

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED MEETING
BUDGET HEARINGS
JUNE 1, 1987

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building on June 1, 1987 at 2:00 P.M. The following members were present: Chairman Richard Messinger, Vice-Chairman J. Newton Cohen, Sr., Commissioner Jamima DeMarcus and Commissioner Wilborn Swaim. Absent: Commissioner George Knox.

Wiley Lash, Liaison for the Senior Center opened this meeting as spokesman for the Evergreen Senior Center. He handed Commissioners a proposed operating budget for the First Year Operation 1987-88- with expenditures of \$59,017 and revenues of \$60,000. The Center is asking for \$25,000 for fiscal year 1987-88. Commissioners agreed that it should be "cast in stone" that \$5,000 would go for Aging Director's office space in the new building.

Michael Young and R.O. Everette told Commissioners that the Central Salisbury Corporation is again requesting a \$7,000 appropriation from the County's 1987-88 Budget. Mr. Everette said the \$7,000 would relate to the value of the county property located downtown.

Commissioners discussed the options for the proposal for school funding. Commissioner Swaim made a motion to go on record favoring House Bill 307 for the purpose of financing capital outlay for school construction and notify Senate members. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Colonel Owens with the Army Aviation Support Facility explained that the reason for the requested increase in their budget from 2,500 to 5,602 is largely prompted by the additional allied shop building which should be completed and occupied prior to July 1, 1987.

Wayne Alexander, County Forester, along with Victor Owen, District Forester requested Commissioners to approve a budget of \$29,600. This amount reflects possible salary and benefit increases which might be adopted by the Legislature to hire a full time service Forester. In addition, they are requesting to replace the County Ranger's truck.

Rick Eldridge, Historic Properties Director is requesting \$300 for administrative expenses and \$8,000 for building and repairs for the Archibald Henderson Law Office.

Soil Conservation Service is requesting \$19,000 relative to the Soil Survey Program in the county, a District Secretary, operating expenses, a Conservation Technician and computer equipment. Mr. Barrier, Soil Conservationist reported that the soil surveying was 35% finished. Mr. Barrier commented that whenever he and Carl Sloop, General Services, move to the new building, one would need a secretary since he and Carl have been sharing a secretary. The Iredell Soil and Water Conservation District requests \$8,006.40 for maintenance of the Third Creek Watershed. The request is 30% of \$26,688.00 total cost. Sharing cost is Alexander and Iredell counties.

Attorneys Ted Blanton, Larry Ford and Carlyle Sherrill presented the Law Library Budget, asking for increase of \$2,000 over last year's budget of \$12,000 due to several books being needed. Mr. Blanton said they needed a set of statutes and a North Carolina Digest, keeping up with events of Rowan County.

Commissioners adjourned this meeting until 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners