

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 1987

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building on December 7, 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.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the minutes of the 9:00 A.M. November 2, 1987 Regular Meeting and Commissioner Knox seconded with the following changes:

- Page 1, paragraph 3 - should read October 5 instead of November 2
- Page 2, paragraph 5 - after the word indicating, insert the words his lack of
- Page 2, paragraph 6 & 7 - Jim Lentz instead of Jim Lewis
- Page 4, paragraph 3 - Add Commissioner DeMarcus as County Commission Representative and Pam Hylton as City of Salisbury Representative
- Page 5, paragraph 3 - Mr. Russell's statement should read 10% of cost
- Page 7, paragraph 10 - The word Learner should be spelled Lerner
- Page 8, paragraph 2 - Minutes should indicate that Commissioner Knox made motion and Commissioner Swaim seconded

Commissioner DeMarcus made motion to approve the minutes of the 7:00 P.M. November 2, 1987 Public Hearing Meeting and Commissioner Swaim seconded with the following change:

- Page 4, last paragraph - Commissioner DeMarcus made motion to concur merger and Commissioner Knox seconded

As additions to the Agenda, Commissioner Swaim asked to add: A Resolution with reference to the Library. Chairman Messinger asked to discuss the Board of Health Meeting and several items and the Landfill questions and strategy in Executive Session.

Mr. Russell said that in accordance with the statutes, a Chairman and Vice Chairman should be elected annually. Commissioner Swaim moved to re-elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman to the Rowan County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Copy of November Monthly Statement - "Public School Building Capital Fund" dated November 18, 1987 from the Office of State Budget and Management. For October and November 1987, \$ 270,728.67 tax revenue plus interest earned for the two months.

Copy of Grant from the North Carolina Arts Council. Chairman Messinger reported County would share expenses with City when they come next year. (approximately 1/2 of \$1,200).

Copy of lawsuit filed by John Silver Murdock against Sheriff Robert Martin. This was turned over to the County Attorney.

Copy of letter dated November 10, 1987 from Montgomery County stating that they are supporting the efforts in Davidson and Rowan Counties to keep hazardous waste disposal sites out of the Yadkin-Pee Dee Basin.

Copy of letter dated November 19, 1987 from Lee Armour, Executive Director on Council of Governments regarding the October Work Report from the Centralina Council of Governments.

Brochure on Health Screening for Senior Adults provided by the Rowan County Office on Aging. Special projects are funded through Council of Governments Title III.

Mr. Russell stated that a memo was sent separately to all Commissioners regarding the retirement of Charles Kluttz. Everyone is invited to share in this retirement party honoring Mr. Kluttz who is retiring from the Department of Transportation.

ROAD PETITIONS:

Commissioner Knox made a motion to approve six road petitions:

- (1) Requesting maintenance improvement of two (2) roads.
- (2) Requesting addition to State System of three (3) roads.
- (3) Requesting addition to State System and maintenance Improvement of one (1) road.

Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Commissioner Swaim moved to postpone the Board Appointments until the next meeting in order for further study of appointments.

Commissioner DeMarcus recommended that Mrs. Guy Etheridge's term on the Library Board be extended at this meeting.

Discussion followed with questions and comments to table these appointments until the next meeting. Commissioner Knox seconded to postpone appointments with approval with Commissioner DeMarcus voting against.

PUBLIC HEARING:

At this time, 9:30 A.M., Chairman Messinger declared the Public Hearing open regarding Road Name Change. No one spoke concerning the issue.

Mr. Russell presented and recommended changing and renaming State Road #1354 from Karriker Road to Karriker Farms Road. Commissioner Knox made the motion to approve this change and Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Russell asked that someone be appointed to serve as Acting Clerk to the Board of Commissioners until the position for Clerk is filled. Commissioner Swaim moved to appoint Tim Russell as Acting Clerk. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval.

