

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 5, 1983

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building on July 5, 1983 at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present: Chairman Hall Steele, Jamima DeMarcus, Harry Sifford, Jim Sides and Jim Cohen.

Chairman Steele called the meeting to order and Commissioner Sides opened with prayer.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the minutes of May 31, June 2 and June 6 with one correction to the minutes of May 31, 1983- 2nd. Page 8th paragraph to read: to fund the Chamber of Commerce Industrial Recruitment at \$13,500. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Mr. Jim Foltz, Parks Director, presented his Director's Fiscal year Report to Commissioners. He explained that 1982-93 revenue July 1, 1982- thru June 26, 1983 showed a sub total of \$107,535.85. He said the county's recreation program now is in the top three in North Carolina in annual revenue. He said the Sloan Park has gone over even better than anticipated.

The Commissioners addressed Sloan Park Creek problem to Mr. Foltz. Commissioner Cohen said he had received calls at home concerning this problem. He went and looked at it and said it was totally disgusting. Commissioner Steele explained that heavy rains caused manure to fill up in farmer J.R. Caldwell's lagoon, a backup system for the dairy farms' sewage. He further explained that Mr. Caldwell attempted to empty the pond on a 30 acre field but the hard solid failed to absorb the sewage. The runoff went into Kerr Creek and also into Sloan Park where children have been playing. Commissioner Steele stated that nothing has been intentional about it; and that the State Environmental Management Division has warned Mr. Caldwell he could be faced with fines of up to \$10,000 for further violations. Commissioner Sides was concerned at the State's not following through on the problem or at least offering the Commission further direction. He made a motion for the board to write a letter to Mr. Rex Gleason, State Department of Natural Resources and Community Development and ask that the creek be upgraded from A-2 classification to B the highest categorization for a stream. Commissioner Cohen seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Sifford abstaining and Chairman Steele voting no. Commissioner Sides asked for a copy of

this letter. Commissioner Sifford said he was not sure the action Commissioners were taking was the action needed to correct the problem.

Mr. Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector, reported total collections of \$264,536.98 for the month of June, 1983.

Chairman Steele declared the public hearing open to close a portion of Eastbrook Circle. There being no opposition, Chairman Steele declared the public hearing closed. Mr. Hannah, Contractor, explained that there was rock in the area; and informed Commissioner Sides that 1.34 acres was being closed. He said nine to ten acres had been sold as acreage to expand later. Commissioner Sides made a motion to close that portion of Eastbrook Circle. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval. (Attached)

Mr. Robert Gunn, Fire Marshall along with David Linker, Chairman Rockwell Fire District, explained to Commissioners that Locke Fire District would like to call for a vote on establishing a fire tax in their district. A petition has been submitted with signatures of resident freeholders. The petition has 598 signatures. Sixty-seven were eliminated after comparing the list with the list of eligible freeholders, leaving 531 eligible to sign. By law 15% of the eligible freeholders must sign the petition. Sincere there were 531 eligible signatures, the petition is being presented. Commissioner DeMarcus moved approval authorizing the County Election Board to set a date for the vote. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval. Robert Gunn said the General Assembly changed the statute May 26 and required the 35% effective May 26 but it gave fire districts a 30 day grace period. He said the Locke petition was filed June 23. Commissioner Steele said he was concerned about some of the residents in the Mt. Ulla-Bear Poplar fire district who are now being served by Lock and how this will affect them. Mr. Gunn said fire district lines across the County probably will have to be re-evaluated. He also said that Rowan County has more fire departments than any other county in the state. (Attached)

Mr. George Monaghan, Centralina Council of Governments, presented the Job Training Partnership Act to Commissioners which Rowan County would be participating with Stanly, Lincoln, Iredell, Cabarrus and Union. Most of the program probably will be administered through the Employment Security Commission, Mr. Monaghan said. Commissioner Sides asked Mr. Monaghan what the Commissioners role would be and Rowan County's part in the partnership. Mr. Monaghan said to receive funds and administer the program. The consortium will appoint a 20 member private industry council. Commissioner Cohen asked how much will be spent in Rowan- Mr. Monaghan said \$323,000 in Adult program and \$173,000 in Youth and Summer Youth programs. He said 15% would be spent on Administrative costs. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to adopt the resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner DeMarcus

seconded. The motion carried with Commissioner Sides voting against. Chairman Steele was elected spokesman for the six county consortium. Commissioner DeMarcus asked Mr. Monaghan for a list of the 20 people who will be serving on the team. (Attached)

Ann Walker, with North Carolina State University Center for Urban Affairs, presented a draft request for bids on a new Computer System for the County. She went through the many many pages and picket out certain articles of interest. Commissioner Sifford said he would like to see included-additional study for the Health Department- for the programs that exist as well as budgetary. Commissioner DeMarcus asked about the feasibility of including something for mental health. Commissioner Sides said Daryl will have his hands full as is without including added items. Commissioners agreed on August 15 as the date opening for bids and November 1 to award the contract. Commissioner Sides recommended contacting Herbert Hawley, Health Department Director and let him summarize his needs and budgetary for multiple programs.

Commissioner Sifford introduced the resolution to issue industrial revenue bonds in the aggregate principle amount of \$1,250,000 (the "Bonds") for the installation of a freezer storage and distribution facility at 1588 Cedar Springs Road (Hardees) Salisbury, N.C. Commissioner Sifford moved the passage of the resolution and Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Sides voting against. (Attached)

Commissioner DeMarcus informed the Commissioners of a couple of dates to meet with the Planning Board which did not work out. She will try to set a date for August.

Mr. Murdoch informed the Commissioners of a letter from Willard G. Plentl, Jr. P.E. with the Department of Transportation informing them of the final audit of the State Airport Aid Project No. 79-05, Work Order No. 9.90172 that it was completed and in compliance with the grant agreement.

Mr. Murdoch received a letter from the Rowan County Human Services Office concerning their request for an Executive Secretary. They explained the workload and said the council was reorganizing. They said they could not utilize the services of a CWEP person. Commissioner Sifford said we should respond to their needs.

Commissioner Cohen moved to approve the road petition for Hartley Road located in Union Grove Heights Subdivision off of Bringle Ferry Road in eastern Rowan County. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. (Attached)

Mr. Murdoch reported Personnel:

Cheryl Reavis-Public Health Nurse, Health Department hired May 30, 1983 at a salary of \$1,154.25 replacing Margaret Wickerson at \$1,257.75.

Glenda Graham, Programmer/Analyst, hired June 8, 1983 at a salary of \$1,354.92.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the personnel. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch reported Interest:

General Fund	\$390,113.29
Revenue Sharing	38,585.27
Reappraisal	3,106.26
Drainage	85.40
Murtis Nicholas	<u>383.33</u>
	\$432,273.55

Mr. Murdoch reported refunds:

From: Tax Supervisor- Refund to Gwendolyn H. Trivette the amount of \$152.65. She sold a house to Randall W. Proctor. The house was not deleted from the Trivette property, so both parties were charged with the house. They both paid taxes on the same house for 1982. Commissioner Sides made a motion to refund the \$152.65 to Mrs. Trivette. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

There were fifteen appeals to the Property Tax Commission in Raleigh on the 1982 Revaluation. There were only four tracts that were reduced and one still pending.

1. Fowler Motors refund \$32.57
2. Oscar O. Roach refund \$6.02
3. Mid Carolina Broadcasting Co. refund \$37.40
4. H. Ray Mills refund \$14.04

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve these refunds. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

From: the Tax Supervisor- refund to Stephen Fisher \$14.44 for taxes paid on 1974 truck that had been charged to him wrongfully. It belonged to another Stephen Fisher. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the refund. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the refund to Mr. George Higdon for landfill tickets which he had purchase and could not use. Refund the amount of \$95.00 for 19 books. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the refund to Charles L. Basinger in the amount of \$5.00 for a permit which he had purchased from the Building Inspection Department. The job was in Davidson county. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. Thomas Caddell decided not to withdraw from the Library Board.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to appoint Mrs. Lester Poe as a replacement for Lisa Miller who resigned to the Library Board. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus moved to reappoint Bill Mills to the Region F Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council and to appoint Harry Sifford to represent local government on this council. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to reappoint Mr. R.O. Everett and Dan R. Williams and Hall Steele to replace Rufus Honeycutt on the Centralina Development Corporation. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Sides voting no.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to reappoint Robert Thomas, Maria Seiwell and Addie Rhem Morris to the Region F Aging Advisory Committee. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to appoint Anna Bailey, Carr Lingle, Ruby Lentz, Richard C. Harrington, Carol Young, Rev. Curtis Parker and Rufus Honeycutt to the Rowan County Domiciliary Home Community Advisory Committee. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner Cohen also seconded Commissioner DeMarcus' motion to appoint Hazel Everhardt & Maxine Phillippi to the same board with unanimous approval. Commissioner Sides moved reappointment of C.C. Erwin to the Rowan Technical College Board. Commissioner Cohen seconded. After discussion, Commissioner DeMarcus requested that they wait until his re-appointment is due which will be in August. A vote was taken to reappoint Mr. Erwin now. Commissioners Sifford, DeMarcus and Chairman Steele voting against. Commissioner Sides said, others

have been reappointed before the end of their terms, Commissioner Cohen said Mr. Erwin was an asset to the Board.

Mr. Murdoch reported bids to refurbish the dumpsters. He received three bids from: Jerry Karriker, \$10,900, Smith Painting, \$6,200 and Prevet Co., \$6,030. Commissioner Sifford moved to accept the low bid from Prevet at \$6,030. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Cohen voting No. Mr. Murdoch said this would include sandblasting and paint 24- 40 yds cans and 35- 6 yds cans.

Commissioner Sifford moved adoption of Section 2 of the Airport Board Resolution. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. Commissioner Sides said he was opposed to the work new as in new members; that he preferred to imply that the same members could be re-appointed. He said he could concur with the resolution if the word new were dropped. Commissioner Sifford withdrew his motion and Commissioner DeMarcus withdrew her second. Commissioner Sides made a motion that the word new be dropped to delete it six times from the Resolution. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner Cohen made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. (Attached)

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to accept the budget amendment to provide for the use of the unexpended balance of Revenue Sharing Funds to Street Signs- \$1,230.41- Sanitation Equipment & Construction \$62,000- Post Office- \$38,000 and Airport- \$24,066.50. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Sides not being present to vote. (Attached)

Commissioner DeMarcus said she would like for the Board to make some kind of commitment toward making more room for the Social Services Department. Commissioner Sifford said he would like to present the resolution again that he proposed to them at their regular meeting on May 2, 1983- that the Commissioners recognize the need for a standard facility for the Department of Social Services and conscious of the desire and need of the City of Salisbury promoting the development of the block bounded by West Innes, South Main, West Council and North Church Streets. I hereby resolve to enact a commitment of support of the block by pledging the relocation of the Social Services Department as tenants within that block subject to several requirements that are three in number: 1- That we have alike commitment by the City of Salisbury Council to the provision for adequate parking facilities within the interior of that block 2- The completion of a successful marketing package to a private developer to provide the rental of space for Social Services within the allowed budget of Health and Human Services. 3-Griffith Associates marketing that development package. Commissioner Sifford said the exact building remains uncertain. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. Commissioner Cohen said he would have to vote against it because he thought the

resolution was a move in the wrong direction. Instead of moving the department downtown, which requires provisions for parking, Commissioners should look into construction a new facility at a location where parking could be provided. Commissioner Sides said the Post Office was like we had bought a “white elephant”, and we just don’t know what to do with it. He further commented that we was not opposed to downtown revitalization, but “I’m opposed to spending taxpayer’s money for downtown revitalization.” Chairman Steele took a vote. Commissioner Sides and Cohen voting No. Chairman Steele voting I.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to reappoint Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor for another two year term. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sides asked what progress has been taken to eliminate the dust problem on Black Road. Commissioner Sifford said he and Chairman Steele had visited the site and had met with Charles Kluttz with the Highway Commission. Mr. Kluttz said that there were not a sufficient number of homes to put this road on a priority list for paving. He offered one alternative for relieving this dust problem and that was for the people who live on this road to buy calcium chloride and the State would put it down for them. They agreed, the State put it down but due to a dry period- it did not activate.

Commissioners had not had a chance to go out to visit the property in China Grove that Richard Smith had wanted to purchase. It is several parcels of land. Commissioner DeMarcus said she would go.

There being no further business, Chairman Steele adjourned the meeting. Commissioners are to attend the Board of Equalization and Review after this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners