

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 2, 1980

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building, Salisbury, North Carolina at 1:00 p.m. The following members were present: Chairman John Wear, Hall Steele, Rufus Honeycutt, Paul Smith and Brad Ligon.

Chairman Wear called the meeting to order and Mr. Honeycutt opened with prayer.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, the minutes of May 12, 1980 were unanimously approved.

A letter was received from Mrs. Irvin W. Bell requesting the Confederate Monument be moved to the Library grounds. The County Manager was asked to write to Mrs. Bell informing her of the problems that have been incurred in the past regards to moving the monument.

The County Manager received a letter from Clarence H. Sink, County supervisor of the Department of Agriculture commending two janitors, Bill Hunt and Doris Parker for their conscientious, hard work and going the extra mile.

A letter was received from Ronald Aycock, Executive Director of the NC Association of County Commissioners thanking the Board for the copy of the Resolution regarding state mandated programs. Mr. Aycock was hopeful that the General Assembly would enact the Fiscal Note Act which would provide a determination of the cost of legislative action and hopefully lead to a funding of mandated cost.

A letter was received from Claude O'Shields, Co-Chairman of the NC Department of Administration balanced growth committee regarding the joint growth center application. Recommendations have been changed and a new application would have to be filed no later than June 5, 1980.

A letter was received from the Federal Insurance Administrator with an up to date report on the National Flood Insurance Program.

The seventh annual NC Youth Session on Law, Leadership and Government will be held from July 27 – August 1, 1980 at the NC Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, NC.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Steele, the following new personnel were unanimously approved:

Amelia Jan Watts  
Home Ec. Extension Agent  
Hired 5/1/80  
Salary \$770.83/monthly

Dennis Lee Norton  
Deputy Sheriff/Dispatcher  
Hired 5/10/80  
Salary \$686/monthly

Benny Wayne Cook, Jr.  
Deputy Sheriff Dispatcher  
Hired May 8, 1980  
Salary: \$686/monthly

Mary Sue Thompson  
Emergency Management Clerk Typist III  
Hired 4/28/80  
Salary \$609/monthly

Vicky Cheryl Miles  
Tax Collector Clerk  
Hired 4/28/80  
Salary \$540/monthly

The County Manager reported the interest received through May 31, 1980 as follows:

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| General Fund    | \$244,723.83    |
| Kerr Mill       | 687.08          |
| Reappraisal     | 15,730.69       |
| Revenue Sharing | 27,464.43       |
| Debt Service    | <u>5,064.93</u> |
| Total           | \$293,670.96    |

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Steele the new plan and contract with deferred compensation was unanimously approved. (Attached)

Mr. Steele moved, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt the appointment of Trevis Hendren to replace Jack Ramsey, Jr. on the planning board.

The following refunds were unanimously approved by a motion from Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt.

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| Bldg Inspection | Cecil Eugene Lyerly \$5.00<br>Decided not to install service equipment       |
|                 | Alan M. Starnes \$12.20<br>Set up mobile home instead of bldg.               |
| Tax Collector   | Mary A. Williamson \$ 2.14<br>1977-78 & 79 taxes were paid for by her mother |

The following transfers were unanimously approved by a motion from Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt.

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| Bldg. Inspection   | \$48.84 from 6735 to 6734      |
| Data Processing    | \$300 from 5751 to 5756        |
| Fire Marshall      | \$29.52 from 3446 to Equipment |
|                    | \$95.43 from 3430 to 3435      |
| Parks & Recreation | \$230 from 6878 to 6860        |
|                    | \$55 from 6895 to 6860         |
| Social Services    | \$351.43 from 6150 to Pace     |

A 1979-80 budget amendment was unanimously approved by a motion from Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. (Attached)

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector reported tax collections for May, 1980 were \$158,836.32.

Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor along with Douglas Holbrook Director of Ad Valorem Tax Division in Raleigh appeared before the Board with a proposal to establish a separate board for the Board of Equalization and Review. An outside group who deals with property both residential, industrial and commercial whose expert knowledge might help to better relate to the people with their complaints and give helpful information to the tax payers.

John Yelton appeared before the Board requesting the Commissioners decision on a piece of property which was recorded but did not list mineral rights. His question was why there was no legal notice run in the paper as required by law. Chairman Wear asked County Attorney Clarence Kluttz to meet with Mr. Yelton and then come before the Board with a recommendation.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt a memorandum of understanding with new responsibility and relationships between NC Agriculture Extension Service, NC State University, A & T State University and the Board of Commissioners was unanimously approved.

Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Ligon two resolutions relating to the annexation of territory to Kannapolis Sanitary District was unanimously approved. (Attached)

Chairman Wear appointed Mr. Steele, Mr. Honeycutt and Mr. Smith as a committee to meet with the court staff and discuss any problems they are having with the new courtroom.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt and unanimously approved the statement in the amount of \$685 from Mr. Kluttz, County Attorney for professional services rendered on the case of George Miller. This amount would come out of contingencies.

A letter was received from Edwin B. Peacock, Jr. requesting a contribution to the Regional Library for the blind and physically handicapped located in Charlotte. Each county in the area is asked to donate a certain percentage according to the number served in their area. Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Mr. Steele to accept this as information.

Dr. Mary Sandler, Rev. Ed Long and Larry Parrish, Director of Tri-County Mental health appeared before the Board concerning the establishment of a detoxification center. At their advisory board meeting they unanimously approved the motion to ask the County Commissioners for one of the following actions to be taken:

1. provide a County owned facility for the detox center.
2. Assist in finding an alternate facility in Rowan County
3. That the existing funds be shifted to another County and that the ABC funds for the detox center be transferred to that agreed county.

Mr. Smith requested that he and Mr. Honeycutt be given permission to work with the advisory committee and look into two possible sites at the present. The vote was four to one with Mr. Ligon voting nay.

Edith Alcorn, President, Rowan Council of Human Services spoke to the County Commissioners on the Case Management Program. She on behalf of the council is requesting the approval and commitment of the county Commissioners to proceed with the groundwork on this program by submitting the Case Management System Grant application by July 15, 1980. Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr.

Honeycutt to approve the grant application. The vote was four to one with Mr. Ligon voting nay.

Louis Moose, China Grove Alderman and Mrs. DeMarcus brought before the Board a proposal for the construction of a new 12 inch water line that would connect the town of China Grove to the water system of the Town of Landis. A letter was received from J.N. Pease Associates, Engineers for the Town of China Grove with an updating of the estimated construction cost of the project. The total budget estimate would be \$149,000. Mr. Moose stated there would be a reimbursement to the County by a charge to tap on the line. Chairman Wear requested Mr. Smith and Mr. Honeycutt act as a committee and meet with the two boards.

Pat Whitman, County Housing Authority appeared before the Commissioners to gain approval of a 60 unit housing site to be located on Airport Road. Mr. Steele moved, seconded by Mr. Smith the approval of the proposed site if the preliminary provisions for a sanitary sewer system can be worked out.

A legislative bulletin was received from the NC Association of County Commissioners in Raleigh outlining a proposal that would give the Governor the power as a director of the budget to withhold state funds from any County that fails to meet its financial obligation to pay its share of cost for required programs of public assistance. Mr. Ligon moved, seconded by Mr. Smith requesting our representatives clarify the wording of the issue in the bulletin. The vote was three to two with Mr. Ligon, Mr. Smith and Mr. Honeycutt voting for the motion and Mr. Steele and Dr. Wear voting nay.

Chairman Wear asked our auditors for a review of the proposed 1980-81 budget from the previous hearings. The budget had be reduced by \$486,000.

Mr. Ligon moved, seconded by Mr. Smith that 7% be reduced from each department budget. The motion was defeated by a three to two vote. Mr. Ligon and Mr. Smith voting for the motion and Dr. Wear, Mr. Steele and Mr. Honeycutt voting nay.

Mr. Smith moved for a 57 ½ cent rate for the prepayment of taxes, seconded by Mr. Steele. The motion carried with a four to one vote. Mr. Ligon voted nay.

Mr. Steele stated he wished for the record to show in attempting to reduce the Sheriff's Department budget \$25,000, Mr. Ligon was unable to do this after making a motion to reduce each department budget 7%. Mr. Ligon stated this Board of Commissioners in an arbitrary action gave the school a given percentage to be reduced from their budget and refused to do likewise in the other departments.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt and unanimously approved a self-insurance funded hospitalization for all county employees with Corroon and Black benefits, Inc.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret B. Ireland, Clerk  
Rowan County Board of Commissioners