He said there is significant money. This was in the form of a motion and seconded by Commissioner Messinger and unanimously agreed by the board.

In other business, Commissioner Cohen commented on the countywide police department. He said he could not see where we could do it economically. He recommended going on record before the election as supporting the operation of the Rowan County Sheriff's Department. Saying, "He has confidence in either individual. Speaking of the two candidates running, Bob Martin and John Greene. Commissioner Cohen recommended to continue operating the Sheriff's Department for the next few years and in the future do another study on countywide police. Commissioner Sifford commented that he did not think small towns in the county would favor a countywide force since several would have to change their charters to permit one.

County Manager asked if the Commissioners had any comments to make on the proposed idea of having portraits or plaques made of former and present Commissioners. Commissioners having no comments at this time, tabled the issue.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss matters of Land Acquisition and Personnel. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

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

Commissioners agreed to adjourn the issue until Monday at 9:00, November 11, following the conclusion of other matters.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned until 9:00 November 11.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners