

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., January 5, 1976, it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Donald P. Currie, Chairman

C. Waldo Marlowe, Vice Chairman

Edward W. Williamson

W. B. Buffkin

Mayo Brown

Sankey W. Robinson, Attorney

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order and the invocation was given by Commissioner Brown.

The following business was transacted:

Ordered: that the minutes of the December 15th meeting be approved as recorded.

The Chairman announced that it/ ^{was} time to open bids for fuel oil for the Solid Waste Dept. as advertised. Only one bid was received and recorded as follows:

Baldwin Oil Company .044 off tank wagon price per gallon

After due consideration the Board accepted this bid as no others were received.

Ordered: that the Clerk contact Garland McCullen and request that he answer the letter of inquiry from the Department of the Army concerning the maintenance of the Simmons Bay Flood Control Project.

Ordered: that the Dog Warden be allowed to purchase a citizens band radio at an approximate cost of \$200.00 so he will have contact with the law enforcement agencies after five o'clock and on week-ends.

Ordered: that Dr. Robert Yates be reappointed to serve another term on the County Board of Health.

Ordered: that upon the receipt of a deed to Columbus County from Lucian Williams, the Accountant be authorized to pay him \$4,000. for the property joining the Fletcher Property at the Courthouse Square transferred to the County in the deed.

Ordered: that the Clerk write a letter to the FHA with the Chairman's signature, stating that the County has donated approximately \$3,000 to the Buckhead Volunteer Fire Dept. in FY 1975-76 and that the Board anticipates and expects to continue donating a minimum of \$2,000. per year to the Department.

Ordered: that the following persons be appointed to serve on the Columbus County Planning Board for terms designated as follows and also be recorded in the Ordinance Book which contains the ordinance establishing the Planning Board:

Term of One Year

Mrs. Wade (Faye) Gore

Mr. Robert Lennon

Mr. Luther McMillan

Rt. 1, Nakina

Rt. 1, Delco

Rt. 1, Whiteville

Term of Two Years

Mr. Henry Milligan

Mr. Billy Duncan

Mr. S. R. (Jack) Britt

Rt. 1, Tabor City

105 West Nance St., Whiteville

Rt. 1, Evergreen

Term of Three Years

Mr. Clyde Elliott
Mr. James Hill
Mr. Hilton Herring

312 E. 4th Ave., Chadbourn
Baldwin Woods, Whiteville
Smyrna Road, Whiteville

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

Ordered: that the late listing penalty of Mrs. Bessie Gowan Heirs, Fair Bluff Township be released in the amount of \$16.99. Her taxes were listed in January.

Ordered: that the 1975 taxes listed in the name of Mrs. Myrtle W. Boswell, Bolton Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,000 due to an error in calculation.

Ordered: that the 1975 taxes listed in the name of Wanda McLellend Barfield, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$750. due to wrong value being listed on camper trailer.

Ordered: that the 1975 taxes listed in the name of Naomah Walker, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$2050 due to double listing a car.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Acme Investment and Realty Company for payment of 1975 Sanitary District taxes. This property is not within the District. The amount of the refund is \$115.95.

Ordered: that the 1975 taxes listed in the name of S. J. Blackwell, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,000. due to Senior Citizens Exemption not being computed.

Ordered: that the 1975 taxes listed in the name of Donald M. Duncan, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$1750. due to pick-up being double listed.

Ordered: that the attached LAND USE VALUE SCHEDULE be tentatively adopted to be used until the next octennial revaluation to adjust farmland values to be taxed as farmland. This Schedule was presented by the Tax Supervisor in compliance with recent State revisions in the Machinery Act, and is to be advertised in the local newspaper.

Mr. B. A. Mills, DOT District Engineer, met with the Board to present a plan to spend the \$70,000 of frozen funds released by the Department for Columbus County. The plan recommended that a private contractor be hired to pave SR Nos. 1320, 1533 and 1957 which are now ready for paving. This would release State employees to do resurfacing of other roads. He also informed the Board that the right-of-way could not be obtained for SR 1804 and requested that the Board approve the release of this road from the priority list so funds could be used on the next priority or used to off-set other increased costs. The Board approved the recommendations by motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner MARlowe and unanimously approved.

Several persons appeared before the Board asking County support to continue the Oratoria Society in the County. The group stated that College funds had been cut by the State and they would be unable to obtain financial support from the College for another year. Much interest has been shown in the program from all areas in the County. The group requested support to continue in Whiteville and Tabor City communities which would cut the program in half. The Board took no action on this matter but promised a reply in the near future.

COLUMBUS COUNTY
LAND USE VALUE SCHEDULE
1976

<u>Land Classification</u>	<u>Use Value</u>	
<u>Open Cultivated</u>		<u>Open Cultivated or Pasture Land</u>
#1 (Good) (-)	\$400/ac. 350/ac.	Cultivated land suitable for production of crops
#2 Average (+) Average	\$300/ac. 250/ac.	Value - Subject to soil class, typical management practices, local market conditions, topography, etc.
#3 Fair Fair (-)	\$200/ac. 100/ac.	Variations from Grade - See: Supporting Schedule #1 for open cultivated Supporting Schedule #2 for pasture land
<u>Pasture</u>		<u>Woodland</u>
#1 (Good)	\$300/ac.	Value - Based upon the productive capability of land for timber growth.
#2 (Average)	250/ac.	
#3 (Fair)	200/ac.	Variations from Grade - See:
#4 (Poor)	100/ac.	Supporting Schedule #1 for Woodland
<u>Woodland</u>		<u>Wasteland</u>
#1 (Good)	\$150/ac.	Land not suitable for the production of crops.
#2 (Average)	100/ac.	Value - Dependent upon degree of Improvement necessary to render land productive.
		Appraised on individual basis by Tax Supervisor
<u>Horticultural</u>		
#1 (Good) (-)	\$400/ac. 350/ac.	
#2 Average (+) Average	300/ac. 250/ac.	
#3 Fair Fair (-)	200/ac. 100/ac.	

Terry Long, Eligibility Analyst, and Mrs. Wright, SS Director, met with the Board to make a progress report of investigations of possible fraud in obtaining food stamps and ADC Grants through the Department of Social Services. At this time several persons are paying back funds obtained who were not eligible, other cases have been curtailed. The Department feels they have made progress, but it is slow.

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

Check No. 993 is void		
Mrs. Randolph McCallister	Foster Home Care (994)	\$ 300.00
Mrs. Ned Boswell	Foster Home Care	300.00
Mrs. Nathaniel Bradley	Foster Home Care	300.00
Mrs. Louvie Hinson	Foster Home Care	200.00
Mrs. Henry Hill	Foster Home Care	200.00
Mrs. Horace Rich	Foster Home Care	500.00
Mrs. H. B. Jackson	Foster Home Care	300.00
Mrs. Howard Walters	Foster Home Care	200.00
Mrs. Allie F. Ivey	Foster Home Care (1002)	200.00
Baptist Childrens' Home	Foster Home Care	100.00
Odum Home	Foster Home Care	100.00
Mrs. Lee Oglesby	Foster Home Care	100.00
Mrs. James C. Nealey	Foster Home Care	300.00
Mrs. William Simmons	Foster Home Care	50.00
Sally G. Marks	Travel	61.50
Vilma C. Hammonds	Travel	53.40
Peggy M. Duncan	Travel	41.10
Columbus National Bank	Purchase Certificate of Deposit	450.00
Janis Hall	Travel	67.80
Helma T. English	Travel	66.15
Roscoe Enzor	Travel	91.80
Brenda Pierce	Travel	57.90
Linda Honeycutt	Travel	30.45
Margaret V. Hair	Travel	153.16
Doris G. Lennon	Travel (1020)	76.95
Pauline S. Pait	Travel	54.60
Jo Anne P. Vereen	Travel	70.42
Alice S. Wright	Travel	51.50
Kathryn S. Worrell	Travel	112.80
Bobbie B. Skipper	Travel	21.00
Mary B. Pickett	Travel	34.50
Rebecca J. Williamson	Travel	25.05
Dianne B. Brown	Travel	54.75
Vondrena G. Spaulding	Travel	93.00
Claire P. Duncan	Travel	48.75
Mariegene L. Palmer	Travel	36.15
Aid to Dependent Children	Budget Appropriation	13,224.09
Aid to the Aged	Budget Appropriation	2,479.16
Aid the the Disabled	Budget Appropriation	2,115.83
Medicaid Fund	Budget Appropriation	9,984.50
Southeastern Community College	Budget Appropriation Current Expense	21,612.50
Southeastern Community College	Budget Appropriation Capital Outlay	2,433.33
Mental Health Center	Budget Appropriation	3,549.91
Columbus County Library	Budget Appropriation	2,400.00
N. C. Retirement System	Contribution for December Salaries	10,294.02
Mrs. Harry L. Ballard	Foster Home Care	89.04
Donald P. Currie	Travel	38.40
Waldo Marlowe	Travel	9.60
Edward W. Williamson	Travel	49.50
Mayo Brown	Travel	19.80
W. B. Buffkin	Travel	4.20
C. Waldo MARlowe	Travel	4.80
Grup Insurance Services	Hospital & Life Withheld & Prepaid	2,343.55
Colonial Life & Accident Co.	Accident Ins. Withheld	487.85
L. A. Williams	Purchase of Property	4,000.00
John Harrelson, Postmaster	Postage for Social Services	1,000.00
Tip Top Florist	Commissioners Account	10.40
Cape Fear Council of Governments	Copy-ALTERNATIVES FOR IMPROVING FIRE PROTECTION	8.50
Court Square Store	Account for Old Jail & Keys for Williamson	7.84
The Michie Company	Copies of General Statutes	312.00
Columbus County News	Advertisement for Board of Elections	336.00
Institute of Government	Account for Board of Elections	137.51
Retha C. Stevens	Fine Point Pens	98.80
Institute of Government	Interm Supplements for Board of Elections	1.29
Floyd's Insurance Agency	Insurance on Voting Machines (1060)	182.00
Overnite Transportation	Freight on Registration Forms	8.00
Burroughs Corp.	Maintnennce Agreement on Computer	1,458.00

Owen G. Dunn Co.	Binder for Ordinance Book	(1063)	\$ 78.68
Burroughs Corporation	Account for Accountant		60.70
Pitney-Bowes, Inc.	Copying Paper for Copying Machine		125.57
Jiffy Print Shop	Time Cards for EJP		22.84
Beason Insurance Agency	Bond for Accountant	(1067)	350.00
Local Government Commission	Supplement to ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL LAWS		3.50
Charles Young, Jr.	Subscription to STAR NEWS		36.00
Governmental Guide	Copy - GOVERNMENTAL GUIDE		5.50
Victor Comptometer Corp.	Maintenance Contract		125.00
N. C. Association of Assessing Officers - Membership for Stanley & Cox for 1976			7.00
Monroe Division	Maintenance Agreement		34.00
Harrison Typewriter Co.	Typewriter Repairs for Tax Collector & Social Services		41.50
Universal Broadcasting Co.	Advertising for Tax Collector		10.00
Tabor City Broadcasting Co.	Advertising for Tax Collector	(1076)	8.75
Hall & McChesney, Inc.	Account for Register of Deeds		393.48
Scotts of Whiteville	Account for Courthouse		101.79
Columbus Motor Co.	Account for Courthouse		1.56
Pitney-Bowes	Maintenance Contract on Postage Machine & Scales		143.00
Dover Elevator Co.	Service Contract	(1081)	34.59
Hyatt Exterminating Co.	Contract Service on County Buildings for Pests		44.00
Tomlinson Stores	Christmas Tree Lights		8.58
Lustra Lighting Corp.	Light Bulbs for Adm. Building		120.73
Powell Auto Parts	Dayco Belt for Adm. Building		2.22
W. & W. Electric Co.	Motor Repairs & Parts		8.16
Atlantic Publishing Co.	Janitorial Supplies		25.74
Simmons Drug Store	Lights for Christmas Tree - Administration Building		5.23
Newsome Lumber & Bldg	Metal Moulding		3.75
Todd Furniture Co.	6 Ft. Runner for Old Jail Building		28.08
Independent Lighting Corp.	Account for Courthouse		105.45
Demain Police Equipment	Account for Sheriff's Dept. - Repair Speaker		42.64
Fair Bluff Motors	Repairs to Auto - Sheriff's Dept.		76.29
Ralph's Alignment	Account for Sheriff's Dept.		72.72
Tommys Uptown Shell	Gas, oil & Tires for Sheriff's Dept.		127.08
Duncan Plumbing & Wiring	Account for County Police	(1096)	173.22
Lowes of Whiteville	Account for County Police		28.35
Jernigan Heating & Cooling	Air Conditioner Repairs at Law Enforcement Center		170.57
Jimmy Norris Heating & Air Conditioning - Repairs at Law Enforcement Center			116.72
Scotts of Whiteville	Light Bulbs for Law Enforcement Center		30.45
Lance, Inc.	Crackers for Law Enforcement Center for Kitchen		5.30
Hills #10	Supplies for Law Enforcement Center		34.60
E. M. Simmons & Sons	Supplies for Law Enforcement Center		61.43
N. C. Dept. of Corrections	Groceries for Law Enforcement Center		234.69
McLean Wholesale Grocery	Groceries for Law Enforcement Center		530.52
Rabon Produce	Supplies for Law Enforcement Center		54.00
Foxs Holsum Bakery	Bakery Supplies for Law Enforcement Center		52.57
American Industries	Account for Law Enforcement Center		239.49
Dennis Cyphers	Reimbursement for Belt & Holster for Hardee		47.27
Hub Uniform Co.	Uniforms for Jailers		788.55
Hyatt Exterminating Co.	Contract Services for Law Enforcement Center		22.00
Chadbourn Medical Center	Account for Law Enforcement Center		16.00
Columbus County Hospital	Account for Inmates		122.20
Simmons Drug Co.	Drug Account for Law Enforcement Center		5.42
Dameron Drug Store	First Aid Kits for Various Departments		124.80
Williamson Insurance Agency	Rent for Magistrate's Office		85.00
Town of Fair Bluff	Rent for Magistrate's Office		75.00
Town of Bolton	Rent for Magistrate's Office		60.00
Tabor City Auto Parts	Account for Civil Preparedness		13.23
J. Howard Stanley	Reimbursement for Auto Supplies & Meal		66.70
Washam & Warlick Farm Supply	Account for Solid Waste Dept.	(1121)	101.45
Frinks Welding Shop	Account for Solid Waste Dept.		519.35
Braxton Auto Parts	Account for Solid Waste Dept.		7.40
Ellis Meares Hardware Co.	Account for Solid Waste Dept.		67.25
Quality Motor Co.	Cellenoid Switch for Solid Waste Dept.		44.58
Stevens & Hasty, Inc.	Solid Waste Account	(1126)	43.82
Elliott Implement Co.	4 Hydraulic Hoses		46.63
Prince General Repair	Welding - Solid Waste Dept.		10.00
Gregory Poole Equipment Co.	Account for Solid Waste Dept.		48.75
Columbus Motor Co.	Solid Waste Account in December		205.28
Bill Gore Tire Center	Solid Waste Account in December		22.92
Goodyear Service Store	Tires for Solid Waste Dept	(1132)	598.76
Ivey's Traveler Service	Automotive Supplies for Solid Waste Dept.		185.94
Baldwin Oil Co.	Diesel Fuel for Solid Waste Dept.		828.40
Insurance Center	Ins. on Trucks & Equipment at Solid Waste Dept.		3,584.00
Hornes Service Station	Account for Dog Warden		64.79
Sellers Service Station	Account for Dog Warden		35.95
Southeast Pathology	Autopsy - A. W. James		150.00
Calvin Williams	Board Meeting at Social Services		38.00
Edison Burns	Board Meeting at Social Services		44.30
Pauline Moore	Board Meeting at Social Services		35.75
Charles Small	Travel for December		11.70
Lustra Lighting	Account for Social Services		223.79
International Business Machines	Lease on Typewriter		30.69

Xerox Corp.	Rent on Copier at Social Services	\$ 84.82
US Leasing	Rent on Equipment at Social Services	32.44
Guitons Drug Store	Drugs for Ruth Dowdy - Social Services	9.75
US Post Office	Postage for Extension Service	65.00
Lowes of Whiteville	Supplies for Extension Service	13.97
Gray & Creech	Supplies for Extension Service	333.04
American Business Supply	Supplies for Extension Service	286.20
E. M. Simmons & Sons	Janitorial Supplies for Wxtension Service	41.79
N. C. State University	Visual Aids for Extension Service (1153)	28.00
Garland McCullen	Reimburseant for Supplies	64.07
Alfax Manufacturing Co.	Literature Storage Center - Extension Service	86.80
Bernard Peal	Rent - Employment Security Office	150.00
Stat-News	Advertising by COG	10.26
Mrs. Matthew Ward	Out-Door-Poor Fund	5.00
N. C. Dpet. of Natural & Economic Resources	- County's Share of Forest Service	1,677.68
R. H. Woodard	Travel Expense for December for Bicenntial Comm.	200.00
Cape Fear Council of Governments	- Payment for Planning Services - COG	1,140.00
Alice S. Wright	Reimbursement for Christmas Party for County Employees	63.09
News Reporter Inc.	Advertising for Board of Elections	226.80
John Harrelson, Postmaster-	Rent for Box for Register of Deeds	15.00
Hall & McChesney	Supplies for Register of Deeds	52.50
Atlantic Publishing Co.	Janitorial Supplies for Courthouse	69.42
Ellis Meares Hardware	Paint, Brushes, & Supplies for Mental Health Offices	43.14
Moores Building Supplies	Supplies for Repairs at Old Jail & Social Services	247.00
Brunswick Electric	Electric Bill for Solid Waste Dept. (1170)	5.47
Newell, Inc.	Account for Solid Waste Dept.	22.80
Tidewater Supply Co.	Rain Suits & Grease for Landfill	236.63
N. C. Conference for Social Services	- Membership Dues for 1976	25.00
Peoples Funeral Home	Burial for Larry Hicks	40.00
Public Safety Commission	Reimbursement for Salaries for Jailers & Cooks	15,613.90
Public Safety Commission	Reimbursement for Gas for Sheriff's Dept.	1,482.47
News Reporter	Advertising for Tax Collector (1177)	210.00
Atlantic Publishing Co.	Advertising for Tax Collector	120.00
Hall & McChesney, Inc.	Account for Microfilming Register of Deeds Records	211.76
N. C. Assoc. of Finance Officers	- Membership Dues	10.00
City of Whiteville	Water & Sewer Accounts	131.12
S. E. Cain Machine Shop	Account for Soild Waste Dept. (1182)	20.56
Sealtest Foods	Dairy Products for Law Enforcement Center	155.34
Buell Lanier, Sr.	Telephone Account for December	10.15
The News Reporter Co.	Accounts for Various Depts.	996.71
Lytle Oil Co.	Fuel for County Buildings (1186)	995.40
Cleon & Lola Ruth Worley	Refund for Property Double Listed	106.02
Federal Surplus Property Agency	- Account for Rescue Squad Purchased by CP	29.25
Uptown Office Supplies	Accounts for Various Offices	182.22
Carolina Power & Light Co.-	Accounts for Various Office Buildings	2,788.22
Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co. -	Account for Various Offices	550.08
Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co. -	Accounts for Various Offices	804.04
The Hilton Inn	Expense for Commissioner Brown to Conference	26.78
Southern National Bank	Federal Income Tax Withheld	3,868.86
N. C. Dept. of Revenue	Sales & Use Tax for December (1197)	127.56

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until Janaury 19, 1976, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Eusebio W. Lopez
Clerk

Donald P. Carr
Chairman