

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, met in regular session at the County Administrative Bldg., in Whiteville, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 10 o'clock A.M., on March 3, 1975.

Present: Chairman Donald P. Currie, presiding, and Commissioners Mayo Brown, Edward W. Williamson, W. B. Buffkin and C. Waldo Marlowe.

Absent: None

The Chairman announced that this was the hour and day fixed by the Board of Commissioners for the public hearing upon the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$124,000 COUNTY HOSPITAL BONDS" and that the Board would immediately hear anyone who might wish to be heard on the question of the validity of said order or the advisability of issuing said bonds.

No one appeared, either in person, or by attorney, to be heard on the question of the validity of said order or the advisability of issuing said bonds and the County Accountant and ex officio Clerk announced that no written statement relating to said questions had been received.

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner C. Waldo Marlowe seconded by Commissioner Edward W. Williamson and carried, the order introduced and passed on first reading on February 17, 1975 entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$124,000 COUNTY HOSPITAL BONDS" was read a second time and placed upon its final passage. The vote upon the final passage of said order was:

Ayes: Commissioners Donald P. Currie, Mayo Brown, Edward W. Williamson, W. B. Buffkin and C. Waldo Marlowe.

Noes: None.

The Chairman then announced that the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$124,000 COUNTY HOSPITAL BONDS" had been adopted.

The County Accountant and ex officio Clerk was thereupon directed to publish said order, together with the appended statement as required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, once in The News Reporter.

Ordered: that the minutes of the meetings of February 3rd and February 17th be approved as recorded.

Ordered: that the Chairman and Accountant be authorized to make line item budget changes within a Department without changing the total amount of the Department Budget.

Ordered: that the salaries for the four deputies in the Sheriff's Dept. be increased from \$650. per month to \$715. beginning with the March payroll period.

Ordered: that the meeting dates for the Board of Equalization and Review be set at April 1, 2, 8, and 9 beginning at 10:00 a.m. each day. It is further ordered that a notice be placed in The News Reporter as required by the General Statutes.

Ordered: that a depreciation allowance of 5% be allowed to industries on machinery in listing personal property for tax purposes.

Ordered: that Betty Beck be given a check for \$50.00 from the Out-Door-Poor Fund.

Ordered: that the Bi-Centennial Committee be allowed \$200. for operating expenses to be paid out of the Contingency Fund.

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

That the taxes listed in the name of Vernon Gurganus, Williams Township, be released in the amount of \$24.39 for the year 1974 due to a clerical error in computing.

That the taxes listed in the name of Clifford B & Millie L. Casperson, Chadbourn Township, be released in the amount of \$12.74 for the year 1974 due to double listing.

That the taxes listed in the name of Judith A. Simmons, Chadbourn Township, be cancelled in the amount of \$25.99 for the year 1974 due to double listing in Williams Township.

The following Resolution was brought before the County Commissioners of Columbus County convened in regular session and after discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously passed;

WHEREAS, criteria for consideration of portions of Columbus County for an Environmental Protection Agency grant for assistance in cost of planning and construction of wastewater is based upon development of a Facilities Plan for the area designated by the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources, Division of Environmental Management as Facilities Planning Area and in which case a portion of Columbus County is designated to be in the Facilities Planning Area with City of Whiteville; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to designate one of the governmental agencies involved in the area to be the Lead Applicant; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County consider that City of Whiteville is the logical Lead Applicant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Columbus does hereby appoint City of Whiteville as the Lead Applicant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, be and he is hereby designated as the official County representative for matters concerning wastewater planning and that he is hereby instructed to secure and prepare such documentation as may be necessary to provide the Lead Applicant with the data necessary to adequately perform Wastewater Facilities Planning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any action requiring funding on the part of Columbus County shall be brought before the Board of Commissioners for proper appropriation of funds prior to authorization of such expenditures.

Ordered: that the following named be added to the Bi-Centennial Committee for Columbus County: Francis Jones, Edna Creech, Mrs. R. N. McCray, William Thompson, Estelle Fletcher, John Plasky, Jack Benbo, Mrs. David Smith, Betty Carter, Phyllis Griffin, Crystal Justice, Mrs. Ben Wilson, Amanda Bible, Patricia Jacobs.

Becky Bunn, State Mental Health Dept.; Dr. Eugene Douglas, Area Director; Elizabeth Covington, Associate Director; and John McKee, Area Administrator met with the Board to discuss and answer questions concerning the services and programs available through the Mental Health Department.

Representatives of the Oratorio Society met with the Board and requested \$2,500. from County funds in the 1975-76 Budget to match State Grants for an art planning program (Music) in Columbus County. No decision was made at this time.

Mr. Dennis Patrick with the Department of Indian Affairs met with the Board to make them aware of some problems of concern to his Department such as roadside litter, jobs for unemployed, Friar Swamp Project and who to contact when a problem arises.

A group of concerned citizens who live on SR1113 met with the Board to ask assistance in getting said road paved. The Board directed them to State Department Officials as this decision does not come under the authority of the Board of Commissioners of the County.

Representative Richard Wright gave the Board a review of his activities concerning local legislation in the State Legislature. He suggested that the Board consider the possibility of requesting a county-wide Referendum on the question of the type of law enforcement for the County. He also brought to their attention other issues that should be considered related to such a referendum. No resolution was offered at this time. Mrs. Peggy Walton and Frances Wheeler also attended this meeting as representatives of the Concerned Citizens Committee.

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

SALARY CHECKS: Recorded on Computer Printout Sheets and Filed for Reference Checks #154 - 371

EXPENSE CHECKS:

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| Emogene W. Suggs | Travel for February | (6786) | \$ 50.00 |
| R. Brooks Stanley | Travel for February | | 190.00 |
| E. M. Griffin | Travel for February | | 175.00 |
| Leo L. Fisher | Travel for February | | 35.00 |
| Paul E. Hughes | Travel for February | | 100.00 |
| Clyde Pridgen | Travel for February | | 24.00 |
| Johnie G. Powell | Travel for February | | 25.00 |
| H. Hugh Nance | Travel for February | | 100.00 |
| S. T. Enzor | Travel for February | | 150.00 |
| Alice S. Wright | Travel for February | | 42.00 |
| Pauline S. Pait | Travel for February | | 34.90 |
| Margaret V. Hair | Travel for February | | 21.65 |
| Griffin J. Johnson | Travel for February | | 69.45 |
| Linda P. Baldwin | Travel for February | (6799) | 74.20 |
| Vondrena Gerald | Travel for February | | 78.30 |
| Rebecca J. Williamson | Travel for February | | 38.70 |
| Janis Hall | Travel for February | | 108.45 |
| Peggy M. Duncan | Travel for February | | 51.45 |
| Kathryn S. Worrell | Travel for February | | 76.95 |
| Doris G. Lennon | Travel for February | | 79.95 |
| Hilda Dianne Brown | Travel for February | | 73.05 |
| Claire P. Duncan | Travel for February | | 43.80 |
| Sally G. Marks | Travel for February | | 74.10 |
| Willa Dean Williams | Travel for February | | 22.20 |
| Mary B. Pickett | Travel for February | | 58.50 |
| Brenda Pierce | Travel for February | | 68.25 |
| Roscoe Enzor | Travel for February | | 102.30 |

