

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 12, 1988

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in a Public Hearing in the Community Building on April 12, 1988 at 7:00 P.M. The following members were present: Chairman Richard Messinger, Vice Chairman J. Newton Cohen, Sr., Commissioner George Knox and Commissioner Wilborn Swaim. Absent: Commissioner Jamima DeMarcus

Chairman Messinger called the meeting to order.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Secondary Roads Program by the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Waters briefly discussed the attached proposals regarding the following:

- 1) Paving Unpaved Roads on Priority List; and Paving Property Owners' Participating Matching Funds.
- 2) Paved Road Improvement & Safety Project--It was recommended that approximately 20% of the money or \$187,000 be set aside for this.
- 3) Spot Stabilization of Unpaved Roads--It was recommended that approximately 15% or \$106,000 of the money be set aside for Spot Stabilization of Unpaved Roads in order to keep the school bus routes in an all-weather condition.
- 4) Road Additions--There are several Road Additions that meet State Standards, and at the Property Owner's request, they need to be added to the system. Therefore, it was recommended that \$20,000 be set aside for this.
- 5) Contingencies Volunteer Fire Departments, and Rescue Squad Driveways.

The total recommendations for 1988-89 Proposed Secondary Road Program amounted to \$707,732.00. Applicable to the Commission agreeing with these recommendations, it was then requested that the Commission allow the Department of Transportation to proceed with their priority list on unpaved roads in priority order, paved POP, and road additions as they come in. This would only apply should the Department of Transportation have unspent money from the program. The anticipated \$707,732.00 is based on the amount of money that was received last year. Highway revenues are up this year as opposed to last year. It is likely the Counties will divide up \$3 or \$4 Million more which will give Rowan County additional dollars over and above the \$707,732.00. These funds will not be available until July 1, and no indications will be made until

sometime in July as to what the total collections are and what the final allocation will be. However, the Commission will be notified of this amount as soon as notice is received. Mr. Waters assured the Commission that a concentrated effort will be made to spend the funds in the years that it is allocated.

Chairman Messinger asked if Gin Road would also involve widening. Mr. Waters stated that they would not condemn land to pave it but if the right-of-way is not made available, then a process can be executed by the property owners by putting up a cash bond which the Department of Transportation would bond for the property owners. This is not anticipated at the present time. Tim Canup stated that they are having a problem with one property owner on this road.

Commissioner Knox made motion to approve recommendations from the Department of Transportation and seconded by Commissioner Cohen with unanimous approval.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Tim Russell provided a memorandum to the Commissioners relating to the Proposed Graduate Internship Program. The applicant obtains a position through Appalachian State University's Graduate Program. The applicant is then placed in a position for six (6) months for \$3,000 which the County or City would pay. This program provides the individual, through the NBA Program, with a semester of on-the-job training.

It was suggested that the applicant could research land use planning, zoning, subdivision ordinances, etc. This person could research what other Counties have and come up with manual proposed regulations on what is available and how the County could tailor their programs around this. The individual that has been recommended to the program is local and has an interest in Planning. Chairman Messinger stated that they would make a decision on this at the next meeting.

Tim Russell announced that a time needs to be established to interview for a Finance Director. The entire Commission would need to interview the candidates for this position. A tentative date of April 19, 1988 at 3:00 P.M. was set for interviewing candidates.

Tim Russell reported that a closing needs to be set on the Annual Audit Contract so the firm can be notified. Chairman Messinger stated that a decision would be made Tuesday afternoon.

In closing, Tim Russell announced that the County Commissioners need to notify Wendy Powell by Friday if they plan to attend the District meeting at the Agriculture Extension Service in the Seth Murdoch Auditorium on April 21, 1988.

Chairman Messinger adjourned the meeting at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy S. Powell
Clerk to the Board