

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., January 20, 1975, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Donald P. Currie, Chairman

Mayo Brown, Vice-Chairman

E. W. Williamson

W. B. Buffkin

C. Waldo Marlowe

Sankey W. Robinson, Attorney

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

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

The minutes of the January 6th meeting were approved as recorded.

As advertised, bids were opened for a used dragline to be used at the County Landfill. Only one bid was submitted as follows: North Carolina Equipment Co. Raleigh, N. C.

Saraight sale	\$27,995.00
With trade-in	22,995.00

A motion was made to table making a decision on purchasing the equipment at this time, motion was seconded, and unanimously passed.

Ordered: that tax listing be extended through February 7th in Whiteville. Books are to be brought in from the townships on February 4th.

Ordered: that Elaine Currie and Janie C. Norris be reappointed to serve on the Region "O" Family Resources Board at the recommendatíonn of the Executive Task Force Committee.

Ordered: that the Rules & Regulations for Airport Operation be approved as prepared by the Airport Authority and presented to the Board by Col. (Ret.) Walters. Final approval must be made by FAA.

Ordered: that \$525. be paid from the Reserve for Water & Sewer Fund to participate in the the 201-Facilities Plan for the Riegelwood Sanitary District and surrounding area. The entire R&S resolution was not adopted to further consider who the "Lead Agency" should be.

Ordered: that the Accountant be allowed to pay bills to Hills Grocery and Bailly Oil Co. for purchases for Sonny Ray Jones to be paid out of the ODP Fund.

Ordered: that a check be written to Ray Thompson, ~~Cerro Gordo~~, in the amount of \$50.00 from the ODP Fund for immediate assistance.

Ordered: that the Chairman be authorized to sign a letter to allow Roanoke Iron and Bridge Works to repair the locks at the Law Enforcement Center at the County's expense.

Ordered: that the three members designated earlier by the Commissioners be officially designated to serve on the Emergency Medical Board as requested by the COG. Members suggested by the Board are: C. Waldo Marlowe as elected official; E. D. Meares, III as Rescue Squad Member; and Herbert Riggins as the citizen at large.

Ordered: that the Chairman be auhhorized to sign the contract to obtain emergency funds for temporary jobs and distribue the funds to allow towns within the County to hire the following number of persons:

Cerro Gordo, Bolton, and Brunswick	-	One employee each
Fair Bluff and Lake Waccamaw	-	Two employees each

Chadbourn and Tabor City - Four Employees Each
 Whiteville - Five Employees

The balance of funds will be used to hire approximately 14 employees in various County agencies.

Ordered: that the College be allowed to hire one maintenance employee from the emergency job funds; and further ordered that the salary of one eligibility worker at Social Services be increased approximately \$20.00 per month to act as supervisor during the emergency employment period only.

Ordered: that the Clerk contact Floyd's Insurance Agency and secure liability insurance on the waste containers located throughout the County.

Ordered: that the Chairman consult with Mr. Ed Wall and designate office space for a parole officer to serve Columbus County if any space is available.

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

That the 1974 late listing penalty in the name of Mrs. Bobby Pyler Dunn, Whiteville Township, be released in the amount of \$11.37 due to double listing.

That the 1974 taxes listed in the name of Roy Knox Jernigan, Cerro Gordo Township, be cancelled in the amount of \$52.83 due to double listing in Williams Township.

That the taxes listed in the name of J. W. Cooke & Sons, Whiteville Township, for 1974 be released on the valuation of \$1,470. due to double listing.

That the 1974 taxes listed in the name of Edith Mae Russell, Whiteville Township, be cancelled in the amount of \$18.00 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the following be allowed an extension of 30 days for listing taxes:

Clyde Wayne	FCX Corp.
Mobil Oil Company	IBM Corp.
Gulf Oil Corp.	Exxon Company
Ryder Truck Co.	Waldo Marlowe

A statement from the Whiteville and ADR Rescue Squads was presented to the Board by Don Prevatte strongly opposing action taken by the Board in suggesting Emergency Medical Council Members for Columbus County. They opposed the manner in which the proposed members were chosen, felt they did not have the best interest of the EMS or were knowledgeable about their operations and described them as a "political rubber stamp". These Members were chosen by guidelines set out by Federal regulations who is the contributor of the funds in question. The request for designating members was given to the Board by the COG. Other Squads represented were Nakina and Fair Bluff.

The decision of the Board was to retain the appointees unless they proved themselves inefficient and not for the best interest of the County.

Garland Williamson asked the Board to allow him an exchange of property owned by him to be used by the Landfill. He was instructed to get the water table lowered to the level of the presently used property and get a signed statement of approval from the Board of Health. He is to also prepare all necessary documents, at his expense, to make the exchange,

The Board adjourned from their regular meeting place to meet jointly with the Town and County Library Boards to discuss a merger of the two libraries. After a discussion the Board agreed that the Two Library Boards should work out a proposed merger for further consideration.

Larry Barnett, EDA Director, briefed the Board on Federal Grants that may be available within the next five years and asked for a list of projects that the County would be interested in when the funds become available. This is a long range projection and plans are not specific at this time. Included in the list of projects of interest to the County are as follows: Library, hospital-health building, day care center and rural fire protection facilities.

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

N. C. Dept. of Revenue	Sales & Use Tax for Quarter ending 12-31-74	\$ 277.31
Avie Lee Huggins	Refreshments for Christmas Party (6593)	40.50
Ray Thompson	Immediate Relief	50.00
Smith Electrical Co.	Partial Payment for Electrical Work at Courthouse	700.00
Brown & Brown Construction	Final Payment for Old Jail Repairs	6,439.94
Kenneth White	Hanging & Refinishing Sheetrock in Courthouse	385.44
Donald Price	Electrical Work at Old Jail	700.00
Postmaster, Whiteville	Postage for Various Offices (6599)	1,000.00

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 10:00 a.m., February 3, 1975.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

Donald P. Curtis
Chairman