INSURANCE:

Ann Wilson reported that our insurance coverage had previously been with Riley-Clay but after obtaining bids it was decided to go with the Fred S. James Agent when our insurance was renewed this year in October with a savings of \$44,279 to the County. The County now has increased its coverage and decreased its premium. It was also stated that we can add up to \$500,000 in property without

increasing the cost of the premium. Also replacement value is included with this policy which has never been included and an inventory list has been prepared. An appraisal is presently being done on the County Building and premiums will go up. However, replacement value will be included. With this new Agent, the County will now file the claims instead of it being done directly by the insurance company as in the past.

Mrs. Wilson recommended that a person be hired to handle these risk management tasks. This person should be the same grade as an accountant (Grade 30).

Discussion followed. Chairman Messinger suggested that Ann Wilson and Tim Russell meet and discuss with the Personnel Committee and report back to the Commission.

Wayne Simpson, Tax Collector, reported the total collections for all units and all purposes totaled \$1,594,402.57 for the month of November.

Bucky Glover and Danny Love with Potter and Company reported on the Audited Financial Statements which ended June 30, 1987. Suggestions and recommendations from the representatives were presented. Discussion followed. Chairman Messinger asked Mr. Russell to report back in 90 days to the Commission on the action taken on the recommendations. Also, bids need to be obtained since the contract with Potter and Company has expired.

Sara Cook, Chairman of the Salisbury-Rowan Families in Action along with Pat McQuire reported on the Challenge '87 Report and Community Intervention Workshop in November. Mrs. Cook asked for Commission support and requested the use of Rowan Tech or some other facility for a Workshop on March 8, 1988. The Commission concurred with her to use the Seth Murdoch Auditorium for this Workshop.

Doug Tennent reported on the proposed lease agreement on the Old Quick Copy Shop. Chairman Messinger asked if there were any restrictions from the Historic Foundation and Mr. Tennent stated he did not know of any.

Doug Tennent reported on continued renovations at the Department of Social Services. He said the new telephone system would be completed today. He also stated that part of the building should be

be ready for inspection this Friday. Discussion followed. Mr. Koontz asked if they could move on Monday, December 14 if the building was approved on Friday. The Commissioners concurred.

Commissioner Cohen commented that the parking lot which has been repaved was not being utilized by the employees at DSS. He asked Mr. Koontz if he would have his employees park in the parking lot instead of on the street. Mr. Koontz agreed to inform his employees.

Edwin Koontz, Director of Social Services, reported he had lost six (6) employees since July. He requested two (2) temporary staff members (an Eligibility Specialist and a Clerical Worker) for the remainder of the fiscal year. Since funds are available in the budget there would be no extra cost to the County. Discussion followed. Commissioner Swaim made a motion to authorize this request. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Robert Martin, Sheriff of Rowan County discussed 911 Needs. He said he feels the County should have the same benefits as the City. He said he wasn't sure if he was asking for \$36,000 or having the terminal moved to the new Agriculture Building on the Old Concord Road which would be the most economical.

Discussion followed with questions and comments to Sheriff Martin. Chairman Messinger asked Commissioner Cohen and the Sheriff to study this request and report back at the next meeting.

Sheriff Martin also reported that his department had logged 13,436 contact hours of training for the month of November.

Spencer Saunders presented a Neighborhood Petition regarding an abandoned house on Sells Road which is not in the City. Discussion with questions and comments to Mr. Saunders followed. Chairman Messinger told Mr. Saunders that this board could not take any action, but Clarence Kluttz, County Attorney would work with him on this matter. Commissioner Swaim asked that the Board urge the Health Department to take action.

Chairman Messinger asked for suggestions and comments on a Planning Retreat sometime between mid-January to mid-February to set goals for the coming year. In the past only the Commissioners, County Manager, and Finance Director attended, but it was suggested

to include Department Heads in this planning session. Commissioner Knox suggested going to Baldhead Island for two days. Commissioner Swain suggested somewhere that the Department Heads would be able to commute for one day. No decision was made at this time and will be discussed later.

County Manager reported on the Personnel Activity Report for November.

County Manager reported on the Budget Amendments for Parks and explained how the budget was balanced with revenue and expense. Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve and Commissioner Knox seconded with approval.

County Manager reported that the Library has been awarded a State construction grant for the library headquarters building project. This does not affect County dollars at all. It only states they are reducing private contributions and adding State money. Commissioner DeMarcus moved to approve this request. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval.

County Manager reported interest earned through November 30, 1987 amounting to \$252,983. Chairman Messinger asked if we were overstating. Discussion followed. Mr. Russell stated this was a conservative amount.

County Manager reported refunds:

- TO: N. C. Federal Savings and Loan, Albemarle, N. C.
the amount of \$1,116.67 from Tax Collector
reason - escrow was overstated by this amount.
- TO: Bonnie Moore the amount of \$10.00 from Building
Inspection Department
reason - decided not to make utility room out of this.
- TO: Cabarrus Savings Bank the amount of \$298.00 from Tax
Supervisor
reason - incorrectly paid the taxes for Mr. & Mrs.
Danny Kerr's old property and it was paid
twice.

Ambulance refunds for the month of November totaled \$106.81.

Commissioners agreed to approve all refunds for November.

Tim Russell reported that a few months ago the Commission requested that some policy be established for use of the Seth Murdoch Auditorium at the new Agriculture/EOC Building. Mr. Caudill and Mr. Sloop were asked to look at issues and develop a policy for use. Mr. Caudill would be in charge of making reservations.

It was suggested in the policy to charge a fee for the room(s) to compensate for cleaning, etc. Discussion followed with questions and comments. Commissioner Cohen suggested that everyone except the County pay a fee. Commissioner DeMarcus asked about the \$25.00 fee for the use of the piano. Commissioner Cohen asked about the \$75.00 deposit.

Mr. Russell suggested using the proceeds to hire a part-time janitor.

Chairman Messinger suggested approving this policy for 90 days with deletion of fee for the piano of \$25.00 and the deposit of \$75.00. Commissioners concurred to do this.

Tim Russell reported that the fee from Kluttz, Hamlin, Reamer, Blankenship & Kluttz for legal services for Hazardous Waste issues was \$785. Commissioner Knox moved for approval. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Tim Russell asked for Amendment to Council of Government Resolution to receive State Funds. The amount was wrong. The old amount was \$5,839.63 and the new amount is \$5,840.65. Commissioner Knox made a motion to approve the Amendment. Commissioner Cohen seconded with approval unanimous.

County Manager reported that the Office on Aging was requesting \$2,715 for furnishings and equipment for their new office in January. Commissioner Knox moved for approval. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

The County Manager gave the Commissioners information on the Municipal Resources Recovery Workshop in Florida next month. If anyone is interested in attending, please let Mr. Russell know.

Commissioner Swaim presented a Resolution to Honor Phil Barton for his ten (10) years of service. He moved the Commission adopt this Resolution. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval.

Chairman Messinger referred back to the Brochure on Health Screening for Senior Adults. He said all services are performed by a nurse and there is a problem in getting nurses. On the back side headed "Priority of Service" we will be promoting this service and it will cost money. Mr. Messinger suggested that the Health Department work with the Department of Social Services on determining eligibility for the service.

Chairman Messinger reported on correspondence with Craige Trexler.

Commissioner DeMarcus asked if Terry Barber's request should be approved today. He is asking for three (3) appointments to his EMS Advisory Council. Commissioner DeMarcus moved for approval. Commissioner Swaim seconded with unanimous approval.

There being no further business, Chairman Messinger adjourned this meeting to go into Executive Session.

Upon motion by Commissioner DeMarcus and seconded by Commissioner Swaim, the Commission reconvened into public session. Having no further business, motion made by Commissioner Knox, seconded by Commissioner Swaim to adjourn until December 15, 1987, at 2:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Russell, Acting Clerk
Board of County Commissioners