

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 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, Rufus Honeycutt, Paul Smith, Hall Steele, and Brad Ligon.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt the minutes of August 4, 1980 were unanimously approved with one correction by Paul Smith to add Mr. Harold Caudill's name to the energy committee.

One addition to the Agenda was made to add Mr. Charles Harris and Phil Barton who wish to apply for a Library Construction grant.

Mr. Steele moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the monthly reports as received.

A letter was received from the President of Rowan Technical College, R.L. Brownell, requesting \$9,000.00 for capital outlay which was deleted from their 1980-81 budget request. They have used their entire annual equipment budget to buy one numerical control lathe to meet the needs of local industry. This lathe cannot be installed in the existing machine shop without violating OSHA safety standards because there is not enough room for it. Their walls must be moved and modifications made in their existing facility structure to accommodate this lathe. They feel that their problem is greater than that of the public schools. If they cannot have the flexibility to modify their existing facilities structure to accommodate changing needs then their only alternative is to build more facilities. Mr. Honeycutt moved that \$9,000 be transferred from 4591 contingencies for capital outlay at Rowan Tech. Mr. Ligon seconded with unanimous approval.

A letter was received from Ronald B. Lewis, Region FEMS Coordinator, office of Emergency Medical services concerning inspection of emergency vehicles operated C&M Ambulance Service. He found the vehicles to be in excellent condition and saw an eagerness among the personnel to achieve excellence and to provide the best possible emergency medical services to the people in Rowan county. Two suggestions were made. One was to use the EMS Patient Record Keeping System and the other to establish a task force to investigate and implement an

EMT-IV program in our county. Dr. Wear stated that Dr. Skowronek at Rowan Memorial Hospital was investigating this. Mr. Honeycutt was glad to receive the letter and happy to hear that Government had been taken out of private enterprise.

A letter was received from Julian C. Johnston, chairman of the 1980 Holiday Caravan. The 21<sup>st</sup> annual parade is scheduled for Wednesday, November 26 beginning at 3:00 p.m. in Spencer and at 4:00 p.m. in Salisbury and the Commissioners are invited to participate.

A letter of recognition was received from William Wood, presiding Judge, Superior Court acknowledging services of Mrs. Nell Rose, and Mrs. Laverne Neely. He commended them for the fine, excellent job in keeping the court room and the judge's chambers clean.

A letter was received from Thomas W. Bradshaw, Jr., secretary Department of Transportation, concerning the State Fall "Clean Up Litter" campaign the week of September 8 through 12. He will provide a minimum of three transportation maintenance crews and equipment in each county to work with volunteers and workers.

A letter was received from Robert L. Netherton, Chairman Board of County Commissioners of Burke County concerning the new fuel assistance program as outlined by the Department of Human Resources. If there are any errors or charge-backs on this fuel assistance program it will surely cost the county. He quoted Governor Jim Hunt at a commissioners association meeting last August, "The state should not mandate any new programs by local government unless it pays for them. I made this pledge to you last year and I am strongly committed to it." He also said, "The state's tax base is more responsive to the general economy than the counties." Mr. Netherton's opinion is to let the Governor find the necessary funds. Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt, the commissioners unanimously voted to support a resolution previously passed by the Social Services Board to oppose the State plan for Counties to screen applicants for fuel assistance.

A letter was received from Fred Kane, M.D. Salisbury physician concerning the proposed legislation aimed at preventing, by whatever measures, is certainly more feasible, economical and humane than trying to treat such problems; but is against enforcement fearing police could search and arrest people if they look like they have something.

A letter was received from Clarence Kluttz concerning an ordinance against the sale of drug paraphernalia. He had reviewed the matter with Bob Roberts, District Attorney and Ann Reid, Assistant Attorney General in Raleigh. They both feel very strongly that this should be handled by State law instead of a County Ordinance.

Commissioner Paul Smith asked if the County could pass a temporary ordinance to be in effect until the General Assembly takes action.

Mr. Kluttz said the Commissioners could do that, and he would draw up an ordinance to present at the next meeting.

A letter from Jack Cozart, Legal Counsel to the Governor, Raleigh, North Carolina concerning payment of expenses for the return of fugitive misdemeanor probationers was received. Under a new change- the county Treasury where the misdemeanor allegedly occurred is responsible for the payment of expenses.

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector reported tax collections for August, 1980 were \$84,678.23.

Mr. Charles Harris with the Library Board of Trustees and Phil Barton, Library Director, requested \$40,000 in matching funds in order to apply for a grant from the State for renovations of the South Rowan Library branch. The Library has \$5,000 on hand now and will get another \$5,000 in donations for a total of \$50,000 in matching funds. Applications for the state money must be in by September 16. The state has appropriated \$1 million for library renovation for the first time in North Carolina history. The only monies used in library construction in North Carolina in the past was local and federal money. The money is to be distributed on a matching basis, with libraries able to apply for a maximum grant of \$100,000. Mr. Smith made a motion to give a letter of intent for \$40,000 to come from either anticipated revenue sharing funds or the fund balance in order that they may make the application. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Ray Hayworth and Ray Karriker, County Planning Board made a presentation on Land Use Alternatives and the City's new arterial water system plan. Mr. Smith felt like this should be presented separately.

The planning board has endorsed an alternative calling for compact growth, which would steer new development near municipalities where water and sewer service are available.

Chairman Wear does not believe in encouraging people to move into the city limits – people should be able to make their own decisions about where they want to live. IF the entire plan were implemented, about 75% of the county's population would have water service.

Mr. Jim Fowler representing the Salisbury Board of Realtors, opposed the land use alternatives. He gave his recommendations to the Board, quoting page numbers and sections in ordinances concerning growth in the city and county. Mr.

Ligon moved that the land use alternatives be tabled. Mr. Honeycutt seconded. The vote was four to one with Mr. Steele opposed.

Mr. Honeycutt moved that a committee work with the City on water policy. Mr. Steele suggested that the two boards get together. Mr. Honeycutt agreed to this in his motion. Mr. Smith seconded. Chairman Wear said he would contact Mayor Weinhold to arrange a meeting.

Allen Paul, State Historic Site Specialist and C.E. Spear, the Mayor of Spencer asked commissioners to contribute toward the cost of conducting and economic impact study for the Spencer Shops. The Spencer town board has agreed to pay half the estimated \$19,000 to \$28,000 cost for the study by Wilber Smith Association.

The study would determine things such as utility requirements, visitors per day, the number of additional gas stations, restaurants and motels needed, zoning, secondary road requirements, growth, directional signs, employment possibilities and local interest. The Board agreed to give this issue their full support.

Chairman Wear said that he thought the study was a good idea as it would show whether or not the museum would be a good investment. Mr. Smith said he would like to see all municipalities have a chance to participate in the cost of the study. Mr. Honeycutt moved that the county participate in the remaining 50% when a firm price was established. When told that time was a factor, Mr. Honeycutt changed his motion to pay all of the remaining 50% with the money to come from contingencies. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval.

The Rev. Lucy Rose, Chairman Task Force WIC, Rowan County Council of Human Services asked commissioners to give the Health Department permission to implement WIC- a nutrition program for women, infants and children at no cost to Rowan County. The program stresses getting proper nutrition to pregnant and nursing women and children.

Commissioners failed to act on a similar request about two years ago. Health Director Herbert L. Hawley and a staff member made a presentation to the board in June, 1978. Commissioners accepted the report as information and took no action at that time.

Present with Ms. Rose were personnel from the Health Department: Mrs. Evelyn Schaffer, Mrs. Elese Allison, Mrs. Martha Harrell, Mrs. Martha Freez and Mrs. Kathy Pilkington with the State and Board of Health Members, Gladys Beaumont, A.R. Kelsey and T.L. James.

Rev. Rose stated that persons receiving aid under WIC would be low income people, a case load of approximately \$500. These people must meet income criteria and be assessed to be at nutritional risk by a health professional.

Mrs. Evelyn Schaffer gave examples of nutritional risks. Includes teen pregnancy, history of low birth weight infants or premature infant, low hemoglobin/chronic disease.

Mrs. Schaffer also gave statistics on an estimated eligible population.

Rev. Rose commented that Food Town Store considered this a worth while program and would participate.

Harry Sifford, Regional Health Services supportive of the program gave good indication that WIC was much needed for Rowan County and gave statistics- percentages of people at poverty line. 30% white- 40% black- qualify for WIC.

Chairman Wear asked Mr. Sifford if this was not a problem for the Board of Health; Mrs. Schaffer commented that this was true- but also wanted it approved by the board of commissioners.

Mr. Smith asked could a mother on food stamps apply. Mrs. Schaffer said some might but the criteria is different for the two programs.

Chairman Wear asked what assurance do you have that mothers will feed this nutritional package to children. Mrs. Schaffer answered, "There is no assurance."

Mrs. Schaffer commented that there would be another Nutritionist and a Clerk added to the staff to take care if WIC and paid for with federal funds.

Mr. Honeycutt made the motion to accept this request. Mr. Smith seconded. The vote was four to one in favor with Mr. Ligon voting nay.

Robert Gunn, Fire Marshall, presented a resolution adopting Rowan Franklin Fire District Boundaries. Upon a motion of commissioner Hall Steele seconded by commissioner Paul Smith, the resolution was unanimously approved. (Attached)

The following new personnel were unanimously approved by a motion from Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Smith:

Sherry James Weaver  
Dental Assistant

Hired 8/25/80  
Salary \$617/monthly

Hilda Marie Woods  
Social Service Clerk, Typist III  
Hired 8/11/80  
Salary \$676/monthly

David Allen Jones  
Janitor  
Hired 8/4/80  
Salary \$592/monthly

Register Lee Bost  
Deputy Sheriff  
Hired 8/4/80  
Salary \$752/monthly

Henry Grady Smith  
Landfill operator  
Hired 8/11/80  
Salary \$871/monthly

The County Manager reported the interest received through August 31, 1980.

General Fund	\$87,676.60
Revenue Sharing	<u>38.57</u>
	\$87,715.17

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Steele approval of the following budget transfer:

Transfer \$8.50 from 3246 repairs to equipment to 3230 maintenance to machine.

After the second reading of the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Ordinance Amendment, Mr. Steele moved that it be adopted. Mr. Smith seconded with unanimous approval. (Attached)

Upon a motion by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Smith, a change order for the amphitheater at Dan Nicholas Park for \$586.42 was approved. (Attached)

Mr. Smith moved that a change order for the Old Post Office in the amount of \$213 be approved. Mr. Steele seconded with unanimous approval. (Attached)

Upon a motion by commissioner Steele, seconded by commissioner Smith the following refunds by the tax collector's office were approved:

To Benny Lee Smith, PO Box 305, East Spencer, NC - \$19.19 for 1971-1975-inclusive taxes paid through error May 22, 1980.

To Ricky C. Fleming, General Delivery, Mt. Airy, NC \$67.80 (\$64.58 principle and 3.22 interest) for 1979 taxes paid through error on August 18, 1980.

The sale of three 1979 Fords Sheriff's Automobiles to Max's Used Autos for \$3,260 was approved upon a motion by Commissioner Ligon.

Commissioner Smith moved and Commissioner Steele seconded that a contract with the Town of Faith for the County Tax Collector to collect their taxes be approved. The vote was unanimous.

Upon a recommendation by the County Manager, Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Steele to install two doors in the Post Office Lobby which would connect the new corridor.

The County Manager reported that Ramsay and Associates had received an estimate of \$250 to raise the witness stand in the new court room. They would pay this cost. The estimate for moving the bar rail, patch the floor and shorten one bench was \$3,353. The county would be responsible for this. \$900 would be for new carpet within the bar area. It was suggested that the carpet be patched and Chairman Wear requested that Rowan Tech be contacted to see if their personnel could do the work. The Manager was instructed to have Ramsay proceed with raising the witness stand and check with Rowan Tech on the remainder of the work.

A motion to receive bids for repairs and painting the Community Building was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Steele with unanimous approval.

The board agreed on a special meeting to consider a Drug Paraphernalia Ordinance, Preliminary Assessment Resolution for paving Kimberly Court and a proposed lease at the Airport.

The adjourned meeting will be held on September 16, 1980 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk  
Rowan County Board of Commissioners