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The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office on October 5, 1970, at 10:00 a.m. it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

H. J. Watts, Chairman

T. E. Burns

J. Roland Gore

W. O. Johnson

E. W. Williamson

Emogene W. Suggs, Asst. Clerk

The following Business was transacted:

The minutes of the preceeding meeting were read and approved.

The Forest Service had requested an increase in their budget at the meeting in September. The Commissioners decided that since all budgets are very restricted this year, there was no money available at this time.

Ordered: that Mr. Bennett White, Chairman of the Board of Elections, be authorized to have a heating unit installed in the Board of Elections Building.

Ordered: that the Fire & Rescue Squadron of Bolton, N. C. be presented a check for \$750. as soon as the money is available, which should be within 60-90 days. This request was made by Mr. Otto Jones and others from the Bolton area. Other Rescue Squads were presented checks for this amount at the beginning of the fiscal year.

The Board designated Commissioner Watts to contact the Columbus County Sheriff in regard to paying a bill on the auto of Deputy Emery Smith which was damaged while making an arrest. The Board feels that if Mr. Duke can pay this bill from his budget, he may do so. Comm. Watts is also to contact Deputy Nobles regarding his recevieng Workmans' Compensation while he is on sick leave.

Supt. John J. Hicks, Chairman Marlowe, and Member Carter came to discuss the possibility of the County Commissioners designating and transferring property to the Board of Education for use as a site for an Educational Building. The Library Board is to be contacted by Comm. Watts before any final decision is made.

The Board received a copy of a resolution from Swain County requesting the State to take over and assume the entire Social Services operations and relieve the counties of the financial obligation. The Board concurs with this resolution and a motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Comm. Burns and duly passed to send a letter to Governor Robert W. Scott placing Columbus County on record as being in favor of same.

The following motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to request the Mental Health Advisory Board of Columbus County to investigate the Mental Health Program in Columbus County and report their findings, with suggestions for improvement, to the Board at their meeting on November 2, 1970. The clerk to the Board is to write a letter to the Chairman of the Mental Health Advisory Board informing them of this decision.

Ordered: that Mr. Brooks Stanley correct the valuation of the Council Tool Co. in the amount of \$4,090. (60%). The auditor for Council Tool Co. found machinery was listed that has been disposed of and replaced by new machinery which is also listed.

Ordered: that Mr. Bennett White supervise the trimming of shrubbery and cleaning of the grounds at the Board of Elections Building.

Ordered: that personal property valuation listed in the name of J. B. Williamson, Tatum Township, be reduced in the amount of \$2,160.00 for the year 1970 due to a clerical error.

Ordered: that taxes listed in the name of H. L. Evans, Whiteville Township, be cancelled for the year due to double listing. This same property is covered by receipt No. 4227 in the name of Harry O'Neil McPherson.

Ordered: that taxes listed in the name of Sadie Stanley Buffkin, Lees Township be cancelled for the year 1970 due to double listing. The Automobile listed on this listing is also listed on receipt No. 83. (Receipt #84)

Ordered: that poll tax listed in the name of Richard E. Batten, Ransom Twonship, be cancelled for the year 1970 due to an error in listing. Mr. Batten is a resident of Brunswick County and pays poll tax there. (Receipt #71)

Ordered: that the valuation of the of the property listed in the name of Delwen P. Johnson, Ransom Township, be reduced in the amount of \$110. for the year 1970 due to an error in listing. (Receipt #737)

Ordered: that taxes listed in the name of Johnnie Soles, Tatum Township, be cancelled for the year 1966. The property listed on this lien is owned by the State Highway Commission. (Receipt #631)

Ordered: that taxes listed in the name of James D. Edwards, Bolton Township, be cancelled for the year 1964 due to double listing. (Receipt #74)

Ordered: that the valuation of the property listed in the name of Bobby Eugene Cribb, Cerro Gordo Township, be reduced in the amount of \$1,355. for the years 1965 through 1969 due to an error in listing trailer house.

Ordered: that taxes listed in the name of Hiram Burkley, Whiteville Township, be cancelled for the year 1970 due to double listing. This property was also listed on Receipt No. 4017. (Receipt No. 437)

Ordered: that the late listing penalty and poll tax listed in the name of Bruce M. Morris, Williams Township, be cancelled for the year 1970 due to a clerical error and taxpayer was not a resident of Columbus County in January, 1970. (Receipt No. 1399)

Ordered: that the valuation of the property listed in the name of Ollie Deuse, South Williams Township, be reduced in the amount of \$1,180. for the year 1970 due to an error in listing. This value is now charged to Receipt No. 1769.

Ordered: that the poll tax listed in the name of Vernon C. Suggs, Bug Hill Township, be cancelled for the year 1970 due to Mr. Suggs. being a Non-resident of Columbus County. (Receipt No. 666)

Ordered: that the poll tax listed in the name of Franklin Murphy, Averitt, Jr., Whiteville Township, be released for the year 1970 due to Mr. Averitt being a non-resident of Columbus County, He resides in Lumberton. (R. No. 57)

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Comm. Burns, and ~~was~~ ^{unanimously} adopted to hire Emogene W. Suggs as Clerk to the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson to hire Emogene W. Suggs as County Auditor. The motion did not receive a second. A Substitute motion was made by Comm. Burns, seconded by Commissioner Gore that Emogene W. Suggs be appointed Auditor of Columbus County to serve in said capacity until further orders from the Board. A vote was taken as follows:

Yes	No
1. T. E. Burns	
2. J. Roland Gore	
3. W. O. Johnson	
E. W. Williamson	1.

Motion was passed.

A further motion was made to increase the salary of Emogene W.

Suggs to \$385. a month retroactive to September 15, 1970. Vote as follows:

Yes		No
1.	T. E. Burns	
2.	J. Roland Gore	
3.	W. O. Johnson	
	E. W. Williamson	1. Motion passed.

ROAD PETITION: 1. Bug Hill Township: Road leading from the Reaves Ferry Road S.R. 1942. It has 3 occupied homes located on it and is .9 mile in length.

Ordered that the following general county bills be allowed and paid:

R. C. Soles, Jr.	September Salary	County Attorney	\$ 377.77
R. Brooks Stanley	" "9495	Tax Supvr.	662.40
Venie H. Rouse	" "	Asst. Tax Supvr.	322.19
Martha L. Smith	" "	Clerk for Tax Supvr.	217.58
Bertha L. Long	" "	" " " "	228.19
Susie M. Stone	" "	" " " "	236.32
Janie S. Cox	" "	" " " "	236.32
Monique F. Taylor	" "	" " " "	217.58
Linda Prince	" "	" " " "	141.18
J. Hubert Norris	" "9503	Tax Collector	614.12
Kathryn C. Harrelson	" "	Bookkeeper	282.42
Doris L. Ward	" "	Clerk - Tax Collector	276.77
Genevieve Nobles	" "	" " " "	244.72
Judy Ann Mehalic	" "	" " " "	225.78
Arthur L. Duke	" "9508	Sheriff	599.46
Thurman C. Butler	" "	Deputy Sheriff	507.59
John Coleman	" "	" "	544.04
Wilson C. Griffin	" "	" "	525.87
Robert Simmons	" "	" "	570.80
Emery H. Smith	" "	" "	547.83
Spurgeon D. Nobles	" "	" "	498.13
Charlie C. Norton	" "	" "	531.83
Kenneth M. Squires	" "	" "	513.77
Donald R. Hunt	" "	" "	498.13
Laconya Reeves	" "	" "	525.87
Dewey L. Haynes	" "	" "	529.23
Alton O. Lennon	" "	" "	535.83
Horace L. Shaw	" "	Supt., Bu. of Identif.	686.80
Annie Belle Powell	" "	Clerk - Sheriff's Office	221.12
Town of Whiteville	" "	Radio Operator	140.00
Town of Chadbourn	" "	" "	140.00
Town of Taboe City	" "	" "	140.00
Peggy H. Shaw	" "9526	Secy. Bd. of Elections	331.26
Betty S. Williamson	" "	County Accountant	384.11
Emogene W. Suggs	" "	Asst. Co. Accountant	262.94
Veneda S. Ray	" "	Asst. Co. Accountant	290.62
Paul Hughes	" "	Custodian	370.93
Izear Dunson	" "	Asst. Custodian	244.72
Helen Bethea	" "	Janitress	191.41
Willie Mae Smith	" "	Janitress - Annex	74.26
Leo L. Fisher	" "	Register of Deeds	488.77
Anna Belle Lane	" "	Deputy Register of Deed	271.92
Gladys G. Wooten	" "	" " " "	268.62
Marcelann W. Norris	" "	" " " "	249.52
Myrtle N. McAlister	" "	" " " "	258.62
Ila Vee N. Penny	" "	" " " "	249.52
Frances Ann Vaughn	" "	Clerical Assistant	244.72
James Blake Nance	" "9541	County Hall Janitor	227.86
Alice S. Wright	" "	Welfare Director	714.26
Pearl H. Fowler	" "	Supervisor	557.52
Margaret V. Hair	" "	Social Worker Supvr.	542.93

Sally G. Marks	September Salary	Social Worker	9545	\$ 517.90
Jo Anne P. Vereen	"	Social Worker		516.99
Griffin J. Johnson	"	Social Worker		448.37
Edwin Tatum, Jr.	"	Social Worker		407.02
Mary B. Pickett	"	Social Worker		461.97
Lennie Jeanette Suggs	"	Social Worker Trainee		407.02
Jimmy Earl Godwin	"	Social Worker		454.08
Peggy Ann M. Duncan	"	Eligibility Specialist		367.29
Maebelle W. Weaver	"	Stenographer		366.93
Margaret L. MacDaniel	"	Typist		289.19
Leota H. Hodges	"	Typist		298.16
Kathryn S. Worrell	"	Typist	9556	268.96
Sylvia Pridgen	"	Typist		274.56
Harriett P. Kayse	"	Clerk		250.94
Brenda A. Pierce	"	Typist II		317.22
Doris G. Lennon	"	Social Services Aide		249.52
Rebecca J. Williamson	"	Eligibility Specialist		382.93
Claire P. Duncan	"	Eligibility Specialist		341.19
Linda P. Baldwin	"	Eligibility Specialist		374.13
Roscoe Enzor	"	Teller - Food Stamps		362.00
Janet M. Thomas	"	Clerk		247.61
Wilton Hunt	"	Social Services Attorney		187.73
Rosetta Oliver	"	Janitress		13.33
Garland D. McCullen	"	Assoc. Extension Agent		113.08
Donald W. Baker	"	Asst. Extension Agent		273.07
Connie Ray Campbell	"	Assoc. Extension Agent		237.21
J. M. Spaulding	"	Agriculture Ext. Agent		207.45
Dorothy M. Reaves	"	Extension Secy.		200.17
Linda A. Lee	"	Administrative Asst.		188.95
Wanda Pridgen	"	Extension Secy.		98.81
C. D. Raper	"	Extension Chairman		290.80
Elaine N. Blake	"	Home Ec. Agent		198.23
Yvonne B. Ray	"	Home Ec. Agent		93.10
Betty C. Thompson	"	Assoc. Home Ec. Agent		186.17
Sheilda L. Burnette	"	Asst. Home Ec. Agent		189.86
Barbara K. Williamson	"	Soil Conservation Secy.		272.76
S. T. Enzor	"	Building Inspector		573.82
H. Hugh Nance	"	Veterans' Service Officer		413.62
Jeanette H. Baxter	"	Librarian	9583	516.09
Edna Creech	"	Asst. Librarian		324.93
Jane O. Saunders	"	Bookmobile Librarian		97.78
Frances A. Valentine	"	Bookmobile Librarian		133.69
Millie McKannon	"	Janitress - Library		33.32
Lacy Long	"	Court Officer		189.53
John A. Byrd	"	Dog Warden		480.32
James Davis	"	Asstg. Dog Warden		14.28
Lathal R. Wayne	"	Civil Defense Director		391.00
Jean S. Jordan	"	Stenographer		241.32
Lacy Mercer	"	Electrical Inspector		232.87
Helma T. English	"	Social Worker		531.39
Buell E. Lanier	"	Coroner		175.41
R. Brooks Stanley	Expense to Convention		9596	60.00
W. O. Johnson	Meetings & Conferences in September			406.20
J. Roland Gore	Meetings & Conferences in September			347.00
T. E. Burns	Meetings & Conferences in September			267.80
E. W. Williamson	Meetings & Conferences In September			412.00
R. C. Soles, Jr.	Expenses to Conference in Wilmington			43.00
H. J. Watts	Meetings & Conferences in September			468.40
Southern National Bank of N. C.	Federal Income Tax Withheld			3,959.30
Group Insurance Services	Hospital & LIFE Insurance Withheld			923.09
Colonial Life Insurance Co.	Accident Insurance Withheld			56.00
National Cash Register Co.	Balance due on posting machine			4,971.67
Peoples Savings & Loan Assoc.	Refund on 1970 Taxes			8.48
H. J. Watts	Expenses to Convention			286.34
Timme Plaza Motor Inn	Convention Expenses			428.54
Floyd's Insurance Agency	Adjustment on Workmans Comp. & Jeep			1,238.00
The News Reporter Co., Inc.	Accounts for County Offices			828.11
The News Reporter Co., Inc.	Account for Tax Collector & Supvr.			212.95
Cavins Business Products	September Account			39.54

The Atlantic Publishing Co.	September Accounts 9614	\$ 220.13
Mrs. Charles Warner	The News & Observer	18.50
Institute of Government	Book for Tax Collector	10.30
Lower Cape Fear Planning Unit	Account for Sheriff's Dept.	155.62
Court Square Store	September Account	16.33
The Judicial Dept.	Account for Bu. of Identif.	15.45
Thompson Signs	Lettering Sheriff's Van	12.00
Hub's Supply Co.	Account for Sheriff's Dept.	8.04
H. L. Shaw	Reimbursement for Sept. Expenses	52.14
Mayes Texaco Service	Account for Sheriff's Dept.	12.74
Fletcher's Esso Station	Account for Sheriff & Courthouse	130.70
Donald R. Hunt	Gas & Conveying Prisoners	15.00
Alton O. Lennon	Gas & Conveying Prisoners	29.80
Memory Twins Service Station	Account for Sheriff's Dept.	1.00
Black's Tire Service	Account for Sheriff's Dept.	4.50
Keystone Envelope Co.	Envelopes for Accountant's Office	24.84
Burroughs Corp.	Checks for Accountants office	283.57
Pitney-Bowes, Inc.	Repairs to postage meter	2.47
Career Institute	Spelling Dictionary	4.75
Spirittine Chemical Co.	Janitorial Supplies 9633	34.06
Hyatt Exterminating Co.	Services to County Buildings	32.00
The Singer Co.	Account for Courthouse	2.07
Gore's Quality Shop	Account for Courthouse	25.75
City of Whiteville	Water & Sewer Accounts	76.39
Townsend Builders, Inc.	Account for Solicitor's Office	13.75
Scotts of Whiteville	Courthouse Account	3.97
Dover Elevator Co.	Maintenance Contract	23.00
L. W. Russ	Account for Courthouse	3.75
White's Chain Saw Co.	Sharpen Blade	1.00
FCX, Inc.	Air Conditioners for Annex I	803.40
Keys Printing Corp.	Account for Register of Deeds	44.49
Pathology Associates	Autiposies for Coroner	450.00
Peoples Funeral Home	Trips to Lumberton for Coroner	60.00
Dewey Haynes	Conveying Prisoners	28.44
Bladen County Auditor	Lodging & Meals for Prisoners	2,350.00
Carolina Grill	Meals for prisoners	21.85
Mrs. Guila Dawsey	Boarding Home Care for Children	60.00
Barium Springs Home for Children	Boarding Home Care for Children	25.00
Mrs. Allie Ivey	Boarding Home Care for Children	60.00
Belks of Whiteville	Clothing for Indigent Children	9.26
Mrs. Ned Boswell	Boarding Home Care for Children	14.00
Mrs. Bruce Richardson	Boarding Home Care for Children	40.00
Peggy M. Duncan	Travel for September	34.44
Griffin J. Johnson	Travel for September	47.94
Claire P. Duncan	Travel for September	31.47
Jo Anne P. Vereen	Travel for September	63.37
Alice S. Wright	Travel for September	71.30
Pearl H. Fowler	Travel for September	16.76
Doris G. Lennon	Travel for September	96.10
L. Jeanette Suggs	Travel for September	129.95
Charles E. Tatum, Jr.	Travel for September	69.00
Linda P. Baldwin	Travel for September	34.08
Rebecca V. Williamson	Travel for September	33.54
Roscoe Enzor	Travel for September	39.96
Mary B. Pickett	Travel for September	40.64
Jimmy E. Godwin	Travel for September	46.91
Sally G. Marks	Travel for September	44.34
Lewis & Vereen Funeral Home	Funeral expense for J. Massey	60.00
Shaw Funeral Home	Burial for Alice Isacc	60.00
State Comm. for the Blind	County's September Expenditure	584.56
C. D. Raper, Chairman	August Reimbursement	17.07
N. C. University Print Shop	Account for Extension Service	236.25
N. C. State	Account for Extension Service	20.00
Storr Sales Co.	Account for Extension Service	51.92
Xerox Corp.	Account for Extension Service	41.20
Bernard Peal	Rent - Employment Security Service	150.00
Town of Bolton	Rent for Magistrate's Office	60.00
Williamson's Insurance Agency	Rent - Magistrate's Office	85.00
F. K. Ward	Rent - Magistrate's Office	85.00
Town of Fair Bluff	Rent - Magistrate's Office	75.00
Dixie Farm Center	Account for Dog Warden	17.75
Lathal R. Wayne	Travel for September 9685	42.26

Wood's 5 & 10¢ Store	Account for Civil Defense	\$ 10.06
Elliott Implement Co.	Account for Civil Defense	7.03
General Electric Co.	Radio for Tabor City Rescue Squad	923 .24
N. C. Dept. of Revenue	State Income Tax withheld	2,321.21
Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co.	Accounts for County Offices	523.30
Broadcast & Communications	September Contract Service & Installations	185.08
Columbus Glass & Mirror Co. -	Account for Sheriff's Dept. 9693	22.09
Carolina Power & Light Co. -	Accounts for County Buildings	882.14
Owen G. Dunn	Account for Register of Deeds	165.17
Xerox, Inc.	Account for Extension Service	63.14
Venie H. Rouse	Lettering Township Books	40.00
N. C. Employees' S. S. Agency -	Social security for quarter	9,646.29
Monroe Inc.	Maintenance Agreement	51.00
The News Reporter Co., Inc. -	Account for Board of Elections	309.69
S. T. Enzor	Expense to Convention	76.39
Peggy Shaw	Expense to Convention	45.31
The Atlantic Publishing Co. -	Account for Board of Elections	666.89
N. C. Dept. of Conservation & Development -	September Expense	830.37
E. W. Williamson	Social Services Board Meeting	11.50
Flora B. Singletary	Social Services Board Meeting	10.10
W. B. Buffkin	Social Services Board Meeting	10.60
Storr Sales Co.	Account for Social Services 9707	136.02
Wood's 5 & 10¢ Store	Clothing for Indigent Children	2.08
Belk-Hensdale Co.	Clothing for Indigent Children	71.98
Rose's Stores, Inc.	Clothing for Indigent Children	26.62
Margaret V. Hair	Travel for September	11.97
Pitney-Bowes, Inc.	Account for Social Services Dept.	45.00
Harrison Typewriter Co.	Repair to typewriters	44.22
George Spilman	Book for Veterans' Service Officer	10.00
Engineering Consultants	Professional Services to Airport	600.00
Monroe International	Maintenance Agreement 9716	50.00
Carolina Grill	Lunches for prisoners 9717	18.40
Postmaster, Whiteville	Postage Needed - Tax Collector	9.00
Mrs. Horace Rich	Boarding Home Care 9719	60.00
Out Door Poor	1103	5.00

There was a motion and a second to eliminate the meeting of October 19, 1970, due to meeting of the East Coast Highway Conference in Myrtle Beach which the Commissioners will attend. Motion carried.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned until November 2, 1970.

APPROVED:

Emergene W. Suggs
Clerk

A. J. Wells
Chairman