

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED MEETING
BUDGET HEARINGS
MAY 27, 1987

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building on May 27, 1987 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. County Manager went over his letter to Commissioners which was included in the budget concerning makeup of the budget which included requests from department heads and also explained to the Board the analysis of Advalorem Tax Basis for 87-88. (attached)

County Manager explained that line items had been increased by 2% by each department head. Mr. Russell started at the front of the budget which Governing Body was first. He proposed an increase for County Commissioners in travel and pay eliminating \$15 flat fee per meeting- setting compensation and travel at \$6,000 for Chairman and \$4,800 for Commissioners.

Attorney's Retainer- 10% increase from \$9,410 to \$10,350.

4115-556 Capital Outlay DSS Renovation \$405,000- set aside for Phase 2.

4115-198- Soil Survey- \$19,000 Lipe Barrier will explain later on but set aside to complete soil surveying.

4120-121- County Manager and Finance- The Manager is requesting the addition of a position in the Finance Office.

Personnel Services- Personnel Director is requesting a new position that of a Personnel Analyst.

Tax Supervisor- Mr. Peeler is requesting an increase in training in order to send his people who must attend courses to qualify for appraisers and also he needs to attend the International Association of Assessing Officers meeting. Requesting two new positions, a reclassification for Brenda Bowers with pay increase and also pay increases for Debbie Bradshaw and Madolyn Yates. One

of the new positions would be an employee transfer from DP to his office. Also requesting four terminal desks at \$165 ec.

Tax Collector- Requesting an increase in Capital Outlay for three terminal stands and cabinet work to extend cashier's window. Under salaries asking for reclassifications for Vicki Miles and Vicki White.

Court Facilities- Biggest expense is 4160-351- repairs to Court House.

Public Buildings- Adding one new building and renovating another building included in this budget. Chairman Messinger asked Commissioner Cohen to work with Mr. Sloop in taking care of the Walnut Tree at the new building. Mr. Sloop announced that the position of Maintenance Supervisor had been filled by Rick Ridenhour. Under 4260-351- repairs and maintenance- Mr. Sloop is asking for \$37,050 plus \$18,000 for a water heater for the Sheriff's Department; and 4260-550 General Services Budget is requesting a Vehicle and a Tractor the size of a John Deere 850.

Drainage and Watershed- Mr. Sloop under salaries is requesting a pay adjustment for Robert Sawyer- a District Secretary, a Conservation Technician, Computer Equipment, a camera, drafting equipment and Planimeter.

Elections, Mrs. Nelson is requesting an increase under Municipal Elections to cover a Municipal Election and a Presidential Election; also 10 Votomatic Vote Recorders.

Data Processing- Mr. Shelby is requesting a new position that of Computer Programmer I and two reclassifications. One for Glenda Graham as an Assistant Data Processing Director and to reclassify their Data Entry Specialist to an Office Assistant III. Mr. Shelby is requesting an increase in training in order to purchase some S/38 training courses to train the new requested programmer and to make courses available to the current personnel. Under Data Processing Equipment, he is requesting \$86,315.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner Knox made a motion to come out of Executive Session and then to Lunch. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

No action was taken while in Executive Session.

Commissioners next department was Register of Deeds. Mrs. Ramsey is requesting all employees salary increases. Requesting part-time to work during the summer months because of the illness of a full-time employee. She stressed the need for an OCE'3200 reader/printer to replace one that is worn out. Asked for \$1650 to repair old counter top.

Emergency Management- Mr. Ashworth's budget reflects combined accounts of Emergency Medical Services and his department for moving to the new building. \$100,000 capital reserve for purchase of a Computer Aided Dispatch system. No

proposal for a radio tower proposing to move the small tower on the courthouse to the site and extending it for about 40feet as a temporary measure. Requesting a mini-Van for the Fire Marshall; an alternate would be used highway patrol car. Required would be self contained breathing apparatus (6) at \$6,000. Requesting Base Radio for fire dispatch at \$12,000, Four sections of tower to add to tower at \$400.00, Equipment for Fire Marshall's vehicle- a new siren, speaker for same, light bar, equipment organizer, 2 portable VHF radios(walkie-talkies) and one pager. Under salaries Mr. Ashworth is requesting a new position, that of a Communications Director and showing slots for sixteen communicators that will be hired effective August 1987 due to the forthcoming 911 system.. Discussion followed this request. Mr. Ashworth then proposed twelve communicators-three per shift. He was requested to come back with a more definite proposal.

Mr. Barber, Ambulance Director requested seven new employees when moving to the new building, a position for a training/operations officer and six EMT-Intermediates. Requesting to purchase two 4 wheel drive vehicles, equipment updates, grant equipment. a new ambulance and a refurbished one, and a new station. The new station for the East Rowan area.

Airport- \$100,000 budgeted for runway expansion - (Master Plan)

Landfill- Under Grounds Maintenance- To approve roads to suit State inspectors. Under Repairs- Vehicles- \$124,500- left in due to rebuilt compactor- \$65,000 goes for reparis. Under Capital-Outlay-Vehicles- \$10,000 to replace worn out vehicle. Under 550- Other Equipment- the figure \$381,954 should read \$166,954-added in with payment to Sovran. Budgeted \$500,000 for a landfill site. Commissioners talked about an increase in landfill permits and asked County Manager to revise a scale.

Sanitation- Mr. Lackey, Landfill Supervisor told Commissioners that adding new sites would eliminate some of the cost of the contract for collection service. Requesting \$50,000 for a dumpster site improvements and additions and nine 40 yd. garbage containers.

Library- Under salaries, Mr. Barton is requesting a reclassification for Ruth Young, Administrative Technician I to Administrative Secretary V. A new position, one permanent part-time page position; and to increase the hours of Deborah Hoffman from 1,170 hours a year to 1,560 hours a year.

Health- Under salaries, Mr. Hawley is requesting three extra steps for Patricia Heilig, Clerical Supervisor V. A reclassification for Susan Thomas,

Public Health Nurse II, A proposed position or a Public Health Nurse I, reclassifications for two sanitarian technicians II, Donald Overcash and Jeffrey Link. Under the Animal Shelter Budget- Salaries- a proposed position for an animal shelter assistant. Under Head Start- a nurse does physical exams, budgeted for a ten month period. All other budgets are state supported. same as last year. The Insect and Rodent Control shows funds to run the program during the Summer. The WIC budget is requesting a new position funded through the Federal government. No county money involved.

Commissioner adjourned this meeting until May 28 at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners