

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., December 15, 1975, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Donald P. Currie, Chairman

C. Waldo Marlowe, Vice-Chairman

Edward W. Williamson

W. B. Buffkin (Absent)

Mayo Brown

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order and the invocation was given by The Reverend Gwyn McCormick, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Whiteville, N. C.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the December 1st were approved as recorded.

Ordered: that the Tax Collector's Office be closed at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday due to the death of Mrs. E. M. Griffin, Wife of the Tax Collector.

Ordered: that the Sheriff be allowed to sell auto #DK41N4F/ 139038 by private negotiation for a price of \$750.00. All autos have been duly advertised and sealed bids opened with no bid in excess of \$587.00 which was not accepted.

Ordered: that Isreal Campbell be hired to work as a heavy equipment operator at the Landfill in lieu of Tommy Spivey who would not accept the job. The beginning salary is \$7,800.00.

Ordered: that the County participate on a 50-50 basis jointly with the Town of Tabor City to prepare tax maps of the incorporated area of Tabor City at a price of \$12.00 per parcel, with the work being done by Mr. Billy Duncan, Registered Land Surveyor.

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUTH STUDY

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners intend to appoint a committee or designate an agency to conduct a study of the needs of youth in Columbus County as required by House Bill #456 for counties wishing to participate in the programs offered under the Act.

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted upon motion by Commissioner Williamson, and seconded by Commissioner Marlowe.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING LIBRARY MERGER

BE IT RESOLVED, that after due consideration of proposals presented to the Board by letter dated October 17, 1975, from the Columbus County Library Board, the Board of Commissioners hereby agree to accept the Whiteville City Library Building, contents of building and lot from the City of Whiteville and make said Library a branch library to be operated the same as present branch libraries beginning July 1, 1976. Thereafter, the Whiteville City Library will be known as the Whiteville Branch of the Columbus County Library.

The foregoing Resolution was duly passed upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Brown.

The following tax releases were made upon the recommendation of the Tax Supervisor:

Ordered: that the 1975 taxes listed in the name of Harvey Buck, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,000. due to error in SCE.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Henry Bryant, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,800.00 due to error in computing SCE for 1975.

Ordered: that the 1975 taxes listed in the name of L. S. and Ruby Lee Parham, South Williams Township be released on the valuation of \$5,000 due to error in computing SCE.

Ordered: that the 1975 taxes listed in the name of Mrs. Magaline S. Willoughby, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,730. due to error in computing land value.

Ordered: that the 1975 taxes listed in the name of Wadius Earl Duncan, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$21,320. due to misinterpretation of deed transfer. Property is listed to Howard Harrelson for 1975.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Ernest Coleman, Bogue Township, be cancelled for the years 1972 through 1975 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1975 taxes listed in the name of Ronald McWatty, Waccamaw Township, be released on the valuation of \$780. due to double listing. This lot is included in another tract already to this person. Also this property is triple listed to Mr. H. C. Wilson, Waccamaw Township, and is to be cancelled for the years 1972 through 1975.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Cleon and Lola Ruth Worley, Williams Township in the amount of \$106.02 for taxes paid in 1974. This property is double listed to John L. and Marilyn Ward.

Mr. Jerry Ramsey, Lower Cape Fear Planning Unit Director, and Chief of County Police, Jesse R. Barker, met jointly with the Board and presented^a/LEAA grant application for five additional jailers to be hired at the Law Enforcement Center and be partially funded by LEAA on a decreasing percentage basis for three years. The request was made due to the fact that State Jail Inspector has advised that the Jail has inadequate personnel to properly supervise prisoners and operate the jail. The application was not approved at this meeting but was tabled until the next meeting.

Pamela Sweets, representing the Citizens for Better Employment Opportunities, met with the Board to request funding for continuing their program in the County if funds are channeled into the County from federal agencies which have not already been earmarked for a specific program. Their present funding expires at the end of March 1976. The Board informed her that should such funds be available the request would be considered.

In keeping with good communications and relations, Dr. Jerry Paschal, Supt., Columbus County Schools and other Personnel, met with the Board to present priorities for the 1976-77 School Budget. He gave the priorities as follows:

1. Rewiring buildings to make safe and up to date. Individual communities are raising funds to install air conditioners in schools which are not presently wired for same.
2. Microfilm School Records
3. Outdoor Lights at Nakina Ball Field

Other reports presented to the Board were the Tax Collector's Monthly Report, OSHA Inspection Report and a report from the Department of Transportation allocating funds that had been frozen in anticipation of inadequate funds which have now been released.

Ordered: that a check for \$25.00 be given to Mrs. Margie Clewis for immediate relief from the Out Door Poor Fund.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 10:00 a.m., January 5, 1976.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

Donald P. Curtis
Chairman