

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADJOURNED MEETING  
BUDGET HEARINGS  
JUNE 3, 1987

The Board of Rowan County Commissionrs met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building on June 3, 1987 at 1:00 P.M. The following members were present: Chairman Richard Messinger, Vice-President J. Newton Cohen, Sr, Commissioner Jamima DeMarcus, Commissioner George Knox and Commissioner Wilborn Swaim.

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

REVIEW:

County Manager informed Commissioners that \$5,505,234 would be the amount needed to balance the budget. The major funding increases are: Public Assistance- \$341,488, DSS Renovations, \$405,000, Furnishings to DSS- \$165,000, Schools: Current- \$1,388,811, Capital-\$1,078,828, Landfill- Land-\$300,000, Equipment-\$209,496. This added to amount to balance the budget is \$1,616,611. Additional revenues \$531,913- subtracted to total is \$1,084,698- recommended reductions- \$1,388,144- total \$303,446.

Governing Body:

Commissioners accepted the County Manager's recommendation to cut the attorney's retainer by \$470.00- new balance- \$9880.00.

Commissioner Knox made a motion to accept a 2% increase in Commissioner's salary plus \$1,500 annual travel. Commissioner Swaim seconded. Commissioners Cohen and DeMarcus voting against. The motion passing with Chairman Messinger voting for.

Other Governmental Programs

County Manager recommended decreasing the Capital Reserve 4115-555 by \$50,000 leaving a \$50,000 balance.

DSS Renovations- \$405,000- Commissioner DeMarcus recommended talking with Mr. Tennent to see what this covers.

ARMY FLIGHT FACILITY

County Manager recommended decreasing this by \$602 leaving a balance of \$5,000. Commissioner Cohen recommended decreasing it by \$1,602 leaving a balance of \$4,000. Commissioners agreed.

County Manager recommended decreasing Economic Water/Sewage by \$80,000 leaving a balance of \$145,000.

County Manager eliminated the committee on Tourism from the budget cutting out \$30,000.

County Manager left in the \$300 to the Historic Properties Commission.

Commissioner Swaim recommended giving the Economic Development Commission 5% overall a total of \$59,850 instead of \$64,388.

Left the National Guard with a 0 balance since they made no request.

Left the Planning Board with a 0 balance.

Commissioner agreed to get rid of the Salisbury Economic Development by playing it down. Commissioners recommended cutting it to \$10,000. Commissioner Knox recommended \$5,000.

Left the Rowan Museum \$3,000

Commissioner Cohen moved approval leaving the Vocational Workshop with \$53,183.

Commissioner Swaim recommended keeping Forestry Service as is.

Commissioner DeMarcus recommended seeing the new ambulance study before making a decision to fund the Rowan Rescue Squad. Commissioners agreed to give them what they requested- \$23,795 but not to open the Rockwell branch until they hear from the study. It was recommended that someone talk to Mayor Boger. Commissioners agreed to put Rescue Squad in Rockwell but to fund them \$20,000.

Commissioners agreed to fund the Cabarrus-Rowan Park at \$9,818.

Commissioner Cohen recommended funding the N.C. Transportation Museum at \$5,000; but Commissioners agreed to the \$10,000.

Gave Juvenile Detention the \$3,000.

Supported the Third Creek Watershed Maintenance at \$8,006.

Funded the Senior Citizens Center at \$25,000 with \$5,000 going for space for the Office on Aging.

Commissioners agreed to phase out the funding for Salisbury Downtown Business District. Gave them \$5,000. Will phase out at the end of next year.

Funded the Salisbury Rowan Human Relations Council \$800.00.

Commissioner Cohen said the Salisbury Rowan Council Persons with Disabilities is a one time funding and agreed to fund it at \$250.00.

Commissioner Cohen moved to fund the Rowan Live and Learn at the same percentage as the Salisbury Supplementary Education Center using the same break down and review it next year. The amount is \$16,433.

Agreed to the \$1200 for the Rowan Constitution Bicentennial

County Manager recommended eliminating the ABC contingency of \$11,000

COUNTY MANAGER-

Eliminated the Accountant's position and fringes and renovations. Reduced Equipment by \$7,441.00 leaving \$1,500 which Commissioner DeMarcus suggested increasing that to \$2500 in order to upgrade the office.

PERSONNEL

County Manager said this budget reflects all increases based on added position for Cafeteria Benefits Plan.

TAX SUPERVISOR

County Manager recommended eliminating data entry specialist function to stay in D/P Dept. To increase salaries for Bradshaw, Bowers and Yates. Reduce Overtime pay by \$2,000 leaving \$1,000. To accept the new position- Office Assistant II at \$10,381. Commissioner DeMarcus moved to accept the County Manager's recommendations. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

TAX COLLECTOR

Commissioner DeMarcus moved to accept the County Manager's recommendation to increase the salaries of Miles and White- adding \$1,002 for a new balance of \$138,328.

COURT FACILITIES

Commissioners agreed to let an Architect look at the building next year and have a plan. Commissioners agreed to County Manager's recommendations to decrease Electricity by \$5,500 leaving a balance of \$30,000- decrease Natural Gas by \$2,000 leaving a balance of \$13,000, decreasing Repairs and Maintenance of buildings by \$95,000 leaving a balance of \$60,000. Also to approve the request of the Law Library giving them \$14,000, with the recommendation from Attorneys authorization to establish plan for Attorney contributions/Library Maintenance.

#### ELECTIONS

County Manager recommendation not to increase the salary of Mrs. Nelson leaving a balance of \$30,524 in salaries was accepted by Commission.

#### REGISTER OF DEEDS

County Manager recommended decreasing salaries by \$13,111 leaving a balance of \$148,632. Eliminating in equipment- one IMT-350-\$6,332, typewriter-\$636 and microwave-\$225. Leaving \$35,022 in office equipment instead of \$42,215. To lease purchase a reader/printer over three years. No reclassifications.

#### DATA PROCESSING

County Manager recommended decreasing salaries by \$16,965-eliminating the new positions of Computer Programmer I and not approving reclassifications of Graham and Powers- cutting \$1,226. Travel reduce by \$250, Telephone- reduce by \$309, training- reduce by \$3,400 - under equipment- small office equipment eliminate the \$200.00. Commissioners agreed to County Manager's recommendation but to defer the new position of Computer Programmer I at a later date if they have the money.

#### PUBLIC BUILDINGS

County Manager recommended reducing grounds maintenance by \$5,000 leaving a balance of \$5,000. Reducing Electrical Supplies by \$500 leaving a balance of \$3,500, Reducing Natural Gas by \$5,300 leaving a balance of \$30,000, reducing Water by \$500 leaving a balance of \$4,500 and eliminating the Tractor but keeping the Vehicle. Commisisoners agreed to delete the water heater for the Sheriff's department dropping \$18,000 and Henderson Law Library-\$8,000.00.

Commissioners adjourned this meeting to meet at 7:30P.M. to hear the Department of Transportation present the Secondary Road Program, and to proceed with budget hearings on June 8 at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners