

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10 a.m., October 24, 1966 in a special called meeting.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

W. O. Johnson, Chairman

T. E. Burns

J. Roland Gore

Lacy R. Thompson (absent)

H. J. Watts

Mazzalee T. Sanderford, Clerk

The following business was transacted:

Ordered: that the Health Department be authorized to pay a maximum of \$10.00 per day per charity patient admitted to Columbus County Hospital on or after January 1, 1967, provided, however, that the Director of Public Welfare shall not approve payments authorized herein in an amount exceeding \$900.00 per month. It is further ordered that funds be appropriated from Cooperative Health surplus to cover the cost of said increase.

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners held on the 4th day of April, 1966 Mr. Edward L. Williamson, Attorney for the Columbus County Board of Education along with the Superintendent and members of the said County Board of Education appeared before the Board of County Commissioners and requested authority to transfer funds from the unbudgeted capital outlay balance in order to supplement funds with which to purchase a tract of land known as the "Stanley Site" for construction of South Columbus Consolidated High School, and

WHEREAS, at said meeting the County Attorney, R. C. Soles, Jr., advised the County Board of Commissioners that by reason of G. S. 115-78 (c) (1) the Board of Commissioners had no control over nor duty regarding the selection of school sites except that no contract for the purchase of school sites could be executed and no funds expended therefore by the Board of Education without approval of the Board of County Commissioners as to the amount to be spent for said site, and

WHEREAS, at said April 4, 1966 meeting of the Board of County Commissioners the said Board of Commissioners recognized the request of the Board of Education and agreed to meet with the school site committee to consider all elements as to the value of said "Stanley Site" and make a determination regarding the request of the Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, on the 18th day of April, 1966 the Board of County Commissioners met and voted to defer ruling on or approval of the transfer of capital outlay funds for the purchase of the "Stanley Site" until further and necessary information was secured by the Board of Education and presented to the Board of Commissioners in accordance with the recommendation of the State Board of Education as set out in a letter dated April 15, 1966 to Mr. T. Ward Guy, and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Education has now presented to the Board of County Commissioners various reports and letters from the State Board of Education; the State Board of Health; Ballard, McKim & Sawyer, Architects; Henry Von Oesen and Associates, Consulting Engineers;

and Froehling and Robertson, Inc., Engineers; and

WHEREAS, as a result of said reports and recommendations it appears that neither the State Board of Education nor the State Board of Health has approved the "Stanley Site" as a desirable location for the construction of South Columbus Consolidated High School, and

WHEREAS, it further appears that the ground water level on said "Stanley Site" is four feet and is likely to impose a problem, and that large amounts of soil would have to be removed and refilled with an approved clay and sand mixture, and that large expensive drainage ditches would have to be dug, and

WHEREAS, the architects have advised that it could be expected that "the above normal foundation cost" will be approximately fifty cents (\$.50) per square foot of building area, to wit: Twenty-Five Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$25,000.00) for 50,000 sq. ft. of building, and that the bearing capacity of the soil is poor.

NOW THEREFORE, I, T. E. Burns, move that by reason of the foregoing facts and information that the request of the County Board of Education to transfer funds from the un-budgeted capital outlay balance with which to purchase the "Stanley Site" for the construction of South Columbus Consolidated High School be DISAPPROVED and DENIED, provided, however, that if within sixty days from this date, the County Board of Education can present engineering and architectural surveys and studies in compliance with the recommendations of the State Board of Health and State Board of Education prepared by a firm licensed to practice in the state of N. C. which satisfy this Board that the proposed purchase price is not excessive, this Board shall then reconsider said request, otherwise this disapproval and denial of said request shall be and become final.

Seconded by Com. H. J. Watts and unanimously approved.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 10 a.m., November 7, 1966.

APPROVED:

Margaret J. Dandridge
Clerk

W. O. Johnson
Chairman

Columbus County

OFFICE OF

Board of County Commissioners

Whiteville, North Carolina

November 7, 1966

Mr. J. Hubert Norris
Tax Collector, Columbus County
Whiteville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Norris:

We are delivering to you herewith and charging to your account for collection, the 1966 Tax Levy, a combination of all townships having a face or par value of \$ 1,844,151.23 as per records of Mrs. Venie H. Rouse, Assistant Tax Supervisor.

Yours very truly,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By *James J. Anderson*
Clerk to the Board

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I hereby acknowledge receipt of the above.

This 7th day of November 1966

J. Hubert Norris
J. Hubert Norris, Tax Collector