

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met Nov. 17, 1954, at 2:00 P.M. according to adjournment.

Members of Board Present:

L. P. Ward, Chairman

L. P. Stephens

W. B. Buffkin

Lacy R. Thompson

Charles R. Council

Alice S. Burns, Clerk

The following business was transacted:

The Chairman announced that bids would now be received and opened for furnishing oil for heating courthouse.

The following bids were received:

Whiteville Oil Co.			\$ 11.95	per	hundred	gal.
Pure Oil Co. (fluctuating)	Present price	12.1	"	"	"	"
Service Oil Co.	"	"	12.20	"	"	"
Gulf Oil Co.	"	"	12.35	"	"	"

The following order was passed: Ordered: that Whiteville Oil Co. be awarded contract for furnishing oil for courthouse for a two year period at \$11.95 per hundred gallons as they furnished the lowest bid.

Ordered: that Hugh Nance be named Columbus County Veterans Service Officer to succeed Thurston Formy Duval, Jr., who has been promoted by the State to a District position. It is further ordered that Nance shall begin his duties as Service Officer on Dec. 7, 1954.

Ordered: that Commissioners recommend to N. C. State Board of Health that registration of vital statistics be continued as has been the practice in the past by having a vital registrar in each township.

Ordered: that one acre of land as now staked off facing Highway 74-76 approximately 400 yds. west of County Home building site be designated as the site for the Columbus County Public Health Center, subject to the approval of the N. C. Medical Care Commission.

Ordered: that \$25.00 be allowed The Whiteville Merchants Association for Christmas decorations on the courthouse square. It is further ordered that any decorations attached to the courthouse building must be put in place without any nails in roof or boxing and that all decorations will be removed from building by Town of Whiteville or Merchants Association on or before Jan. 2nd.

Ordered: that the appropriation of the Sheriff's Department be revised to allow the Sheriff only two full time paid deputies due to the fact that the proposed deputies of the sheriff's department all come from within approximately a seven mile radius of the town of Whiteville, and that the additional paid deputies had heretofore been added for the purpose of giving protection and representation to the various areas of the county and the proposed deputies of the sheriff do not in the opinion of this board give such representation and protection, and that this order shall take effect on the first Monday in December, 1954.

Ayes:

- Commissioner Buffkin
- Commissioner Thompson
- Commissioner Council
- Commissioner Stephens

Not Voting:

- Chairman Ward

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned until Nov. 29, 1954, at 7:30 P. M.

Approved:

Glenn S. Burns
Clerk

L. P. Ward
Chairman