

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office on October 20, 1969, at 10:00 A.M., it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

H. J. Watts, Chairman

T. E. Burns

J. Roland Gore

W. O. Johnson

Edward W. Williamson

Betty S. Williamson, Clerk

The following business was transacted:

Upon motion made and seconded the minutes of the October 6th meeting were read and approved.

A representative of the Tabor City Rescue Squad appeared before the Board to discuss the ambulance service now being rendered in Columbus County by the Tabor City Rescue Squad and to ask for assistance from the county to hire two employees to remain on duty to receive emergency calls through the working hours each day. The rescue squad will continue to answer night and weekend calls as before. The Board expressed its appreciation to the Tabor City Rescue Squad for the fine service they are rendering to the citizens of Columbus County and promised to discuss this matter further and try to work out some solution to include assistance to all rescue units rendering ambulance service in the county.

Ordered: that Mr. Jimmy Strickland be reappointed to the Board of Directors of Sencland Community Action, Inc. for a three year term.

Ordered: that Mr. C. W. Duggins be reappointed to the Board of Directors of Sencland Community Action, Inc., for a three year term.

Upon motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Johnson and unanimously adopted that the order heretofore entered by the Commissioner of Social Services for the State of North Carolina as amended, directing the Columbus County Jail be closed not later than the 27th day of October, 1969, be appealed to the Resident Judge of Superior Court for the 13th Judicial District which includes Columbus County and that the County Attorney is directed and authorized to file said appeal and to take further steps as he deems appropriate in this matter.

Ordered: that Mr. Sam Scott, Fair Bluff, N.C. be appointed as a member of the Columbus County Planning Board. Mr. Scott replaces Mr. W.

D. Little who has moved from the area.

Mr. S. T. Enzor, County Building Inspector, appeared before the Board to discuss various inspection fees for the county. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Enzor was directed to meet with the Housing Authority and upon their recommendations, set the fees, with final approval by the Board of Commissioners.

Upon motion made and seconded it was ordered that the clerk be authorized to write to Mr. John Wilson concerning the bill he submitted for rent allegedly owed for furnishings in the Whiteville Magistrate office.

Ordered: that the Chairman and Clerk be authorized to sign Bond, Interest and Redemption voucher in the amount of \$1,130.00 to pay the following debt service due November 1, 1969.

				<u>Interest</u>
\$45,000	5-1-52	County Hospital	2½%	\$ 562.50
\$45,000	5-1-52	Courthouse Annex	2½%	<u>562.50</u>
		Total Interest		\$1,125.00
		Exchange		<u>5.00</u>
				\$1,130.00

Upon motion of Commissioner Edward W. Williamson, seconded by Commissioner T. E. Burns, the following resolution was unanimously adopted endorsing a 1¢ Sales Tax:

WHEREAS, November 4, 1969, has been designated as the day for election in all one hundred counties of the State of North Carolina regarding a 1¢ sales tax with proceeds to be used for local government; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and the North Carolina League of Municipalities has thoroughly reviewed and investigated the desirability of the adoption of said 1¢ sales tax in the various counties and have concluded that it is in the best interest of all citizens to adopt this method of obtaining additional revenue which is required to properly conduct the business of county and municipal government; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County is opposed to any unnecessary taxation, whether it be ad valorem, income or sales tax, but after thoroughly studying and reviewing the benefits to be derived from the adoption of the 1¢ sales tax in Columbus County at the election to be held on November 4, 1969, the Board has now concluded that the 1¢ sales tax will be applied equally to every citizen in Columbus County and that the additional revenue received from said 1¢ sales tax will help prevent additional burdensome taxation of property within Columbus County.

IT IS NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that said Board does hereby officially recommend that the voters of Columbus County thoroughly study and familiarize themselves with all aspects of the sales tax and the benefits from its adoption, to vote for said additional 1¢ sales tax at said election to be held on the 4th day of November, 1969.

Upon motion made and duly seconded the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBUS COUNTY
ACCEPTING THE PROPERTY FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE WHITEVILLE AIRPORT PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City of Whiteville owns certain real estate conveyed to it by the Whiteville Development Corporation by Deed dated September 12, 1963, and recorded in Deed Book 232, Page 431, in the office of the Register of Deeds, Columbus County, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the City of Whiteville had been unable to obtain necessary funds with which to improve said airport adequately and had been unable to provide funds for the hard surfacing of runway strip of said airport and by reason thereof the same was in a hazardous condition creating risk to air traffic entering and leaving said airport; and

WHEREAS, the City of Whiteville offered to convey said property, without consideration, to Columbus County to be operated by Columbus County as an airport for the County and entire surrounding regions; and

WHEREAS, by Deed dated March 10, 1969, from the City of Whiteville to Columbus County as recorded in Deed Book 253, Page 359, in the office of the Register of Deeds, Columbus County, North Carolina, the City of Whiteville conveyed said airport property to Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, said conveyance was made under authority of a special act by the 1969 General Assembly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County does determine and find that it would be in the best interest of its citizens to accept the conveyance of the real and personal property belonging to the City of Whiteville.

2. That the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County does assume the obligations of the Town of Whiteville to perform all covenants in the Grant Agreement with the Federal Aviation Agency, dated December 11, 1963, a copy of which agreement, marked "Exhibit B," is attached hereto and incorporated into this resolution.

This the 20th day of October, 1969.

SEAL

/s/ H. J. Watts, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

/s/ Betty S. Williamson
County Clerk

Upon motion of Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Burns, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus by resolution has agreed to participate in planning efforts for the improvement of law enforcement and the criminal justice system in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to statutory authority conferred upon municipalities by virtue of G. S. 160-200 (45) and upon counties by virtue of G. S. 153-9 (60), said municipalities and counties may create joint agencies to act for and on behalf of participating municipalities and counties to plan and execute training and development programs for law enforcement agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that there is hereby created the Southeastern Law Enforcement Council Law Enforcement Planning Unit to be composed of the following agencies, to-wit: All of the agencies active in the criminal justice system operating within the following jurisdictions:

Bladen County, Brunswick County, Sampson County, and Columbus County, and the following municipalities:

Elizabethtown	Harrells
Clinton	Whiteville
Newton Grove	Chadbourn
Salemburg	Tabor City
Autryville	Fair Bluff
Southport	Yupon Beach
Shallotte	Garland
Long Beach	

The Southeastern Law Enforcement Council Law Enforcement Planning Unit consists of: (1) A policy board which has two representatives from each governmental unit participating in the planning effort, one of whom is a representative of the law enforcement agency serving said governmental unit; and (2) An executive board which consists of not less than five members elected by a vote of the policy board. The executive board consists of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and such additional positions as the policy board shall establish.

The planning unit shall have a Project Director who shall assume responsibility for coordinating the planning efforts for the Southeastern Law Enforcement Council Law Enforcement Planning Unit.

The purpose of the Southeastern Law Enforcement Council Law Enforcement Planning unit is to prepare and adopt comprehensive law enforcement plans based on their evaluation of local problems of law enforcement. The Planning Unit may receive and disburse funds made available for the purpose of planning. It may prepare applications for action projects to improve law enforcement within its locality and may receive and disburse funds for these projects. It may function in any and all ways necessary to further the goals of law enforcement within the particular region involved and to this end may conduct surveys, studies, interviews and any other efforts necessary to prepare plans and projects for the improvement of law enforcement and the administration of criminal justice.

Done this 20th day of October, 1969.

/s/ H. J. Watts, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

The following tax releases are based on recommendations from the Tax Supervisor's office:

Ordered: that the valuation of the taxes listed in the name of Columbus Manufacturing Company, South Williams Township, be reduced in the amount of \$6,323.00 and the late listing penalty reduced in the amount of \$10.75 for the year 1969. This company is gone out of business and there is no property remaining.

Ordered: that the poll tax listed in the name of James Norman Long, Bug Hill Township, be released for the years 1962 through

1968 due to error in listing. (Nonresident)

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until November 3, 1969 at
10:00 A.M.

APPROVED:

Betty S. Williamson
Clerk

A. J. Watts
Chairman