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| Charles J. Small | Travel for February | \$ 14.25 |
| Jo Anne P. Vereen | Travel for February | 87.00 |
| Claire Hamrick Brown | Travel for February | 35.40 |
| Helma T. English | Travel for February | 77.70 |
| Jane Wright | Travel for February (6817) | 19.75 |
| Janet M. Thomas | Travel for February | 7.20 |
| Mariegene L. Palmer | Travel for February | 65.10 |
| Town of Tabor City | Reimbursement for Salaries paid to EJP Employees | 720.76 |
| Town of Chadbourn | Reimbursement for Salaries paid to EJP Employees | 546.22 |
| Town of Cerro Gordo | Reimbursement for Salaries paid to EJP Employees | 221.44 |
| Town of Brunswick | Reimbursement for Salaries paid to EJP Employees | 408.22 |
| Town of Fair Bluff | Reimbursement for Salaries paid to EJP Employees | 387.38 |
| N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles | License & Title for Chevrolet Truck | 200.00 |
| Purchase & Contract Division | 1970 Chevrolet Dump Truck for County | 3,500.00 |
| Southern National Bank | Federal Income Tax Withheld (6827) | 10,542.49 |
| Group Insurance Services | Hospital and Life Insurance Withheld | 1,861.54 |
| Colonial Life & Accident Ins. | Accident Insurance Withheld | 457.10 |
| Mrs. Louvie Hinson | Boarding Home Care | 12.16 |
| Mrs. Ned Boswell | Boarding Home Care | 315.80 |
| Mrs. Nathaniel Bradley | Boarding Home Care | 170.00 |
| Mrs. Henry Hill | Boarding Home Care | 343.16 |
| Mrs. Nell Beatty | Boarding Home Care | 100.00 |
| Mrs. Randolph McCallister | Boarding Home Care (6835) | 85.00 |
| Mrs. Horace Rich | Boarding Home Care | 425.00 |
| Mrs. H. B. Jackson | Boarding Home Care | 255.00 |
| N. C. Public Employees Retirement System | Retirement Withheld & Expense | 9,323.91 |
| Mayo Brown | Meetings & Conferences during February | 468.00 |
| Betty Beck | Out-Door-Poor | 50.00 |
| C. Waldo Marlowe | Meetings & Conferences During February | 245.04 |
| W. B. Buffkin | Meetings & Conferences During February | 185.50 |
| Donald P. Currie | Meetings & Conferences During February | 459.60 |
| Donald P. Currie | Trip to Fayetteville -Meal in Wilmington | 28.07 |
| Edward W. Williamson | Meetings & Conferences During February less Ins. | 307.70 |
| University Motor Inn | Rooms for Currie & Williamson in Chapel Hill | 72.80 |
| Annie Ruth Strickland | Reimbursement for Postage | 4.87 |
| State Board of Elections | Election Laws - 6 Copies | 12.48 |
| Jiffy Print Shop | Time Cards for EJP | 34.32 |
| Burroughs Corporation | Supplies for Computer | 60.70 |
| Pitney-Bowes, Inc. | Supplies & Maintenance Agreement (6851) | 220.50 |
| Emogene W. Suggs | Night Meetings for Emergency Job Program | 105.00 |
| Simmons Drug Company | Frame for Picture | 1.45 |
| Edwards & Broughton Co. | Supplies for Register of Deeds | 38.18 |
| Hall & McChesny | Microfilming for Register of Deeds | 214.45 |
| Owen G. Dunn Co. | Faultless Binder for Register of Deeds | 245.21 |
| Gray & Creech, Inc. | 12 Rolls of Copy Paper | 213.69 |
| Lytle Oil Co. | Various Accounts for Fuel Oil | 2,756.26 |
| Pridgen Cabinet Works, Inc. | Work in Sheriff's Office - Courthouse | 158.08 |
| Lowe's of Whiteville, Inc. | Account for Courthouse Remodeling | 151.51 |
| Scotts of Whiteville | Account for Courthouse Remodeling - Bathroom | 6.21 |
| Wallace L. Clontz. FLD | Courthouse Drawal and Painting for Commissioners Office | 340.00 |
| Jimmy Norris Heating & Air Conditioning | Repairs to Air Conditioner - Courthouse | 18.00 |
| J. K. Williamson | Cut off Doors - Courthouse Remodeling | 24.00 |
| Lustra Lighting | Bulbs for Courthouse | 31.31 |
| Rose's Stores, Inc. | Account for Courthouse | 4.15 |
| Sewing Center | Vacuum Cleaner Bags | 2.48 |
| Fletcher's Exxon Station | Fuse and Gasoline | .882 |
| Court Square Store | Keys & Janitorial Supplies (6869) | 6.98 |
| Atlantic Publishing Co. | Various Accounts | 2,180.16 |
| Dover Elevator Co. | Maintenance Contract | 32.79 |
| Hyatt Exterminating Co. | Contract Service for County Buildings | 44.00 |
| Ashley Electric, Inc. | Light Fixtures & Installation in Juvenile Counselors' Offices | 137.18 |
| James Lynn Co. | Cleaning Windows in Administrative Building | 45.00 |
| Hill's Super Market | Account for Open House Expenses at Adm. Building | 12.68 |
| Valentine's Tire Sales & Service | Account for Sheriff's Dept. (6876) | 49.39 |
| Carolina Motors, Inc. | Repairs to Sheriff's Dept. Autos | 376.60 |
| Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co. | Account for County Police Dept. | 268.79 |
| Rhoads Iron & Bridge Works | Repairs to Locks at Jail | 416.36 |
| Jimmy Norris Heating | Repairs to Heating System at Jail | 20.50 |
| Duncan Plumbing & Wiring, Inc. | Repair Locks at Jail | 22.50 |
| Simmons Drug Co. | Account for Jail Supplies | 22.60 |
| Fox's Holsum Bakery, Inc. | Supplies for Jail | 124.43 |
| N. C. Dept. of Social Rehabilitation | Supplies for Jail | 261.19 |
| Sealtest Foods | Account for Dairy Products for Jail | 462.40 |
| Hill's Grocery Store #10 | Account for Jail | 86.77 |
| McLeans Wholesale Grocery Co., Inc. | Supplies for Jail - February Account | 522.06 |
| Leinwand's Dept. Store | Knee Boots - Jail | 14.46 |
| Floyd's Insurance Agency, Inc. | Property Floater - Jail | 41.00 |
| Columbus County Hospital | Account for Jail Inmates | 153.85 |
| H. G. Walters, M. D. | Treatment for Inmate | 75.00 |
| Dr. J. T. Wyche | Services for Inmates at Jail (6892) | 20.00 |

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| Town of Bolton | Rent for Magistrate's Office | (6893) | \$ 60.00 |
| Town of Fair Bluff | Rent for Magistrate's Office | | 75.00 |
| Williamson's Insurance Agency- | Rent for Magistrate's Office | | 85.00 |
| J. Howard Stanley | Reimbursement for February Expenses | | 65.34 |
| Whiteville Office Machines | Clean, Oil & Adjust Typewriter - Service Officer | | 29.50 |
| Cavin's Business Products | Maintenance Agreement for Copier - Service Officer | | 58.00 |
| Brunswick Electric Membership Corp. - | Electric Service for Landfill | | 4.71 |
| Stevens & Hasty Garage, Inc. | Repairs to Trucks for Solid Waste Dept. | | 1,090.60 |
| Equipment Maintenance, Inc. | Repair & Parts to Trucks - Solid Waste Dept | | 529.60 |
| Roach-Russell | 1 Roller & 1 Dia. Midland | | 193.82 |
| Ellis Meares Hardware Co., I | Supplies for Solid Waste Dept. | | 5.05 |
| Gregory Poole Equip. Co. | Service, Travel, Labor, Mileage | | 88.50 |
| Roach Russell | Rental for 1 Ford and KL832 LoDal Body & Loader | | 250.00 |
| W.D. Brooks, Inc. | Solid Waste Account | (6906) | 26.21 |
| Service Parts Co. | Landfill Account for Various Repairs & Parts | | 171.41 |
| Carolina Motors, Inc. | Solid Waste Account Invoice # 6549 | | 92.46 |
| Barnes Service Station | Solid Waste Gas Account for February | | 7.90 |
| H.B. Owsley & Son, Inc. | Solid Waste Dept. Supplies | | 776.24 |
| Columbus Motor Company | Solid Waste Dept. Account | | 99.50 |
| Lytke Oil Company | Columbus County Solid Waste Account | | 3,178.00 |
| Country Cluf Gas | Solid Waste Gas Account for February | | 58.57 |
| Rhone Anderson | Reimbursement for 10.7 gal. gas | | 6.00 |
| Memory Twins Service Station | Columbus Co. Landfill Account for February | | 117.37 |
| Bill Gore's T & S Center | Columbus Co. Solid Waste Dept. Account | | 298.28 |
| Newsom's Lumber & Building | Solid Waste Dept. Acct.-Paint, Thinner, Brushes | | 34.89 |
| Sherwin-Williams Co. | Solid Waste Dept. Paint & Brushes | | 5.93 |
| Seller's Service Station | Dog Warden Account for February-Gas | (6919) | 23.65 |
| Horne's Service Station | Dog Warden Dept. Gas Account for February | | 56.43 |
| Dr. M.W. Thompson | Four Cases for Columbus County | | 600.00 |
| Southeastern Pathology | Two Cases for Columbus County | | 300.00 |
| Clemmon L. Jacobs | Social Services Board Meeting Feb. 21 | | 43.10 |
| Pauline N. Moore | Social Services Board Meeting Feb. 21 | | 25.75 |
| Pitney Bowes | Dept. of Social Services Machine Rental | | 46.02 |
| U. S. Leasing | Dept. Of Social Services Monthly Rent on P.B. Mailing Mach. | | 32.44 |
| IBM Corporation | Welfare Dept. - 2 Leased Typewriters | | 105.08 |
| Xerox Corporation | Dept of Social Service - Rent on Copier | | 41.60 |
| Lustra Lighting Corp. | Social Services Dept. - 12 Jadelite Bulbs | | 98.18 |
| Belk-Hensdale Co. | Clothing for Indigent Children | | 59.25 |
| Rose's Stores, Inc. #249 | Clothing for Indigent Children | | 39.42 |
| Tomlinton's Dept. Store | Social Services Account | (6932) | 36.35 |
| N.C. Dept Social Services | Family Planning Services | | 338.49 |
| Collier Gas & Appliance | Gas for Employment Security Since Dec. 2 | | 228.82 |
| Bernard Peal | Rent Employment Security Office | | 150.00 |
| Mrs. Matthew Ward | Out Door Poor | | 5.00 |
| N.C. Dept of Conservation & | County's Share - Dec. & Jan. Forest Service | | 4,406.16 |
| Wray Thompson | Reimbursement - Bicentennial Committee | | 7.13 |
| U.S. Postal Service | Postage - Bicentennial | | 10.00 |
| Carolina Power & Light | Law Enforcement Center - Light Bill | | 1,069.62 |
| City Of Whiteville | Water Bills for Various Accounts | | 130.63 |
| The News Reporter | Repairs & Supplies for Various Accounts | | 53.22 |
| Uptown Office Supplies, Inc. | Supplies for Various Offices | | 295.39 |
| Burroughs Corporation | Auditor - Supplies | | 17.13 |
| Burroughs Corporation | Auditors- 10 Rolls Paper | | 73.37 |
| Carolina Power & Light | Bill for Various Offices | (6946) | 1,451.43 |
| Wallace L. Clontz | 2 Doors (Remodeling of Courthouse) | | 59.07 |
| Ralph's Alignment | Sheriff's Dept. Account | | 21.50 |
| John Harrelson, Postmaster | Postage - Civil Preparedness | | 20.00 |
| Black's | Solid Waste Account--Tires, Tubes & Repairs | | 411.69 |
| S.E. Cain Machine Shop | Solid Waste Account | | 41.00 |
| General Electric Co. | Solid Waste - 2 Polarity Converters | | 156.00 |

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until March 17, 1975, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Emogene M. Suggs
Clerk

Donald P. Cunn
Chairman