

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

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Donald P. Currie, Chairman

Mayo Brown

E. W. Williamson

W. B. Buffkin

T. E. Burns

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order and the invocation was given by the Reverend A. B. Dawsey, Jr.

The following business was transacted:

Ordered: that Mr. Griffin procure a contract with Mr. J. T. Rogers in accordance with the quotation presented to the Board to have a new roof put on the Courthouse. The terms are to be at a cost of \$20.00 per square of shingles (black or brown), and a 15 year guarantee. Other proposals presented were from Barnes Roofing Works, Whiteville; and J. D. Wright, Tabor City.

Ordered: that the Chairman be authorized to sign a letter to the Division of Geodetic Survey, Raleigh, requesting that Tabor City have its boundries tied into the Grid System by placing additional monuments in the County to identify the boundries.

Ordered: that the Budget be amended for the Board of Elections in a total amount of \$46,083.00 to be paid from Miscellaneous Revenue in the amount of \$8,724 and Fund Balance \$37,359. Expenses are on file with the Accountant as requested by the Board of Elections.

Ordered: that the Register of Deeds be allowed to destroy the following records in accordance with the General Statutes and the County Records Manual:

Chattel Mortgage & Lien Books	94 - 108 and 110 - 138
Agriculture & Chattel Lien Books	49 - 52
Special Agriculture Lien Books	76 - 79
Chattel & Lien Index Books	Dated from 1927 through 1953

Ordered: that the Clerk contact Rhone Anderson and ask him to meet with the Board on each third Monday to discuss plans for the landfill that involve hiring any personell or other important decisions.

Ordered: that the following dates be set as meeting days for the Board of Equalization and Review: April 9th, 12th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th; and May 2nd. Notice is to be published in the paper as required by law.

Ordered: that all County offices be closed on May 7th, Election Day.

The following proclamation was ~~was~~ passed upon motion of Commissioner Williamson, and seconded by Commissioner Brown:

WHEREAS, the well-being of all the County's citizens depends in large measure upon the adequate exercise and plentiful supply of nutritious and wholesome food; and

WHEREAS, there is an opportunity for many people to produce their fruit and vegetable needs; and

WHEREAS, gas shortages limit weekend travel and raising food costs promise to promote an interest in home gardening; and

WHEREAS, there is growing interest among families and individuals to spend free time in a constructive manner;

THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners proclaims the month of March 21 to April 21 to be

HOME GARDEN MONTH

And commends this observance to the County's citizens.

/s/ Donald P. Currie, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION ENDORSING BLACK RIVER RURAL HEALTH SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners recognizes the need for Family Nurse Practitioners and Rural Health Services; and

WHEREAS, the Board is pleased to endorse the efforts of the Black River Health Services, Inc. in securing Rural Health Services and Family Nurse Practitioners to render these services in the Town of Atkinson in Pender County; and

WHEREAS, the Board feels that Family Nurse Practitioners in that area would contribute greatly toward relieving the problem of inadequate medical care for the people in the north-west section of Columbus County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners pledge their support to this needy cause.

The foregoing Resolution was unanimously passed upon motion made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin, and a copy forwarded to Black River Health Services, Inc. and James D. Bernstein, Chief, State Office of Rural Health Services.

Ordered: that the following tax release be made upon the recommendations of the Tax Supervisor: that the 1973 taxes listed in the name of Tillman Bowen, Whiteville Township, be cancelled due to being double listed to Marion T. Bowen.

County Extension Chairman, C. D. Raper, met with the Board to report that the Simmons Bay Committee will proceed with work as recommended by the Corp of Engineers to clean the ditch bank on the Simmons Bay Canal. Work will be done as equipment is available in that area, also, in the Fall, after tobacco is harvested, they plan to have the east bank completely cleaned. The Committee requested that they be permitted to hold a referendum so they could levy a tax on the real estate in the drainage area to finance the upkeep of the project. Mr. Raper was asked to make a study of the situation and make recommendations to the Board as to the action they should take concerning all drainage districts in the County. No action was taken on the referendum.

Mr. Leroy Nolan and Dave Smith from the Whiteville Recreation Commission met with the Board to request funds in the amount of \$2,000 to \$3,000 to help continue the operation of recreation programs through the summer as people outside the City used the facilities of the City as well as the residents of the City. No action was taken at this time.

A letter from the Humane Society was presented to the Board requesting that all dogs be retained at least three days before being destroyed. The Board had already passed action concerning destroying dogs at an earlier meeting. The Board expressed confidence in the ability of the Dog Warden to carry out a suitable program as much improvement has been made in the care of animals.

Ordered: that the Clerk write a letter to Gene's Electric Company stating that the Board does not feel that the Heating & Cooling System at the Law Enforcement Center has been used enough this winter to determine if it works properly or if there is still a deficiency in the equipment noting that this has been a very mild winter. The maintenance contract presented to the Board will be considered later.

Ordered: that the Clerk contact various agencies concerning securing a grant to install a law library to be used by lawyers and judges when in the Courthouse. This would be an alternative to using Facilities Fees as requested by Judge Walton.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until April 1, 1974, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs  
Clerk

Donald P. Cunniff  
Chairman