

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 1986

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building on December 15, 1986 at 9:00 A.M. The following members were present: Chairman Richard Messinger, Vice-Chairman J. Newton Cohen, Sr., Commissioner Jamima DeMarcus, Commissioner George Knox and Commissioner Wilborn Swaim.

Chairman Messinger called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Commissioner DeMarcus moved approval the minutes of December 1. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Knox moved approval road petitions for Irby Lane located in White Rock Subdivision off Dunn's Mountain Road near Granite Quarry in Providence Township, Barger Drive located in Graham Place Subdivision off Sherrills Ford Road in Steele Township and Homeland Drive located off Lentz Road in China Grove Township. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.(attached)

Commissioner Swaim asked for a brief explanation of the procedures for processing road petitions.

County Manager explained to Commissioner Swaim that the Department of Transportation requests these changes to be made. He explained that there were two types of petitions. One being from the DOT directly requesting additions to the system. The second being from the individual to the County Manager's Office requesting a road name change which we do the work.

County Manager informed the Commissioners of a conference to be held on January 28 and 29 on Solid Waste Management in High Point.

Second piece of correspondence from David Tanis, Chairman Board of Directors North Carolina Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program, Inc. concerning a memorial to honor all Americans' who served in Vietnam. The memorial will be a centerpiece for the 26 mile section of Interstate Highway 85 between Greensboro and Lexington which has been designated as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway. To cover the cost of the tree planting and as a symbol of statewide unanimity in support of this public memorial, Mr. Tanis is requesting a contribution of \$500.00 from each county. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion that we participate in this memorial by sending the

\$500.00. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval.
(attached)

Received a financial report from the Evergreen Senior Activity Center for the month of November.

Next two letters are addressed to Tim Hoffner to provide us with information about the potential impact of a landfill in the area of the Hall property.(attached)

A letter from C. C. N. W. which is dealing with the choice of nuclear waste. Asking that the Commission initiate the attached petition to go on record opposing a nuclear waste site. County Manager said what they want, he thought, is for the county to have a referendum on it, letting the people indicate their preference.

A letter from Mike Connell thanking the Commissioners for allowing him space at the Old Post Office.

A letter from Historic Salisbury Foundation, Mark McDonald asking the Commission to accept Mrs. Hanford's gift of a nineteenth century log building.

A request from the East Spencer Board of Alderman to appoint Mr. A.J. Shuping to a one year term; and the re-appointment of Richard Gobble to a three year term as extra-territorial members to their planning board. Commissioner DeMarcus moved the appointment and re-appointment. Commissioner Swaim seconded with unanimous approval.

County Manager presented budget amendments from the Health Department. The basis for these amendments is due to the receipt of additional state money for programs, money that came in after the fiscal year started from additional state funds & reallocations at the state level. Mr. Russell had reviewed each one making sure that the county did not increase funds during the budget process and coming in after the fact was his concern, he said this did not happen. Commissioner Swaim made a motion to approve the budget amendments. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. (attached)

Refunds: Both from the Codes Enforcement Office. (1)
To: Piedmont Natural Gas Co., Inc.
the amount of \$20.00.

To: John C. Manning, Agent for Golden

Corral Corporation
the amount of \$130.00. The customer
was charged for heating & A/C twice.

Commissioner Swaim made a motion to approve the refunds.
Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve both leases with
the Heritage Home. One for the Heritage Home at \$850.00 monthly and
the other a tract of land for \$110.00 per year. Commissioner Knox
seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Swaim made a motion to approve the advertisement
for a parcel of land which the county has acquired by way of unpaid
taxes. Parcel #99 in Franklin Township, book #307B. Commissioner
DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to endorse the Ambulance
Placement Study presented by Terry Barber, Ambulance Director.
Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner
Knox commented that he thought "this study would help us to respond
intelligently about where to place the vehicles". Commissioner Cohen
commented that he could see "no way to give equal response time to
everyone in Rowan". Commissioner DeMarcus commented that "we are
all concerned that we should give the very best service that we can
afford; but could see a lot of things facing this board in the
future that is going to cost a lot of money, such as landfill,
incineration, etc., that will have to be given priority, but has no
objection to the ambulance study.

Mr. Bucky Glover and Mr. Danny Love with Potter and Company,
Rowan County Auditors presented the 1986 Audit Report. Their
recommendations include, (1) In the Tax Supervisor's Department,
that abstracts be grouped into batches and that control totals be
kept by that office. These control totals can then be turned over
to the Tax Collector to insure that no errors occurred during the
data processing function, and also that voided abstracts be retained
to provide a complete numerical sequence control of all abstracts.
Mr. Glover also recommended that late listings and annexations be
integrated with the current year's numerical sequence if possible.
(2) Ways for the new Personnel Director to establish the personnel
system. (3) Gave suggestions for improving the overall utilization
of county employees. (4) Suggested that the minutes be maintained in

a neat and orderly fashion in order to avoid possible accidental loss or destruction. (5) Suggested that the Finance Officer maintain control over all signature plates. (6) Recommended that effort be made for the Data Processing Department to enter the taxpayer's employer. This would reduce costly research time spent by the tax collector's staff by making the information available via the computer system. (7) Recommended that all non-collectible accounts be written off only with the Board's approval.

Mr. Glover commended the Tax Collector's office on their collections and the Administration's performance on investment practices and improvements made in the County's accounting system.

County Manager commented that at Commissioner's January meeting they would need to decide whether or not to extend the services of Potter and Company or go out for competitive bids on the county's audit.

Sheriff Martin requested that Commissioners approve funding for a special investigation division for his office. After hearing his explanations for this funding, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve funding for one Lieutenant, two detectives and one secretary for his special investigation division. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval. Funding would be \$64,294 for six months for personnel and equipment.

Commissioner Knox made a motion to approve the Sheriff's second request, to renovate an office for him, a conversion from deputies room to office of Sheriff. A total of \$6,705.00. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Jim Hicks, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Committee promoting tourism in Rowan County gave Commissioners a set of proposed by-laws for them to study and possibly be able to give him an answer by January's meeting if they would support legislation in the General Assembly which would allow the establishment of a hotel/motel tax to start a tourism bureau to promote Rowan County. He said then he would ask the local legislative delegation to ask the General Assembly to authorize the tax during the session that begins in February. The taxes range from 2 to 3 percent, adding that a 2 1/2 percent tax here would generate \$75,000 a year for a tourism authority. Commissioners agreed to defer this until their January meeting.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Land Acquisition and Sale of Old Post Office. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

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

Commissioner Swaim made a motion to vary from the Career Development Plan at the Sheriff's Department for four employees affected by new reorganization. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with

unanimous approval. The four employees are Ray J. Rogers - salary \$21,966.00, Sara T. Potts, \$19,438.00, Ronnie W. Terry, \$17,632.00 and Ross A. Whaley, \$19,920.00.

Commissioner Messinger commented that the "Hall site is still under consideration as well as several other sites for potential landfill".

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners