

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED MEETING
BUDGET HEARINGS
JUNE 16, 1987

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building on June 16, 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 turned it over to the County Manager. Mr. Russell presented a budget transfer request from Jean Ramsey, for the Register of Deeds Office - to pay outstanding bills for which invoices have been received for June 1987 totaling \$4,855, with \$1,434 left in account following transfers. Commissioners discussed this matter at great length and Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to pay the \$3,420 from another item in the Register of Deeds Budget. Commissioner Knox seconded. Commissioner Swaim requested as an amendment to the motion that Mrs. Ramsey be advised that in the future overexpenditures be her responsibility and to obtain prior approval. Commissioner DeMarcus said she could accept obtaining prior approval but could not accept holding Mrs. Ramsey responsible for overexpenditures. Commissioner Knox said he could accept prior approval, but not the responsibility for Mrs. Ramsey to the overexpenditures. Motion amended that Mrs. Ramsey receive absolute prior approval. The motion passing with Commissioners Swaim and Cohen voting against. Chairman voting I. (attachment #1)

Request from the Rowan County Board of Education to transfer funds - capital outlay transfers of 87-88 budget appropriations - to transfer \$6,681.60 from Roofing Projects to School Building and to transfer \$379.06 from Handicap Bus and \$1,084.83 from Activity Bus to Maintenance Vehicles to purchase 2-way radio for maintenance vehicle. Commissioner Knox moved approval. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. (attachment #2)

Commissioners agreed on setting June 23 at 9:00 A.M. as the next meeting date. At that time they will discuss House Bill 1243-Special Obligation Bonds. (attachment #3)

Commissioners agreed to discuss next month at their regular meeting the amendment to the proposal for coordinating the county's transportation services. County Manager explained that this service

is contingent upon the Vocational workshop who travels the most miles. Mr. Russell said Mr. Eaton, CTS Director feels that he can provide the Coordinating Transportation Service to Rowan County assuming that the annual 280,000 miles is occurred.

Commissioner Swaim asked that the Board go back to one of the programs that was not understood at the time the budget was reviewed. Mr. Swaim said it was a IIIB Chore Program which the County receives \$29,000 from the State leaving the County \$4,000 to budget for asking that it be restored. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion that the two people (West and Rawlings) who were transferred from the Infant Toddler Center to Eligibility Specialist be reduced by one giving the Department of Social Services one additional Eligibility Specialist. Commissioner Knox seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Swaim voting against.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve \$5,000 out of contingency to run an ad following Chairman Messinger's plan to sell the Old Post Office Building. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioners deferred their contribution to the Horizons Unlimited and Learn and Live Programs until they could find out from the County Attorney if it would be legal to take the funds from the one-half cent sales tax.

Commissioners agreed to pass a resolution declaring June 20 as Ligon Gillespie Day honoring him for thirty years service to the Rowan County Fair Association as well as the Salisbury Jaycees. (attachment #4)

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to accept the County Manager's recommendation to increase the School's Current Expense Budget based on the County Budget by 4% and to leave it open for adjustment until they get the final budget figures. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the County Manager's recommendation in Capital Outlay for the school system in maintaining the current level for all systems due to the tremendous increase in one-half cent sales tax that they will be receiving a total of \$2,428,249. Commissioner Swaim seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioners approved the County Manager's recommendations to reduce line items:

4110-121- Salaries	- by \$	9,518
4115-451- Insurance- Property	- "	12,500
4115-452- Insurance-Vehicles	-	7,500

4115-399- Other Services	-	1,000
4115-158- Commitments	-	500
4115-555- Capital Reserve	-	15,000

Commissioners agreed to instruct Doug Tennent, Architect for Department of Social Services renovations to hold that budget at \$405,000.00 in order to maintain the budget at the present level. County Manager said they might have to do stage three next year.

Commissioners agreed to come back and discuss the County's dental plan.

County Manager said the Personnel Analyst asked for in the Personnel Budget would be contingent upon the Cafeteria Plan.

Commissioners agreed to go into Executive Session later on today to consider Personnel recommendations and compensation.

In the County Manager's budget, upon his recommendations, Commissioners agreed to reduce line items:

4120-510- Equipment-	by	\$500
4120-311- Travel	- "	\$500

Commissioners agreed to accept the County Manager's recommendation to reduce line items in the budget of Personnel:

4130-321- Telephone	- by	\$ 250.00
4130-370- Advertising	- by	250.00
4130-311- Travel	- by	250.00

Commissioners agreed to reduce in the Tax Supervisor's budget line item # 4140-550-Equipment by \$1,000.00.

Commissioners agreed to reduce in the Tax Collector's budget line item #4145-510- Equipment by \$1,000.00.

In the budget of Court Facilities, Commissioners approved the County Manager's recommendations to reduce line items:

4160-212- Uniforms	- by -	\$ 100.00
4160-244- Grounds Maintenance	- by -	1,000.00

4160-282- Electrical Supplies - by - 1,000.00

Also in the budget of Court Facilities, Commissioner Cohen made a motion to reduce the Law Library's funding by \$1,000.00 leaving it at \$13,000.00. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Swaim voting against saying he hated to go back on the prior motion to give them \$14,000.00.

Commissioners agreed to reduce line item #4170-311- Travel by \$300.00 in the Elections Budget.

In the Register of Deeds's Budget, Commissioners agreed to approve the recommendations of the County Manager to reduce line items:

4180-261- Supplies - by \$2,408
4180-321- Telephone - by 250
4180-510- Equipment - by 340

Commissioners approved Commissioner Cohen's recommendation to reduce line item - #4180-126- Salaries-Part-Time in the Register of Deed's Budget by \$1,000.

Commissioner's approved County Manager's recommendation to reduce the following line items in the Data Processing Budget:

4210-199 - Other Professional Service - by \$3,000
4210-510 - Equipment - by 4,200

Commissioners agreed to leave in Part-Time salaries for back-up computer system. Rowan Tech students will be creating a library.

Commissioners approved County Manager's recommendations to reduce line items in the budget of Public Buildings:

4260-352- Repair-Equipment -by-\$ 500
4260-281- Heating & Utility Supplies -by- 250
4260-212- Uniforms -by- 400
4260-392- Cleaning & Janitorial Supplies-by- 2,000

Commissioners approved Commissioner Cohen's recommendation to reduce line item #4260-252- Tires & Tubes in the Public Buildings Budget by \$200.00.

Commissioners approved the recommendation of the County Manager to reduce line items in the Sheriff's Budget:

4310-501- Equipment - by \$750.00
4310-502- Equipment - by 750.00

Commissioners approved the recommendations of the County Manager to reduce line items in the Jail:

4320-238 -Drugs & Medicine - \$ 500
4320-220 -Toiletries - 500
4320-223 -Inmate Clothing allowance - 500
4320-313 -Transportation of Prisoners Exp.- 500

Commissioners approved County Manager's recommendations to reduce Emergency Management Budget by the following line items:

4330-501- Equipment - \$ 175
4330-502- Equipment - 175

Commissioners approved the following cuts in the Budget of Codes Enforcement:

#4350-261 - Office Supplies - by-\$ 400
4350-311 - Travel - by - 2,500
4350-321 - Telephone - by - 296
4350-195 - Reserve - by - 2,852

Commissioner approved the recommendations of the County Manager to reduce the following line items:

#4530-581- Airport Expansion - by -\$ 7,500
4530-580- Airport Bldgs &
structure - by - 2,500
#4710-560- Dumpster Site Imp. - by - 5,000
#4720-560- Landfill Site - by -\$100,000

#4730-393- Prison Labor - by - 200

Health Department Budget

Deductions approved by Commissioners for the
General Health Programs:

#5110-311- Travel - by -\$ 2,000
5110-261- Office Supplies 500
5110-236- Clinic, Lab & Med supplies 500

Animal Shelter

#5112-292 - supplies - by - 300

County Manager explained that in the Health Department Budget in contracts he looked at Revenues took the difference between what will be collected in State monies and subtracted what would be budgeted. The following line items represent amounts that exceed what the State contract reimbursement rates will be:

#5115-311- Travel by - \$144.00
5124-311- Travel " .75
5162-236- Clinic Supplies " 500.00
5163-311- Travel " 103.00
5167-235- Education Supplies " 459.00
5172-395- Training " 300.00
5172-383- Film Reading " 105.00
5173-501- Capital Outlay " 175.00
5173-384- X-Ray/Supplies " 131.00
5182-251- Gas and Oil " 316.00
5182-352- Repair and Equipment " .50

County Manager recommended reducing Mr. Hawley's request for a full-time nurse- 40% Aging Grant and 60% to be used in other programs such as AIDS Screening Program to a 50% position with 10% county funds. Commissioners agreed to get more information concerning this subject.

Commissioners agreed with the County Manager's recommendation to eliminate the Audit line item- 5550-191- Aging Budget.

Commissioners agreed to reduce line items in the Aging Nutrition Budget. Reducing line items:

5551-261- Office Supplies	- \$	375.00
5551-191- Audit	-	1,650.00
5551-399- Misc. Maint.	-	1,070.00

Commissioners approved the recommendation of the County Manager to reduce line items in the Veterans Service Office Budget:

5820-311- Travel	-	\$	200
5820-321- Telephone	-		300

Commissioners agreed to leave in the Rowan Technical College Budget line item 5921-647- \$30,000 for Capital improvements. Commissioner DeMarcus said she wanted to see the bottom line before removing it.

Commissioners approved the County Manager's recommendations to reduce Equipment line items in the Library Budget:

#6110-510	- by-	\$	250.00
#6110-550	- by-		750.00

Commissioners approved the County Manager's recommendations to reduce capital outlay #6230-580 - by \$17,731- Parks Budget- already approved just reinstated - and to also reduce gravel paving one-half of the parking lot- to reduce capital outlay again by making a final figure of \$18,232 in this account. Commissioners also approved closing the Park on three holidays- Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day for a reduction of \$2,500 in line item- 6230-122.

Commissioner Swaim 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 back into Regular Session. Commissioner Swaim seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Swaim made a motion to grant a 5% Merit Increase to the following Department Heads: Wayne Simpson, Phil Barton, Carl Sloop, Ann Wilson, Tim Russell, Pat Nelson and Jean Ramsey, and a 2 1/2 % increase to Wallace Peeler, Jim Foltz, Edwin Koontz, Ken Deal, Wayne Ashworth, Clyde Fahnestock, Daryl Shelby and Bob Martin. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Knox made a motion to recognize three people with a bonus this current year: Wayne Simpson- \$1,000, Carl Sloop-\$1,000 and Tim Russell, \$1,250. Commissioner Swaim seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Swaim made a motion to grant all County employees a 1 1/2 % cost of living- 1% contribution to the 401K plan and reduce the County's employees contribution for hospital insurance from \$16 to \$8. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioners agreed to take Dental Insurance Plan out of the budget, leave merit in and to hold Salisbury Economic Development.

Agreed to stay with \$10,000 to the Transportation Museum for repairs on the "Daisy".

Economic Development Water and sewer- line item 4115-654- Commissioners agreed to reduce by \$100,000.

Economic Development Commission- Commissioners agreed to receive more input.

Commissioners discussed merger. How to proceed? Chairman Messinger asked the County Manager to address a letter to each of the persons who have said they could propose a plan.

Commissioners agreed to allow Mr. Koontz, Social Services Director to hire Diane Strickland Cain, a Protective Service Worker at a step beyond three. This position had already been budgeted, includes 75% Federal funds.

Chairman Messinger adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, June 23, 1987 at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners