

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m.,  
March 5, 1973, it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

E. W. Williamson, Chairman

Donald Currie

T. E. Burns

W. B. Buffkin

Mayo Brown

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order and the invocation was given by the Reverend  
Cleatus J. Blackmon, Jr., Pastor, White Marsh Baptist Church.

The following business was transacted:

Ordered: that the forms assuring Columbus County will abide by the requirements  
of the State & Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972 in regards to spending Revenue Sharing  
Funds be signed by the Chairman.

Ordered: that the necessary forms be signed by the Chairman to apply for a  
federal grant through the Lower Cape Fear Planning Unit for funds to install a new comm-  
unications system in Columbus County for Law Enforcement personnel.

Ordered: that all radio equipment now owned by the County that cannot be used  
in the new communications system be given to the Fire & Rescue Squads upon the approval of  
the Lower Cape Fear Planning Unit, to which we have applied for federal assistance in im-  
plementing the new communications system. A copy of the minutes of the meeting containing  
the agreements of the Fire & Rescue Squads is to be on file with the Clerk to the Board.

Ordered: that a new contract be made when necessary to cover the maintenance  
of the base station and repeater system by the County for the Fire & Rescue Squads in the  
County.

Ordered: that upon the completion of the necessary requirements of Special  
Sessions Law Chapter 72, the following persons be approved as Special Deputies for Southeast-  
ern Community College: Solomon A. Pridgen, Sampson McCormick and Otis H. Lennon.

The following resolution was unanimously passed, upon motion made by Commissioner  
Brown, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County desires  
to receive mental health services from present historical, natural grouping of medical service  
referral which is Southeastern Regional Mental Health Center. We desire to continue our  
participation through the FY 1973-74 and will decide at that time if we wish to continue further.

Ordered: that the Supplemental Capital Outlay Budget for Southeastern Community  
College be approved as presented by Mr. Stanley, Manager, and additional funds as approved  
at an earlier meeting be advanced from the General Fund in the amount of \$28,000.00.

Ordered: that upon the recommendation of the Tax Supervisor, the following  
releases be made:

that the 1972 taxes listed in the name of Lee & Ida Oglisby, Ransom Township, be cancelled in the amount of \$4.08 due to an error in listing.

that the 1972 taxes listed in the name of Westport Industries, Inc., South Williams Township be cancelled in the amount of \$168.73 due to error in listing.

that the taxes listed in the name of Golden Boone, Jr., Bogue Township, be cancelled in the amount of 42.36 due to double listing.

The following lease agreement was entered into upon motion made by Commissioner Burns, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and unanimously adopted:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

LEASE

THIS LEASE, made and entered into this 5 day of March, 1973, by and between COLUMBUS COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina, and ED WALTON WILLIAMSON, W.B. BUFFKIN, T. EDISON BURNS, MAYO BROWN and DONALD P. CURRIE, individual members constituting and comprising the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, parties of the first part, and hereinafter referred to as "LESSORS"; and the Trustees of the Columbus County Hospital, Inc., a public, charitable, non-profit hospital corporation, organized under and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina; party of the second part, and hereinafter referred to as "LESSEE":

WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, Lessors have demised and leased, and Lessee accepts as tenant of Lessors, all of that certain tract or parcel of land located in Columbus County and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a new iron pipe in the Southern margin of U.S. Highway No. 74-76, said beginning point being the Northeast corner of Tract No. One of a survey for Columbus County Hospital made by Willis & Walker, Registered Surveyors, dated September 25, 1972, and also being North 83 degrees 47 minutes East 581.73 feet from the Northeast corner of that tract conveyed by J.T. McKenzie to W.E. Miller dated February 23, 1935; and recorded in Deed Book 145, at Page 222, said tract being the site of the existing Columbus County Hospital; and running thence from said point of beginning North 83 degrees 47 minutes East 581.74 feet to a new iron pipe in the Southern margin of U.S. Highway 74-76, said point being 36 feet South of the center-line of said highway; thence a new line South 3 degrees 16 minutes 40 seconds West 749 feet to a new iron pipe; thence a new line South 83 degrees 49 minutes 30 seconds West 584.25 feet to a new iron pipe, the Southeast corner of Tract No. One of a survey for Columbus County Hospital made by Willis & Walker, Registered Surveyors, dated September 25, 1972; thence with the Eastern line of Tract No. One, North 3 degrees 28 minutes 20 seconds East 749 feet to the beginning, containing 9.89 acres, more or less, and being a portion of the lands described in deed dated March 30, 1938, from J.T. McKenzie and wife, Meda McKenzie, to Doris McKenzie, and recorded in Deed Book 154, Page 10, Columbus County Registry, and being known as Tract No. 2 of a survey prepared by Willis & Walker, Registered Surveyors, dated September 25, 1972; and being subject to additional highway right-of-way as recorded in Deed Book 234, Page 578, Columbus County Registry.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same and the privileges and appurtenances thereunto in any wise appertaining to the Lessee and its successors, upon the following terms and conditions:

1. TERM OF LEASE AND USE OF FUNDS. The term of this lease shall commence upon the execution thereof, and shall continue thereafter until March 6, 1987. All profits, funds, and gifts accumulated by the hospital shall be held by the hospital and used only in the regular operation of the hospital and expansion or replacement of buildings and equipment.

The Lessee shall not erect any new buildings without the consent of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County.

2. RENTAL PAYMENT. The annual rental payment for the term hereof shall be the sum of \$1.00 per year payable on or before the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_, and on or before the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, of each succeeding year thereafter during the term hereof.

3. NAME OF FACILITIES. The hospital facilities on the leased premises shall bear the name of Columbus County Hospital, Inc.

4. USE OF PREMISES. The leased premises shall be used for the operation of a non-profit hospital, and such auxiliary activities as Lessee may deem necessary and admissable in connection therewith, subject to the terms and conditions herein contained. Lessee covenants that the hospital facilities shall continue to operate on a non-profit association in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of North Carolina during the full term hereof, and that Lessee will continue to operate the hospital facilities known as Columbus County Hospital, Inc., as a non-profit hospital to furnish hospital, clinic or related services to the people of Columbus County, to provide for the care and maintenance of the indigent sick and afflicted poor of Columbus County in substantially the same manner that Lessee is now providing.

5. COMPOSITION OF LESSEE.

(a) The Lessee shall be composed of the seven names whose signatures are affixed at the concluding page of this lease document. If, through death or resignation, a vacancy occurs among the seven members, ~~the remaining six members~~, the remaining six members shall search and select a successor, providing further that at least one hospital trustee shall reside in each county commissioner's district or zone.

(b) The Board of Trustees of Columbus County Hospital shall receive no compensation for the performance of their duties as a hospital trustee.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES OF LESSEE.

(a) Shall cause to be prepared and furnish to Lessors an annual audit of the books, records and affairs of Lessee, prepared by an independent Certified Public Accountant mutually satisfactory to Lessors and Lessee. Lessee shall make available to such auditor all necessary books, records and information requested by said auditor for the purpose of obtaining a complete and comprehensive audit. Once each year, at the completion of the hospital audit by the independent auditor, a joint meeting of the Columbus County Commissioners and the Board of Trustees of Columbus County Hospital shall be held at which time the independent auditor will present the audit report to the joint meeting of the financial condition of the hospital and a copy of the audit report will be given to the Chairman of the Columbus County Commissioners.

(b) Shall operate said hospital facilities in accordance with standard practices for operating hospitals in the State of North Carolina, in compliance with the laws of the State of North Carolina, and rules and regulations of any government body having jurisdiction thereover, and in a manner to fully comply with the duties, responsibilities and obligations of the individual members constituting Trustees of the Columbus County Hospital, Inc., as are fixed by law.

7. DUTIES OF LESSEE. Lessee agrees to make no unlawful or offensive use of the premises, to keep the same in good repair, and to deliver up the same at the end of the term hereof in good order and condition, ordinary wear and tear, fire and other unavoidable accidents excepted.

8. COLUMBUS COUNTY NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR OPERATIONS. Lessors shall not be responsible in any wise for any mismanagement or failure to operate said hospital in a proper manner, nor shall Lessors, without its consent, be or become responsible for any financial deficit in the operation of the hospital not previously authorized by the County of Columbus.

9. DESTRUCTION OF BUILDING BY FIRE OR CASUALTY. If any of the buildings should be destroyed or rendered unfit for use by fire or other casualty during the term of this Lease, it is understood and agreed that any proceeds derived from insurance as a result of fire or other casualty, together with such proceeds as Columbus County or other parties may see fit to make available, shall be used in the repair or reconstruction of the hospital; and upon the repair or reconstruction of the same, this lease, upon mutual agreement of the parties hereto, shall continue in effect.

10. LESSEE TO CARRY INSURANCE. Lessee shall carry such insurance on the property and for its protection in the operation of the hospital and for the protection of Columbus County as their interests may appear, as it deems advisable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Columbus County has caused this instrument to be executed in its corporate name by the Chairman of its Board of County Commissioners and attested by the Secretary of said Board, pursuant to the resolutions duly and regularly adopted at the March 5th, 1973, meeting of said Board of County Commissioners, and also by the individual members comprising the Board of County Commissioners, and the Columbus County Hospital, Inc., has caused this instrument to be executed in its corporate name by its Chairman, and its corporate seal to be affixed thereto and attested by its Secretary, pursuant to resolutions duly and regularly adopted by Trustees of Columbus County Hospital, Inc., at a meeting held Jan. 26, 1973, all as of the day and year first above written.

COLUMBUS COUNTY

/s/ Edward W. Williamson  
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners  
for Columbus County

ATTEST:

/s/ Emogene W. Suggs, Secretary  
Board of County Commissioners  
for Columbus County

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR  
COLUMBUS COUNTY

/s/ Ed Walton Williamson

/s/ W. B. Buffkin

/s/ T. Edison Burns

/s/ Mayo Brown

/s/ Donald P. Currie

/s/ Emogene W. Suggs  
Witness

COLUMBUS COUNTY HOSPITAL, INC.

COLUMBUS COUNTY HOSPITAL, INC.

BY: C.L. Tate, Chairman,  
Trustees, Columbus County Hospital, Inc.

ATTEST:

/s/ A. P. Rogers, Secretary  
Trustees, Columbus County Hospital, Inc.

TRUSTEES OF COLUMBUS COUNTY HOSPITAL, INC.

By /s/ C. L. Tate/s/ Clyde Wayne/s/ A. P. Rogers, Sr./s/ W. F. Floyd/s/ J. B. Lattay/s/ D. H. Lennon/s/ J. T. Wooten/s/ Ralph Rogers

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

SALARY: Begins with check No. 6635

Sankey W. Robinson	County & Social Services Attorney	\$ 490.87
R. Brooks Stanely	Tax Supvr. & Appraisal Worker	692.58
Venie H. Rouse	Asst. Tax Supvr.	321.39
Martha L. Smith	Clerk	253.95
Bertha L. Long	Clerk	232.40
Susie M. Stone	Clerk	256.90
Janie S. Cox	Clerk	256.90
Monique M. Taylor	Clerk	253.95
E. M. Griffin	Tax Collector (6643)	697.27
Doris L. Ward	Bookkeeper	296.12
Jacqueline F. Johnson	Clerk	270.23
Peggy G. Wray	Clerk	257.03
Ida G. McPherson	Clerk	266.90
Arthur L. Duke	Sheriff (6648)	648.93
John Coleman	Deputy Sheriff	572.62
Emery H. Smith	Deputy Sheriff	604.23
Spurgeon D. Nobles	Depty Sheriff	515.68
Charlie C. Norton	Deputy Sheriff	515.68
Donald Ray Hunt	Deputy Sheriff	525.68
Laconya Reeves	Deputy Sheriff	563.48
Dewey Haynes	Deputy Sheriff	557.48
Joel Richard Hunt	Deputy Sheriff	515.68
Herman Elmner Price	Deputy Sheriff	571.43
Stephen J. Tedder	Deputy Sheriff	567.48
William Carson Cox	Deputy Sheriff	591.13
Kenneth M. Squires	Deputy Sheriff	546.16
Robert Simmons	Deputy Sheriff	377.95
Hezekiah George	Deputy Sheriff	391.13
Alton O. Lennon	Deputy Sheriff	377.48
Erue Gaskins	Deputy Sheriff	367.48
Harvey Williams	Deputy Sheriff (6665)	391.43
Horace L. Shaw	Supt., Bu. of Identification	727.73
Annie Belle E. Powell	Secy., Sheriff's Office	247.06
Annie Ruth Strickland	Executive Secy., Bd. of Elections	298.42
Emogene W. Suggs	Accountant	380.16
Veneda S. Ray	Assistant Accountant	371.18
Lucille L. Stephens	Clerk	308.33
Mae G. Blackburn	Clerk	49.59
Paul E. Hughes	Custodian, County Buildings	393.23
John T. Bethea	Janitor	254.85
Helen Bethea	Janitress	198.00
Willie Mae Smith	Janitress - Annex	119.82
Leo L. Fisher	Register of Deeds (6677)	524.79
Anna Belle Lane	Deputy Register of Deeds	300.90
Gladys G. Wooten	Deputy Register of Deeds	308.68
Marvelann W. Norris	Deputy Register of Deeds	280.23
Myrtle N. McAlister	Deputy Register of Deeds	280.23

Ila N. Penny	Deputy Register of Deeds	(6682)	\$ 280.23
Frances Vaughn	Clerk		276.63
Buell E. Lanier	Coroner		96.80
Clempson Green	Asst. Coroner		23.54
Kate Edwards Horne	Cook at Jail		245.01
Josephine V. Patterson	Cook at Jail		246.61
Alice S. Wright	Director, Social Services		709.25
Pearl H. Fowler	Supvr., Social Services		584.58
Margaret V. Hair	Supvr., Social Services		546.93
Helma T. English	Social Worker		532.23
Sally G. Marks	Social Worker		521.92
Jo Anne P. Vereen	Social Worker		521.63
Jimmy Earl Godwin	Social Worker		512.55
Mary Sue B. Pickett	Social Worker		511.61
Jeanette S. Wyche	Social Worker		446.19
Griffin J. Johnson	Eligibility Specialist	(6697)	447.77
Edwin Tatum, Jr.	Social Worker		430.44
Peggy Ann M. Duncan	Eligibility Specialist		382.22
Rebecca J. Williamson	Eligibility Specialist		351.29
Kathryn S. Worrell	Eligibility Specialist		374.22
Doris G. Lennon	Eligibility Specialist		353.62
Pauline S. Pait	Eligibility Specialist		325.64
Maebelle W. Weaver	Clerical Supervisor		355.83
Miriam Sue Greene	Typist		274.47
Leota H. Hodges	Typist		294.40
Sylvia Pridgen	Typist		310.97
Lorraine S. Cartwright	Typist		275.44
Janet M. Thomas	Clerk		243.67
Linda P. Baldwin	Eligibility Specialist	(6710)	347.74
Claire P. Duncan	Eligibility Specialist		328.57
Brenda A. Pierce	Eligibility Specialist		384.22
Joyce S. Clark	Clerk		305.30
Janice W. Hall	Clerk		256.61
Roscoe Enzor	Teller		367.05
Rosetta Oliver	Janitress		13.18
Garland D. McCullen	Agriculture Extension Agent		126.98
Donald W. Baker	Associate Extension Agent		336.79
J. M. Spaulding	Agriculture Extension Agent		211.96
Dorothy M. Reaves	Extension Secy.		210.27
Linda A. Lee	Administrative Assistant		213.20
Wanda D. Pridgen	Secy.		121.42
Kathryn H. Hammonds	Secy.		117.10
C. D. Raper	Extension Chairman	(6724)	313.44
Elaine N. Blake	Home Economics Extension Agent		203.60
Glenn Ann Bobo	Asst. Home Economics Extension Agent		184.18
Sheilda B. McDowell	Asst. Home Economics Extension Agent		220.60
S. T. Enzor	Building Inspector		546.06
H. Hugh Nance	Vetrans' Service Officer		417.10
Edna Creech	Acting Librarian		309.38
Jane O. Saunders	Assistant		181.66
Frances Ann Valentine	Assistant		206.10
Naomi Faye Hines	Tabor City Librarian		175.71
Olive P. Fowler	Assistant at Tabor City		91.52
Donald B. Peterson	Bookmobile Driver		266.56
Irl T. Newton	Bookkeeper		56.49
Janet Lee Peterson	Assistant at Library		45.57
Millie McKinnon	Janitress		71.18
Lacy Long	Courtroom Officer		272.36
John A. Byrd	Dog Warden		486.86
James Davis9	Assisting Dog Warden		14.12
Charles E. Ward	Soil Technician	(6742)	588.10
Barbara Kay Williamson	Secy., Soil Conservation		305.01
Lathal R. Wayne	Director, Civil Defense		428.17
Sandra J. Tedder	Secy., Civil Defense		265.02
Lacy Mercer	Schools Electrical Inspector		232.18
Barbara Ann Roseboro	Revaluation <del>Secy</del> Clerk		248.34
Clyde Pridgen	Janitor - County Hall		270.61
MARY W. Cook	Asst. Board of Elections		77.25
E. L. Green	Chairman, Board of Elections		94.15
Leroy Stocks	Member, Board of Elections		56.49
Royce Johnson	Member, Board of Elections	(6752)	37.66

## EXPENSES:

Southern National Bank of N. C.	Federal Income Tax Withheld	(2867)	5,186.90
N. C. Local Governmental Employees Retirement System - Contributions for all Dept.			7,501.90
T. E. Burns	Meetings & Conferences during February		93.60
Donald Currie	Meetings & Conferences during February		108.80
W. B. Buffkin	Meetings & Conferences during February		79.20
Mayo Brown	Meetings & Conferences during February		221.80
Postmaster	Postage for Courthouse		1,000.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins.	Accident Insurance Withheld		263.50

Group Insurance Services	Hospital & Life Insurance for Employees	1,294.75
Southeastern Community College	Budget Amendment- Per Order of the Board	28,000.00
Atlantic Publishing Co.	Advertising for Dog Warden & Commissioners	133.70
Department of Justice	Attorney General Reports (2878)	7.80
The News Reporter Co.	Various Accounts for County Offices	459.18
Uptown Office Supplies	Various Accounts for County Offices	88.42
Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co.	Accounts for County Offices	980.65
Victor Comptometer Corp.	Account for Tax Collector	114.00
Monroe Division	Account for Tax Collector	51.00
The News Reporter Co.	Accounts for Various Offices	190.68
Kenneth M. Squires	Out of County Travel	18.72
S. J. Tedder	Out of County Travel	13.04
Annie Belle Powell	Attending Classes Out of County	16.00
A. L. Duke	Reimbursement for Trip to Florida	143.23
Clayton Norton	Out of County Travel	69.88
Alton Lennon	Out of County Travel (2890)	4.00
Emery H. Smith	Out of County Travel	32.00
Floyd's Insurance Agency	Policy Floater - Policy #221M403124	311.00
Floyd's Insurance Agency	Policy on VAnn- Sheriff's Dept.	130.00
Quality Ford, Inc.	Repairs to VAnn	168.99
Leroy Stocks	Mileage & Expenses	33.57
Emogene W. Suggs	Mileage to College for Accounting Classes	9.12
Royce Johnson	Reimbursement for Mileage & Expenses	14.50
Annie Ruth Strickland	Reimbursement for Mileage & Expenses	42.66
Farmers Oil & Fertilizer, Inc.	Fuel Oil for County Buildings	1,377.39
Atlantic Publishing Co.	Janitorial Supplies	29.02
Hyatt Exterminating Co.	Contract Services for County Buildings	157.00
City of Whiteville	Water & Sewer Accounts	78.74
Bureau of Bioler INspections	Inspections for Courthouse	4.00
Townsend Builders, Inc.	Account for Clerk of Court	4.16
Jimmy Norris Heating & Air Conditioning - Repairs to Air Conditioning top of C-house	176.67	
Dover Elevator Co.	Contract - Maintenance of elevator	29.00
Columbus Supply Co.	Janitorial Supplies	9.72
Farmers Oil-Gas Supply	Account at Old Jail Building	41.60
Gray & Creech, Inc.	Account for REGISTER of Deeds	445.50
Hall & McChesney, Inc.	Account for Register of Deeds	201.07
Edwards & Broughton Co.	Account for Register of Deeds (2911)	99.00
Pitney-Bowes, Inc.	Account for Register of Deeds	62.40
Pathology Associates	Autopsys for Columbus County	450.00
N. C. Dept. of Conservation & Development - County's Share of Expenditures		991.18
Tabor City Freezers, Inc.	Account for Jail (2915)	12.50
Hills Super Market	Account for Jail	15.98
Whiteville Chain Saw Shop	Account for Jail	2.50
A. F. Pumphery, M. D. & R. F. Meinhart, M. D. - Account for Jail		5.00
Whiteville Building Supplies	Account for Jail	11.23
Del Chemical Corp.	Janitorial Supplies for County Hall & S. S.	220.30
E. W. Williamson	Social Services Board Meeting	11.50
Clemmon L. Jacobs	Social Services Board Meeting	12.70
Xerox Corp.	Account for Social Services	37.23
Uptown Office Supplies	Account for Social Services	96.66
Lustra Lighting	Account for Social Services	166.42
Mrs. Allie Ivey	Boarding Home Care	128.76
Mrs. Henry Hill	Boarding Home Care	112.32
Mrs. Louvie Hinson	Boarding Home Care	70.00
Mrs. Ned Boswell	Boarding Home Care	140.00
Mrs. Horace Rich	Boarding Home Care	210.00
Mrs. Novella Williams	Boarding Home Care	80.00
Mrs. RANDolph McCallister	Boarding Home Care	70.00
Mrs. C. R. Poole	Boarding Home Care	90.00
Jimmy Godwin	Travel for February	79.90
Griffin J. Johnson	Travel for February	36.00
Linda P. Baldwin	Travel for February	39.50
Alice S. WRIGHT	Travel for February	90.53
Peggy M. Duncan	Travel for February	30.00
Kathryn S. Worrell	Travel for February	34.20
Rebecca J. Williamson	Travel for February	30.35
Jo Anne P. Vereen	Travel for February	47.90
Claire P, Duncan	Travel for February (2942)	30.20
Charles E. Tatum, Jr.	Travel for February	62.50
Helma T. English	Travel for February	54.60
Mary B. Pickett	Travel for February	35.70
Brenda Pierce	Travel for February	58.40
Sally G. Marks	Travel for February	56.30
Jeanette S. Wyche	Travel for February	61.00
Doris G. Lennon	Travel for February	46.20
Roscoe Enzor	Travel for February	60.80
Harrison Typewriter Co.	Account for Social Services	123.08
Robeson Office Supplies	Account for Social Services	620.47
International Business Machines	Account for Social Services (2953)	105.08

W. H. King Drug Co.	Account for Extension Service (2954)	\$ 9.98
Xerox Corp.	Account for Extension Service	134.79
General Services Administration	Account for Extension Service	355.55
Charles D. Raper	Reimbursement for February Expenses	30.93
Dictaphone Corporation	Account for Extension Service	55.14
Bernard Peal	Rent- Employment Security	150.00
Carson Cox	Conveying Prisoners	37.35
Dewey Haynes	Conveying Prisoners	20.80
Town of Bolton	Rent- Magistrate's Office	60.00
Williamson Insurance Agency	Rent- Magistrate's Office	85.00
Town of Fair Bluff	Rent - Magistrate's Office	75.00
Dixie Farm Center	Account for Dog Warden	20.33
Lathal R/ Wayne	Travel for February	149.60
Federal Property Agency	Account for C. D. - Top for Jeep	15.00
Robert M. Hobbs	Mileage - Sanitary Landfill	10.00
Broadcast & Communications	Contract Service & Installation	161.50
Simmons Drug Co.	Account for Sheriff	10.36
Memory Twins Service Station	Account for Security Truck - Gas, Oil, etc.	40.93
Carolina Power & Light Co.	Accounts for County Buildings	1,469.59
G. V. Singletary & Sons	Groceries for Jail	684.31
Made Rite Sunbeam Bread	Account for Jail	53.46
Sealtest Foods	Account for Jail	148.94
T. W. Strickland	LABor at County Hall	89.50
Collier Gas Co.	Fuel for Unemployment Office	83.36
E. W. Williamson	Meetings & Conferences for February	430.00
Out-Door-Poor		5.00

Ordered: that the Chairman be authorized to execute any and all papers necessary at the ASC Office for transferring allotments from the land purchased from Doris Pridgen for the Hospital.

Ordered: that Jesse Bullard of Tabor City be appointed to serve the unexpired term of J. H. Huffham on the Economic Development Board. Mr. Huffham has moved out of the County.

Ordered: that the Library Board be allowed to pay a salary of \$10,000 per year for a certified librarian. The County will also pay moving expenses up to \$800.00 to help defray expenses of moving into this County if said person will accept employment at the Library.

Ordered: that the Board of Equalization & Review meet each Tuesday and Thursday throughout April.

There was a general discussion of the needs of the County as far as additional space is concerned. There was an offer presented to the Board to sell the building known as the "Ward Building" to the County. Upon motion made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously passed as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that Columbus County purchase the "Ward Building" from Kermit Ward and Wife at a purchase price of \$80,000 upon the condition that the eastern side of the first floor of the building be made available for County use by September 3, 1973, and further provided that the cost of said building and renovations can be made from Revenue Sharing Funds.

- ROAD PETITIONS:
1. Ransom Township - Road known as "Currituck, Onslow, & Edgecomb Drive" in Pineland Acres. Road is one mile in length and has 3 occupied homes located on it.
  2. Lees Township- This road is 1.9 miles in length and has 11 occupied homes located on it. SR#1158
  3. Whiteville Township- This road is known as the George Estates It is  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile in length and has 13 occupied homes located on it.



A group of citizens came from the Hallsboro area, with Bobby Sessions as spokesman, and asked for support of the Board for the athletic programs at the schools in the County. They stated the programs at all schools needed money for uniforms and other equipment.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until March 19, 1973, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Emogene M. Soggs  
Clerk

Edward McWilliam  
Chairman