

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., February 18, 1974, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Donald P. Currie, Chairman

Mayo Brown

E. W. Williamson

T. E. Burns

W. B. Buffkin

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order and the invocation was given by Rabbi Reuben Kesner.

The following business was transacted:

Ordered: that the Chairman be authorized to sign the certification for Acme-Delco Fire District which entitles volunteer firemen for benefits under the N. C. Firemen's Pension Fund Act.

Ordered: that Mr. Griffin survey the condition of the Health Department Building in regards to the termites and get a price from Hyatt Exterminating Co. on the cost for treating the building.

Ordered: that upon the request of the Whiteville City Council, Mr. Vance Mayltaby and Mr. Shater Sasser be appointed to the Whiteville Planning and Zoning Board for a three year term.

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

That the 1973 late listing penalty listed in the name of J. S. Lennon Heirs, Ransom Township, be released in the amount of \$2.40. Mr. Lennon did not receive his abstract to list taxes.

That the 1973 taxes listed in the name of Tillman Corbett, Ransom Township, be cancelled due to double listing to Thomas Jacobs.

That the 1973 taxes listed in the name of Earl C. Batten, Bolton Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,075 due to house not being completed.

That the 1973 late listing penalty listed in the name of John Neal Tally & Margaret W. Hanson, Bogue Township due to an error in listing.

That a refund be given to Jerald Goins & Judy B. Gore in the amount of \$108.97, Whiteville Township on a valuation of \$6,410 due to a house not being completed.

Ordered: that the County Attorney proceed with the preparations for setting up a pay plan and personnel classification with the State Personnel Office that the Board may adopt if they so desire.

Ordered: that the Landfill Department be allowed to purchase a used dragline and motor grader from the State Department of Transportation at a cost of \$8,500.00

Ordered: that Commissioner Brown sign the necessary papers to lease the County's Tobacco Allotment for the year 1974.

Ordered: that the Library Board be allowed to transfer unused funds for salaries to be used for remodeling and repairing the Library; i.e. enclose the carport, put ceiling in

in unceiled portion and install an appropriate heating and cooling system. The money to be expended cannot exceed \$5,530.00. These funds were made available by increased revenue from the State and unused salaries. It is further ordered that Mr. Griffin work in conjunction with the Library Board to accomplish this work.

A group consisting of the following representatives from various rescue squads in the County met with representatives from the Office of Emergency & Medical Services to discuss the new rules and regulations now applying to rescue squads throughout the State:

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| Tony Nance | Cerro Gordo Fire & Rescue Squad |
| James Ragsdale | Tabor City Fire & Rescue Squad |
| La Rue Fowler | Tabor City Fire & Rescue Squad |
| William R. Sasser | Nakina Rescue Squad |
| Pete Floyd | Evergreen Fire & Rescue Squad |
| E. D. Meares | Fair Bluff Fire & Rescue Squad |
| Harry L. Edwards, Jr. | Lake Waccamaw Rescue Squad |
| Jerry L. Porter | Acme-Delco Fire & Rescue Squad |
| Buddy Inman | Whiteville Rescue Unit |
| John McCloskey | Emergency Medical Services |
| Chris A. Gentile | Emergency Medical Services |
| James O. Page | Director, Office of Emergency Services |

Brunswick and Belton Units were not represented. The discussion centered around the new regulation that requires an eighty-one hour training period or an equivalent that would enable a member to pass an examination now required. The Squads did not generally oppose the amount of training but were concerned about the time requirement, place of training and implementation. There was a lengthy discussion of the problems involved. A motion was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Williamson to not take further action on the resolution passed at the meeting on January 21, 1974, until they have a recommendation from the Columbus County Association of Rescue Squads.

Representatives from the Burroughs Corporation discussed machines available from their Company that could be used for tax billing. The Board made an appointment to attend a demonstration of the machines on Friday, February 22, 1974.

Ordered: that the following bill be allowed and paid:

Evergreen Rescue Squad	(4569)	\$2,000.00
Tranquil Air, Inc. Supplement	(4570)	400.00

The Tax Supervisor presented the late listings to the Board to be filed with the Accountant.

APPROVED:

E. Morgan W. Suggs
Clerk

Donald P. Curtis
Chairman