

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., May 3, 1971, it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

E. W. Williamson, Chairman

J. Roland Gore

H. J. Watts

W. O. Johnson

T. E. Burns

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The minutes of the third Monday meeting were read and approved.

The following business was transacted:

Representative R. C. Soles, Jr. informed the Board that he would withdraw HB#0722 which had been a request of the Board at an earlier Meeting.

Ordered: that the Chairman be authorized to sign the deed to Whiteville Development Corporation conveying five acres of property for the purpose of building an industry.

Ordered: that Clayton W. Chestnutt, Tabor City, N. C. be appointed to replace Mrs. Doris Garrell on the County Planning Board.

Ordered: that Pete Sullivan be approved as a special deputy for Midway Entertainment Center near Chadbourn, owned by Branton Williamson.

Ordered: that Earl Stone be approved as a special deputy for the Red Barn Amusement Center near Evergreen, owned by Curt Williamson.

Ordered: that the Chairman of the Board be authorized to investigate to see if more space is available for use by the SENClard Community Action, Mr. Mumford stated that the programs were expanding and more space is needed.

Ordered: that Commissioner Watts and Commissioner Johnson be appointed to go to Lumberton to visit and investigate the interest of Columbus County in the Regional Mental Health Center.

Budgets were presented by the Board of Education and County Extension Service for the 71-72 fiscal year for the Board's consideration.

Mr. Beverley Paul came to discuss the Five-Year-Plan of the Cape Fear Council of Governments with the Board.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING A REDUCED SPEED LIMIT IN WEST COLUMBUS SCHOOL AREA

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County is vitally interested in the public health safety and general welfare of the schools children in Columbus ~~and~~ County; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board of County Commissioners that there exists a dangerous traffic hazard in the vicinity of the West Columbus High School and Elementary School, both of which are located in the Cerro Gordo Community of Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, Highway 76 is a main highway traveling by said school; and

WHEREAS, the posted speed limit at present is 55 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires that the State Highway Commission investigate said traffic situation; and

WHEREAS, this Board recommends that posted speed limit along said school area be reduced to 35 miles per hour;

IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the State Highway Commission in Raleigh, North Carolina, requesting that an investigation be made and that the speed limit along said highway in the area of said school be reduced to 35 miles per hour.

IT IS FURTHER ordered that a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of the General Assembly representing Columbus County and that they are hereby requested for assistance in getting the purpose of this resolution accomplished.

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Watts and unanimously adopted.

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Ordered: that a loan be made from the General County Fund to pay the balance due on the Medicaid Draft for April Expenditures.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until May 5, 1971, at which time the Board will meet as a Board of Equalization and Review.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs  
Clerk

David W. Williams  
Chairman