

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 1985

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building on September 3, 1985 at 9:00 A.M. The following members were present: Commissioner Jamima DeMarcus, Commissioner Harry Sifford, Commissioner Richard Messinger, Chairman Hall Steele and Commissioner Newton Cohen.

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

Commissioner DeMarcus approved the minutes of August 5, Commissioner Sifford seconding with one correction to Page 10- last paragraph to read this Board had been given a copy of the Animal Control Policy approved by the Board of Health, to be reviewed by Commissioners and to place on their September 3 agenda. With this correction, the minutes were unanimously passed. Commissioner Sifford moved approval the minutes of August 12. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the minutes of August 29 with one correction to the first page-fifth paragraph to read for the purchase of circular fans for Rowan Schools to be installed in upper classrooms that are not cooled. With this correction, Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

As additions to the Agenda, Commissioner DeMarcus requested to add the animal control, to present a plan for landscaping the county buildings and honoring volunteers next month, Chairman Steele requested to add the personnel policy for discussion.

Monthly Reports- Commissioner DeMarcus said she had attended the Parks and Recreation meeting and reported that all is going well there as well as with the Special Populations Program. She said she had attended the Bakers Creek Park Opening and that it had attracted a good crowd.

Commissioner Sifford circulated a copy of the Tri-County Financial Receipts for information.

Commissioner Messinger moved the request of Social Services Director for per diem for Board members. Same \$15.00 per member and \$20 for Chairman. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Chairman Steele asked Commissioner Messinger to work with Commissioner DeMarcus in considering reimbursement for other boards.

Mr. Murdoch read a letter from Eugene McKinney, Southern Bell informing Commissioners that he was prepared to meet with them concerning the 911 implementation; and set 10 A.M. Thursday, September 19 as the meeting date. Mr. Murdoch said he would contact everyone who will be involved in the process. Mr. Murdoch said County Coordinator, Paul Canup would be the proper person to draw up maps of Rowan County showing all municipalities since he is familiar with street signs.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to set 9:30 a.m. October 7 to hold a Public Hearing to close a portion of First Street. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Wayne Simpson, Tax Collector reported \$77,679.90 in total tax collections for the month of August, 1985. He told Commissioner that tax notices were being sent out.

Mr. Murdoch reported personnel: Teresa Corry, PHNI at \$1,389.00 replacing Susan Dishman at \$1,389.00. Susan Duncan, Veterans Service Office at \$771.00 monthly replacing Christol Bowden at \$771.00. Veronica McCart, EMT at \$1,088.00 monthly replacing Gwen Fisher at \$1,115.00. Barbara Sprinkle, New EMT at \$4.60 hr. Shane Woodson, Dispatcher Jail at \$963.00 monthly replacing T.W. Rowland at \$963.00. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the personnel. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch reported Interest:

General Fund-----	\$81,174.71
Murtis Nicholas---	216.96
Revenue Sharing---	1,327.20
Drainage-----	126.62
Reappraisal-----	3,479.81
Total	<u>\$90,325.30</u>

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the budget amendment for Mr. Hawley's WIC Program. 1.77% has been restored after a Federal cut. The additional \$1,305 is to be applied to salaries and fringe benefits already in the budget. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to approve a budget amendment for the Parks and Recreation to budget the \$1,000 grant received from Alcoa Foundation for use in Special Populations Program received in May 1985. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve the budget amendment for Parks and Recreation to budget \$200.00 from donation era marked for Stage at Sloan Park. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve a budget amendment for the Department of Social Services to establish budget for remaining eight months for new food stamp issuance costs for contract with AMP, Inc. with no increase required in County appropriations. To increase Food Assistance Revenues by \$7,052 and decrease Medicaid Assistance by \$7,052.00. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve budget amendments for the Health Department's Neurology and Orthopedic Clinics by setting up a Repairs to Equipment Accounts. To establish a Repairs to Equipment Account for the Neurology Clinic by decreasing Laboratory, Medical and Clinic Supplies by \$100.00 and increasing Repairs to Equipment by \$100.00; To establish a Repairs to Equipment Account for the Orthopedic Clinic by decreasing X-Ray/Supplies by \$100.00 and increasing Repairs to Equipment by \$100.00. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Murdoch presented bids- The first on a Front End Loader- He received three bids - one from N.C. Equipment for \$128,425 with \$11,000 trade-in for old- \$117,425. The second bid from E.F. Craven for \$121,770 with \$20,000 trade-in- \$101,770. The third bid from Rimtrax- \$114,998- with \$6,000 trade-in- \$108,998. Commissioner Sifford made a motion to accept the low bid from E.F. Craven with 30-45 days delivery. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus moved approval to award the contract for upgrading a portion of the county's 38/Computer System to Sun Data, Inc. with immediate delivery- will be certified for IBM Maintenance. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Murdoch had received three bids- one from The Data Comp Group for \$62,800- one from IBM for \$84,374 and the low bid from Sun Data for \$53,600.

Mr. Murdoch received three bids on financing the equipment to be purchased by Rowan County - total equipment- \$272,990. One from First Union Leasing Group for 7.64%- one from Southern National for 7.40% and low bid from Sovran Leasing Corp. for 6.75%- Commissioner Sifford moved approval of low bid from Sovran Leasing Corp. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval. (Resolution Attached)

Mr. Murdoch said he had received three bids on Air Conditioning for the Jail which \$29,500 had been set aside for. One bid from Air Master- \$32,400- one from Bill Brown- \$28,900 and one from Automated Controls- \$28,174. Commissioner Messinger moved acceptance of the low bid from Automated Controls with Commissioner Cohen seconding for discussion. He asked if we should have an Engineer on this project. Mr. Murdoch said not that he was aware of. Commissioner Sifford said it should be investigated. Commissioner Messinger accepted an amendment to his motion to include contingent upon Commissioner Cohen's investigation and approval. Commissioners voted unanimously.

Mr. Murdoch informed Commissioners that he had received complete proposals from Kimley-Horn Associates, Raleigh, N.C. and Talbert, Cox and Associates, Charlotte, N.C. as consultants to undertake the preparation of the County Airport Master Plan and the various design and engineering services for first five year Development Program. Mr. Murdoch recommended Talbert, Cox and Associates because he said they had done over ninety-five Airport Master Plans with most of their work done here in North Carolina. Kimley-Horn had only listed one and that was for Miami International Airport. Commissioner Cohen made a motion to retain Talbert, Cox and Associates. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Messinger asked persons involved in the naming of SR 1440 if there had been any compromise on sides. He was told that it was the same as left one month ago from the Public Hearing. There had been no talk or compromise at all. Commissioner Cohen then made a motion to name the road State Road 1440. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Renita Ritchie, Special Populations Director asked for a 14% increase over her approved budget. Renita told Commissioners she needed a Copier- which she specified a Sharp Model for \$1,395 plus paper - \$100.00, a Swintec Model typewriter for \$549 and to install a separate telephone line at Ellis Park - cost- \$1,060.80. Commissioner Messinger approved her request for an additional \$4,048 to come from contingencies. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner DeMarcus said was glad to hear the validity of Renita's study.

Mr. Carl Sloop, Jr. and Jim Foltz requested Commissioners to allow them to use Capital Outlay funds at Baker's Park. The \$21,000 approved by Commissioners in their 1985-1986 budget. Mr. Sloop said Cabarrus County had approved their \$39,000 to be used. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to permit use of that fund for Baker's Creek Park Development. Commissioner Cohen seconded for discussion. He asked if any progress had been made at this time to turn the deed over to City of Kannapolis. Chairman Steele said he had talked with Mayor Brown about his feelings. Commissioner Cohen said they needed discussion about deed before releasing the funds. Commissioner Sifford made a motion that Rowan County meet with Mayor Brown and offer the title to the City of Kannapolis. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioner DeMarcus said she wanted to stay and develop the Park. That Kannapolis was deprived of a Park and that she would have to vote with her heart and not her head. Commissioner Sifford said if we allow this we would be setting legal precedences. Commissioner Messinger said he would like to see the land transferred to Kannapolis but did not want to present a burden on Kannapolis requested that this matter be deferred until the next meeting and then withdrew his motion. Commissioner Messinger made a motion to meet with the town of Kannapolis and work out a schedule for phasing it over to get Cabarrus County Commissioners involved, a reasonable procedure for transferring the title. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Chairman Steele, Commissioner Sifford voting For, Commissioner DeMarcus voting against.

Chairman Steele said they would have to decide "What to do with the Cabarrus-Rowan Board. A re-appointment comes up in December. That they were doing an excellent job - "What to do in the future"!

Carl Sloop, Jr. asked Commissioners to adopt a new Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance. He said it had already been adopted by thirty counties. Commissioner Messinger requested that Mr. Sloop mail a copy with changes marked to Commissioners.

Mr. Joe Sulkowski, REMAS Director presented a Cost Analysis Survey to Commissioners. Explained to them services not charging for. He called 43 counties, 22 were basic EMT; 10 were EMT-Intermediate; 2 were EMT-Intermediate-Advanced; 10 were EMT-Paramedic. He said doing this study he found out that REMAS being basic EMT, we are well within or above what other basic EMT systems charge. He said it would be feasible to charge for oxygen and for the use of a body-bag; and also to charge for using our M.A.S.T. garments and Traction Splints, due to the time these pieces will be tied-up at the hospital. Commissioner Sifford said he could accept fees for basic services; but that it was time to start considering more medical services fees. With this, Commissioner Sifford made a motion to support Joe's recommendations on items requested. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded recommending to charge for items listed with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to defer the Ambulance Ordinance until all agencies have a chance to review it. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Robert Gunn, Fire Marshall and present Emergency Management Director talked to Commissioners about the recent chemical spill at Proctor Chemical and also other related emergencies. He said the recent rains we had been having caused the flooding of a trailer park and people had to be evacuated. He said Mr. Koontz, Social Services Director was on hand at the chemical spill in case shelters had to be opened. He reported the Sheriff's Department and the Red Cross were there - ready for evacuation. On the flooding, Mr. Gunn reported that before the people could move back in, electrical wiring and etc. had to be inspected first. On the ground leak at the Health Department, Water samples were taken - no damage with sewage was reported. Chairman Steele told Mr. Gunn according to his reports, it looked like he had been on top of things. Commissioner DeMarcus said the people had a right to know what chemicals were being

stored at National Starch. Commissioner Sifford said matter had been discussed by the Board of Health that a Chemist was needed on their Board.

Commissioners broke for lunch and returned to Regular Business.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve paying three bills to Forsyth Detention Center for services rendered to Rowan Juveniles in the amount of \$285.00. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to negotiate with Rusher Oil Company to pay them \$10 a month for Bostian Crossroads Dumpster Site and to study other sites to see what is feasible in other cases. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to appoint Dr. John Barr as a replacement for Dr. Skrowonek as Medical Advisor on the REMAK Council. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioners deferred the appointment of a replacement for Bill Mills until the EMS Director is hired.

Commissioner Sifford moved to renew the barn lease at the Heritage Home to David Tuttle at \$110 a month for another year. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the REMAS refunds for the month of August for a total of \$714.06. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Messinger moved to allow June Bost, North Kannapolis Sheriff's Department to proceed with adding a 1984 Ford to his fleet with only cost being the insurance. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

A letter from Clyde Fahnestock, Aging Director concerning applying for a \$70,000 Federal Grant for a Senior Citizens's Center. Mr. Murdoch told Commissioner DeMarcus that the County could not apply for the grant unless we knew where to put it.

Have to have something substantial, Mr. Murdoch said. Commissioners agreed to talk to the city to see if something could be put together.

Commissioner DeMarcus said she had a note from Betty McCrary concerning volunteers. Volunteers have been chosen, three to go to Charlotte on nine who care. She requested that the Volunteers be placed on next month's agenda in order for Commissioners to present to them a Certificate of Appreciation.

Commissioner Sifford said the Board of Health had approved a new Animal Control Ordinance and requested that the Commissioners review it and make comments. Commissioner DeMarcus passed out a copy of a Model Dog and Cat Control Ordinance relating to the regulation, licensing, vaccination, confinement, disposition, and disposal of dogs and cats which recommends neutering and spaying of animals before leaving the pound or place of confinement; Commissioner DeMarcus said she would like to also talk to Commissioners about differential licenses fees and changing the name of the Dog Pound to Rowan County Animal Shelter; and to appoint an Advisory Board to help the Human Society and to change the hours at the Pound in order to have evening hours. Commissioners deferred this matter until later on that day in order to hear from John Ramsay and Bill Burgin, Architects who are doing the design on the new Agricultural Building.

Bill Burgin and John Ramsey talked to Commissioners again about the newly proposed Agricultural Building. Commissioner Sifford said he had talked with Harold Caudill about his needs and Mr. Caudill said he could get prison labor to help with the landscaping, drop the furniture and appliances to add later. Commissioner Sifford said a basic L structure would lower the cost make a more economical roof and reduce masonry costs considerably. Also suggested was the removal of parapet squaring up walls eliminating corners. Chairman Steele recommended taking the plans to Frank Graham, Cabarrus Construction Company to get his opinion and talk again with Mr. Ramsay.

Back to the Animal Control Ordinance. Commissioner DeMarcus said she did not see this as a problem, but an improvement to let the City Animal Control Person and Bonnie

Smith, Humane Society look at it and talk about it next month. Chairman Steele said a lot of work has already been done. Commissioner DeMarcus pointed out that you could not define "vicious" and "nuisance" as being the same. They agreed that license rates should be regulated. Commissioner DeMarcus said she wanted input of others who have worked with animal control- to talk to Larry Beattie, Rowan County Dog Pound, Cathy with the City Dog Pound and Rowan County Humane Society and others to react about differential pet license, fee adoption, and restraining orders- and that we consider an Advisory Board. Chairman Steele mentioned a Public Hearing. Commissioner Messinger made a motion to table it until next month's meeting. Commissioner Cohen seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner DeMarcus voting against.

Commissioner Cohen recommended Commissioners adopting a resolution in support of our Textile People- he said he would have a letter next month.

Commissioner DeMarcus read a letter from the Salisbury Beautification Committee concerning plans they had drawn up for landscaping in front of the Court House and the Community Building. A total of \$600.00. Commissioner DeMarcus said she would like to take this on as a project- suggested getting DWI people to help, if possible. Commissioner Sifford said he would like to see something on paper to see what we are entering into.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss matter of personnel and litigation. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to come out of Executive Session and back into Regular Session. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

No action was taken while in Executive Session.

There being no further business, Chairman Steele adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners