

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., September 21, 1970, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

H. J. Watts, Chairman

T. E. Burns

W. O. Johnson

J. Roland Gore

Edward W. Williamson

Emogene W. Suggs, Asst. Clerk

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the meeting of September 8th were read and approved.

Mr. Steve Whittaker, a representative from the Carroll-Phelps Co. of Winston-Salem, N. C. came before the Board to express an interest in this company reevaluating the property in Columbus County when bids are taken in the near future. He named several counties in Eastern North Carolina that his company had appraised which are very similar to Columbus County.

Mr. Charlie Love & Mr. Ralph Sholar from the A.B.C. Board in Columbus County met with the Board to discuss a proposed change in the distribution of the A.B.C. Revenue in North Carolina & Columbus County. The proposal would leave more revenue in the county. It was stated that this change would have to be brought about by an amendment in the General Assembly. Mr. Love urged the support of this proposal by all concerned and asked that each Representative and Senator be contacted before returning to the General Assembly in January and, if possible, committed to propose an amendment to the A.B.C. Laws of N. C.

Mr. Bill Williams, District Forester, and Carl Hayes met with the Board and asked for an addition to their present budget of about \$4,000. The County's share would be \$1,600. Mr. Williams stated that the Forest Service could not operate efficiently without this extra revenue. No decision was made at this time but will be considered at a later meeting.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Sept. 23rd.

Emogene W. Suggs  
Clerk

APPROVED  
H. J. Watts  
Chairman