

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., February 17, 1975, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Donald P. Currie, Chairman

Mayo Brown

E. W. Williamson

W. B. Buffkin

C. Wlado Marlowe

Sankey W. Robinson (Attorney)

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order and the invocation was given by the Reverend O'Ferrell Thompson, Pastor Whiteville Episcopal Church.

The following business was transacted:

Commissioner Edward W. Williamson introduced the following order authorizing bonds which was read:

ORDER AUTHORIZING \$124,000. COUNTY HOSPITAL BONDS

BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus:

1. That, pursuant to the Local Government Bond Act, as amended, and the Municipal Hospital Facilities Act, as amended, the County of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby authorized to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said County may now or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue County Hospital Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$124,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with the proceeds of \$6,000,000 County Hospital Bonds which were approved at the special bond election held on October 6, 1973 and any other available funds, for erecting and equipping a new County hospital in said County, including the acquisition of any necessary rights of way.

2. That taxes shall be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds.

3. That a sworn statement of the debt of the County has been filed with the County Accountant and the ex officio Clerk and is open to public inspection.

4. That this order shall take effect 30 days after its publication following adoption, unless it is petitioned to a vote of the people as provided in Section 159-60 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, and that in such event this order shall take effect when approved by the voters of the County at a referendum as provided in said acts.

The Board of Commissioners thereupon designated the County Accountant and ex officio Clerk as the officer whose duty it shall be to make and file with herself as clerk the sworn statement of debt of the County which is required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, to be filed before the final passage of the order which was introduced at this meeting.

Thereupon the County Accountant and ex officio Clerk filed with herself as clerk, in the presence of the Board of Commissioners, the sworn statement of debt as so required.

Thereupon the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHROIZING \$124,000 COUNTY HOSPITAL BONDS" was passed on the first reading.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Commissioners

10:00 o'clock A.M., March 3, 1975, as the hour and day for the public hearing upon the foregoing order, and directed the County Accountant and ex officio Clerk to publish said order, together with the appended statement as required by The Local Government Act, as amended, once in THE NEWS REPORTER not later than the sixth day before said date.

Ordered: that the Chairman contact various glass dealers and get a price to place petitions in the Juvenile Counselors' Offices to be appropriated out of Facilities Fees. Also, if funds are available, the offices are to be painted. It is further ordered that a petition be placed in the office that is to be used by the State Parole Officers.

Ordered: that the Clerk write a letter to Jack Pruitt inviting him to meet with the Board to discuss the changes in the Retirement benefits passed by the 1974 General Assembly.

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

That the 1974 taxes listed in the name of Dale & Myra Stocks, Lees Township, be cancelled in the amount of \$6.40 due to double listing to Jimmy Franklin Watts.

That the 1974 late listing penalty listed in the name of Arthur W. Hammonds, Chadbourn Township be released in the amount of \$7.16 due to an error in listing.

That the taxes listed in the name of Larry W. & Annette R. Cartrette, South Williams Township, for the year 1974 be cancelled due to double listing to W. M. Ray.

That the 1974 taxes listed in the name of Geraldine Meares, South Williams Township, be released (late listing penalty only) due to a misunderstanding.

That the 1974 taxes listed in the name of Geraldine Mills, South Williams Township, be cancelled in the amount of \$37.54 due to double listing to Geraldine Meares.

Ordered: that a refund check be written to Kenneth Austin, Rt. 1, Whiteville, for taxes paid in error for the years 1968 through 1973 on real estate listed in error. Property double listed to Sam Austin.

Ordered: that the 1974 taxes listed in the name of Keeneth Austin et al, Whiteville Township be cancelled in the amount of \$13.27 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the Clerk write a letter to the proper agency stating the expenditures by the County for maintenance and repairs to the ASC Office Building and request aid for further improvements from the Federal Agency which hires the ASC Office employees.

Ordered: that the Economic Development be allowed to transfer line items in their budget as requested by letter and filed with the Accountant.

WHEREAS: The communities of Northeastern Columbus County do not presently have a central wastewater collection and treatment system, and as a result some of these communities are faced with a growing pollution, health and sanitation problem from existing septic tank sewage disposal systems, and

WHEREAS: The Riegelwood Sanitary District has also agreed to act as the "Lead Agency" for preparation of said plan and to assist in payment of the "local share" costs for preparation of the Facilities Plan;

WHEREAS: The State has delineated a 201 Facilities Planning Area encompassing the Communities of Riegelwood-Acme-Delco-Armor and surrounding areas in Northeast Columbus County, as shown on the attached sketch, and

WHEREAS: The Riegelwood Sanitary District proposes to undertake preparation of a 201 Facilities Plan as a first step towards resolution of the aforementioned problem and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

(1) The Columbus County Board of Commissioners concurs in the need for improving wastewater disposal facilities in the designated planning area.

(2) The Commission feels that any effort to find a solution to the problem can best be undertaken by the Riegelwood Sanitary District and agrees that that body should act as the "Lead Agency" for preparation of the 201 Facilities Plan.

(3) The Commission will cooperate and assist in any way it can to insure the ultimate success of this important undertaking and agrees to contribute \$625.00 of the "local share" costs for preparation of the Facilities Plan for those county areas lying outside of the Riegelwood Sanitary District area.

This the 17th day of February, 1975

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Columbus County, North Carolina

/s/ Donald P. Currie, Chairman

/s/ Edward W. Williamsen

-/s/ C. Waldo Marlowe

/s/ Mayo Brown

/s/ W. B. Buffkin

Mrs. Peggy Walton and Mrs. Frances Wheeler met with the Board and requested support for Concerned Citizens in their efforts for lower electric rates charged by Carolina Power & Light Company and opposition to House Bill #167 which would reappoint Edwin "Buddy" Byrd to the Public Safety Commission Board. The following Resolution was unanimously adopted as a result of this request:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners are conscious of the economic conditions existing in the County; and

WHEREAS, the cost of living is continuously increasing; and

WHEREAS, the cost of electrical energy is of major concern to each family and industry within the County;

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Commissioners wish to express our appreciation to the Concerned Citizens Association of Columbus County for their efforts in seeking to obtain lower electrical rates in our County and throughout the State.

No resolution was passed concerning House Bill #167.

Ordered: that the Chairman be authorized to sign the necessary documents to apply for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Several members of the Drug Abuse Committee met with the Board to make a report of the status of the Drug Abuse Program and ask for advise and help on whether to terminate the services of their Committee in the County. The Board recommended a joint meeting with a representative from the following agencies to discuss ways the crisis line service could be continued: Community College, Local Mental Health Dept.; Regional Mental Health Dept., Drug Abuse Committee and the Board of Commissioners.

Members of the Retarded Citizens Association, with Gordon Batten as spokesman, made a request to the Board to include the non-ambulatory and profoundly retarded in their plans to establish a day care center in the County. The Board reacted favorably to this suggestion.

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

North Carolina Dept. of Revenue	Sales & Use Tax for January	(6783)	\$ 87.95
Aid to Dependent Children	Budget Appropriation		17,135.00
Kenneth Austin	Tax Refund - Per Order of the Board	(6785)	39.69

Upon motion the meeting recessed until 7:00 p.m., Friday, February 21, 1975, to continue unfinished business.

APPROVED:

Emergene W. Suggs
Clerk

Donald P. Curtis
Chairman