

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., March 19, 1973, it being third 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 minutes of the meetings of February 26th and March 5th were read and approved except for the addendum to be added to the February 26th meeting. (refer to page 662) The Clerk reported to the Board ~~that~~ on March 19, 1973, that a copy of the resolution passed at the meeting on February 26th concerning the County Police System for Columbus County had been forwarded to Representative Soles & Senator Williamson on March 6th. After further discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners received a copy of House Bill #687 and Senate Bill 464 which are identical; and

WHEREAS, the Board is further informed that said Bills were introduced in the Senate and House of Representatives on March 14, 1973; and

WHEREAS, the Board was further informed that Senate Bill #464 was passed by the Seante on Friday, MARCH 16, 1973; and

WHEREAS, the Board has heretofore studied the feasibility of the creation of a Columbus County Police System; and

WHEREAS, by resolution, on February 26, 1973, the Board of County Commissioners went on record as being opposed to the creation of a Columbus County Police System; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County Delegates to the General Assembly were notified by phone by Commissioner Donald Currie, Political ACTION Committee Member, on February 27, 1973, of said opposition by the Board; and

WHEREAS, a copy of said resolution was forwarded to Senator Williamson and Representative Soles on March 6, 1973; and

WHEREAS, the members of the General Assembly had been informed of the position of the Board of County Commissioners, they introduced the Bills heretofore referred to; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has had an opportunity to review said Bill, upon resolution duly made and seconded the following motion was unanimously adopted:

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin that the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County request a hearing, before the final determination of said Bill, before the Committee referred to in the House of Representatives.

The Clerk to the Board is to forward a copy of this resolution to the following people: Senator A. W. Williamson, Representatives R. C. Soles, Jr., James C. Green, and Graham Tart.

Mr. O. W. Strickland, Program Chief, and Terry Dover, District Sanitarian, State Board of Health came to present an amended proposal for Columbus County Sanitary Landfill. Several interested citizens and members of the Landfill Committee were present to hear the proposal and ask questions. No decisions were made at this time.

The following resolution was presented by John McNeill, Chairman, Board of Health,

for consideration by the Board; and upon motion by Commissioner Burns, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin, said resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Columbus County Board of Health has reported to the Commissioners a situation concerning the failure of many home owners or contractor builders to comply with the minimum sanitary sewage installations; and

WHEREAS, certain basic requirements are now in effect in Columbus County in connection with the installation and maintenance of sewage disposal systems, which regulations apply to homes; and

WHEREAS, the occupancy of a home or any other dwelling without complying with minimum requirements is a violation of the law; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be danger that the watershed and streams leading into the watershed located in the county will be contaminated by the uncontrolled discharge of sewage; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Department of Health of Columbus County, supported by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, to require that minimum sewage disposal requirements are complied with;

NOW THEREFORE, in the interest of public health of Columbus County, BE IT RESOLVED that with the enactment of this resolution, the building inspector of Columbus County not issue a building permit until the Board of Health Department Sanitarian has inspected said land lot and approved same for septic tank sewage system and approved well site location; and that the electrical inspectors of Columbus County not give final approval of electric service cut-in on any residence house, place of business, public assembly, food establishment and/or other place requiring a sewage disposal system as prescribed by Resolution and/or Section 130-160 of Article 13 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, until the Board of Health Department Sanitarian has inspected and approved said sewage disposal (Septic Tank) system.

Upon motion the meeting recessed to attend a funeral, business session will be resumed on March 26, 1973, at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Emergen W. Loggs  
Clerk

Edward M. Williams  
Chairman