

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., October 15, 1973, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Edward W. Williamson, Chairman

Donald P. Currie

Mayo Brown

W. B. Buffkin

T. E. Burns

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order and the invocation was given by the Reverend Thad Prevatte, First Baptist Church, Chadbourn.

The following business was transacted:

Ordered: that the Department of Social Services be allowed to use the salary appropriated for Jimmy E. Godwin, Social Worker, to give raises to the employees of the Department who received only 5% raise in July. The total amount cannot exceed the amount appropriated for the above named worker.

Ordered: that the Chairman be authorized to sign the necessary papers from the Department of Insurance certifying that the Acme-Delco Fire District meets the conditions to qualify the firemen to be eligible for insurance under G.S.118.23.

Ordered: that the County Attorney advertise for bids to purchase 50 additional containers for the Sanitary Landfill and the funds be taken from Container Site Preparation to pay for the additional containers.

Ordered: that the Chairman look into the complaints presented to the Board by Commissioner Brown concerning locks at the Annex and termites in the County Hall.

Ordered: that the Chairman meet with Mr. Floyd to review the coverage of county buildings and property, and make the necessary adjustments.

Ordered: that the County Accountant contact various banks and purchase a Certificate of Deposit with the Revenue Sharing Funds received for the first quarter of 1973-74 from the bank paying the highest interest rate.

Ordered: that the County Attorney be authorized to consult with the Tax Collector and prepare a list of delinquent taxpayers. The list is to be presented to the Board for approval to justify collection before foreclosure proceedings are started.

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

that the 1973 taxes listed in the name of Leroy T. Grice, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$9,853 due to double listing to Corporation Excess to Leroy Grice, Sr.

that the taxes listed in the name of G. Coleman Truesdell, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$10,433 due to double listing to Corporation Excess to G. Coleman Truesdell.

that the 1973 taxes listed in the name of Billy Blackwell, Cerro Gordo Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,235. due to double listing to Corporation Excess to Bille Blackwell.

Ordered: that the 1973 taxes listed in the name of Clyde W. & Pearl E. Gore, Whiteville Township be released on the valuation of \$7,300 due to house being listed that was not built by January 1, 1973.

Ordered: that the Board accept the services of the Soil Conservation Service in preparing a cost shared soil survey on a limited basis with anticipation of a complete survey later. The 1974 project will cover the high priority areas of the County at an estimated cost of \$12,000. per as the County's share of expense.

Ordered: that the Clerk write a letter to the Committee of 100 in reply to their request that the Board hire a qualified county manager stating that the Board is considering their request.

Ordered: that the Clerk notify the New Hanover Board of Commissioners that they do not wish to participate in the trial concerning the New Hope Dam Litigation.

Ordered: that the Clerk inform the United Postal Service, Charlotte that the time for appealing property valuation for 1973 has expired but the Board will be glad to grant them a conference at their convenience to discuss their property value reassessment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously passed that the Board of Commissioners go on record opposing LIQUOR BY THE DRINK which is to be voted on November 6, 1973.

Sheriff Duke and his Dupities came before the Board to request that they be paid 10¢ per mile rather than \$200. per month until autos are available. The Board instructed Mr. Duke that they must keep a daily record of mileage to be presented for payment at the end of each month and further there must be available funds in his budget to cover the expense. Also, the Accountant was instructed not to pay any out of county travel warrants as all mileage is to be covered on the daily record.

RESOLUTION ENDORSING AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD PROGRAM IN COLUMBUS COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County recognizes the need for a blood bank in said county; and

WHEREAS, the financial needs have been met by the citizens of Columbus County for such a service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Commissioners of Columbus County wholeheartedly endorse the establishment of such a program in Columbus County by the Red Cross.

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

Check #3929	N. C. Public Employees' S. S. Agency - Contributions	\$23,729.82
Check #3930	N. C. Sales & Use Tax - Sales Tax for Quarter ending 9-30-73	\$16.28.
Check #3931	Southeastern Community College- Budget Appropriation	47,570.00
Check # 3932	Dorothy M. Reaves - Refund of Hospital Insurance Withheld	36.48

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until November 5, 1973, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

*Emogene W. Suggs*  
Clerk

*Edward W. Williams*  
Chairman