

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., April 21, 1975, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Donald P. Currie, Chairman

Mayo Brown, Vice-Chairman

Edward W. Williamson

W. B. Buffkin

C. Waldo Marlowe

Sankey W. Robinson (Absent)

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order and the invocation was given by the Reverend Sidney Oxendine, Pastor, Union Valley Baptist Church.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the April 7th meeting were approved as recorded.

ORDER REDUCING AUTHORIZED AMOUNT OF COUNTY HOSPITAL BONDS FROM \$124,000 TO 108,000.

Commissioner Brown introduced the following order which was read:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus duly adopted on March 3, 1975 an order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$124,000 COUNTY HOSPITAL BONDS"; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the adoption of said order it appeared that the County of Columbus had retired \$186,050 principal amount of outstanding indebtedness during the 1973-74 fiscal year, but it has been subsequently determined that the actual amount of indebtedness retired during such period was only \$163,050 due to one or more bondholders having failed to present their bonds for payment in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is required to reduce the amount of bonds authorized pursuant to said order;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus that the amount of County Hospital Bonds authorized to be issued pursuant to said order is hereby reduced to an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$108,000.

Thereupon, motion of Commissioner Edward W. Williamson, seconded by Commissioner C. Waldo Marlowe and carried, the order entitled: "ORDER REDUCING AUTHORIZED AMOUNT OF COUNTY HOSPITAL BONDS" was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Currie, Williamson, Brown, Marlowe and Buffkin

NOES: None

The County Accountant and ex officio Clerk was thereupon directed to publish said order, together with the appended statement required by G. S. 159-58 of the Local Government Bond Act, as amended, once in the NEWS REPORTER.

Ordered: that Bernice Gerald of Tabor City be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Economic Development Commission Board of Directors created by Jesse Bullard moving out of Columbus County.

Ordered: that the RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR OPERATING COLUMBUS COUNTY AIRPORT be adopted as revised to meet the qualifications of Federal Aviation Administration and approved by the Columbus County Airport Authority. The original Rules and Regulations were adopted on

January 20, 1975, subject to the final approval of the FAA.

RESOLUTION TO ENTER AGREEMENT WITH NORTH CAROLINA LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL  
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO PROVIDE CERTAIN BENEFITS AS SET FORTH  
IN CHAPTER 1310 OF THE SESSION LAWS OF 1973 (2nd SESSION, 1974)

WHEREAS, the 1973 General Assembly amended the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System laws so as to permit agreements for providing certain benefits for employee members pursuant to Chapter 1310; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of this Unit realizes the desirability of providing its employees with the security and protection provided by said benefits; and

WHEREAS, Article 3 of Chapter 128 of the General Statutes of North Carolina provides that any employer governmental unit desiring to provide said benefits for its employee members must execute an agreement therefor with the Director of the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Columbus County Commissioners in regular session,

1. That the Columbus County Commissioners hereby elects to secure said benefits for its employees in the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System.

2. That the Columbus County Commissioners hereby agrees to comply with all provisions of the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System as defined in Article 3, Chapter 128 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended, and to make such increased employer's contributions as the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System may determine to be necessary in order to provide said benefits.

3. That the Columbus County Commissioners is hereby ordered and directed to execute an agreement with the Director of the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System to implement said benefits of Chapter 1310 of the Session Laws of 1973 (2nd Session, 1974).

Upon motion of Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Marlowe, the above resolution was introduced for passage. The following number voted in the affirmative: Five

The following number voted in the negative: None

Upon the passage of the above Resolution the following agreement was entered into with the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' System to provide certain benefits as set forth in Chapter 1310 of the Session Laws of 1973 (2nd Session, 1974) and the Chairman was authorized by the Board at this meeting to sign the necessary documents to enter this agreement.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1310 of the Session Laws of 1973 (2nd Session, 1974) setting forth the conditions under which the rights to certain benefits might be made available to members of the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System this AGREEMENT is hereby entered into between the Columbus County Commissioners and the Director of said Retirement System.

In consideration of an increase of .04% in the employer's Contribution rate effective as of July 1, 1975, the N. C. Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System hereby agrees to extend the privileges and rights of said benefits described in Chapter 1310 of the Session Laws of 1973 (2nd Session, 1974) to the employees of Columbus County who are members of said

System on and after the above effective date. This Agreement shall continue from year to year with the understanding that the rate payable for said benefits may be modified as the System's Actuary may periodically determine.

Approval of the above increase in rate was authorized by Columbus County Commissioners at its meeting on April 21, 1975 and is recorded in the minutes of said Board meeting.

THE BENEFIT DESIRED FOR COLUMBUS COUNTY IS REPAYMENT OF WITHDRAWN ACCOUNTS. NO OTHER BENEFITS WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EQUIPMENT FOR COUNTY POLICE THROUGH LEAA

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners herein called the "Applicant" has thoroughly considered the problem addressed in the subgrant application entitled Columbus County Administrative Equipment and has reviewed the project described in the application; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of Public Law 90-351 as amended, the United States of America has authorized the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, through the North Carolina Division of Law and Order to make federal grants to assist local governments in the improvement of the criminal justice system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Columbus County Board of Commissioners IN OPEN MEETING ASSEMBLED IN THE CITY OF WHITEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, THIS THE 21st DAY OF APRIL, 1975, AS FOLLOWS: 1. That the project referenced above is in the best interest of the Applicant and the general public.

2. That Donald Currie be authorized to file, in behalf of the Applicant, an application in the form prescribed by the Division of Law & Order for a subgrant in the amount of \$7,650. to be made to the Applicant to assist in defraying the cost of the project described in the application. This individual shall act as the authorized representative of the Applicant in connection with all aspects of the application process.

3. That if the subgrant is made, the Applicant shall provide or make arrangements to provide, a local cash matching contribution in the amount of \$638.00 and a local in-kind matching contribution valued under LEAA guidelines at -0- as required by the Act to defray the cost of the project.

4. That the Project Director designated in the application form shall furnish or make arrangements for other persons to furnish such information, data, documents and reports pertaining to the project, if approval as may be required by the Division of Law & Order.

5. That certified copies of this resolution be included as a part of the application referenced above.

6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DONE AND ORDERED in open meeting.

By/s/ Donald P. Currie, Chairman

Commissioner Edward W. Williamson offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner C. Waldo Marlowe and was duly adopted.

ATTEST: By Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

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

That a refund check in the amount of \$147.87 be written to F. A. Baldwin, Waccamaw Township, for a 1974 tax refund due to an error in listing real estate property valued at \$16,430. House was double listed and barn torn down.

That the 1974 taxes listed in the name of Elaine Beverly, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,990 due to house not being finished for 1974 listing.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL NUMBER 705 CONCERNING REGISTER OF DEEDS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County hereby oppose the enactment of House Bill #705 switching the authority to fill vacancy in the office of the Register of Deeds from the Board of County Commissioners to the Clerk of Court.

The above resolution was unanimously passed upon motion made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Marlowe.

Budgets for 1975-76 were presented to the Board by the Forest Service and the County and City Boards of Education.

Ralph Brake met with the Board to discuss the group insurance plans with the Board. He informed unless additional participation is forthcoming in the near future they will dissolve the life insurance group. He also asked the Board to consider contributing to the employee premium in the 1975-76 Budget.

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

C. Waldo Marlowe	Meetings & Conferences During March	(7159)	\$284.60
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Ordered: that the budget for the Solid Waste Dept. be increased approximately \$12,000. due to unexpected operational expenses and the funds be transferred from Non-Departmental item Soil Survey as these funds will not be expended this fiscal year.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 7:30 p.m., April 29, 1975, to finalize Equalization & Review Meeting.

APPROVED:

Emergen W. Suggs  
Clerk

Donald P. Cunniff  
Chairman