

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., February 16, 1976, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Donald P. Currie, Chairman

C. Waldo Marlowe, Vice-Chairman

Edward W. Williamson

1 Mayo Brown

W. B. Buffkin

Sankey W. Robinson, Attorney

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order and the invocation was given by The Reverend Thad Prevatte, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Chadbourn.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the February 2nd meeting were approved as recorded.

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Brown and un-animously passed to grant permission for deinterment and reinterment of selected graves in the Whiteville Memorial Cemetery pursuant to G.S. 65-13 as requested by the Whiteville Memorial Association, which consists of five churches; i. e. First Baptist Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Whiteville United Methodist Church, and Whiteville Pentecostal Holiness Church, all of Whiteville, N. C. The procedure is to be under the direction of the Director of the Health Department. Columbus County is not to be responsible for any expenses incurred in the transaction.

Ordered: that the Tax Supervisor advertise meetings of the Board of Equalization & Review to begin at 10:00 a.m. on April 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Williamson, and un-animously passed that the County pick up solid waste from schools located within the incorporated limits of towns in the County as soon as containers are available. The Town Commissioners from the Town of Tabor City made a request to the Board for the Town of Tabor City which resulted in the decision to extend the service to all towns in the County.

Ordered: that the Board of Elections be allowed to purchase a typewriter by transferring funds from one line item to Capital Outlay. The request for a tape recorder was denied.

Ordered: that Junior Dew, Willis Burroughs and Edward W. Williamson be reappointed to serve on the Columbus County Fire Commission until the first Monday in December which is the regular time for the term to end.

Ordered: that Commissioner Marlowe be appointed as the Commissioner to serve on the Youth Study Task Force. Recommendations will be submitted to the Board by Jimmy Godwin, Chief Juvenile Court Counselor, at the meeting on March 1st for consideration to name other members to serve on the Board.

Ordered: that the Chairman be authorized to sign a pre-application for funds to extend the land use study into next fiscal year.

Ordered: that Columbus County participate as lead agency in the Governor's Highway Safety Program to secure ambulances for the Fair Bluff and Acme-Delco-Riegelwood Rescue Squads.

The County is not obligated to participate in the furnishing of funds but to receive funds from the State and local rescue squads that purchase ambulances.

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

Taxes listed in the name of Ila Mae Dowless, Chadbourn Township, for 1975 be released on the valuation of \$5325. due to taxes being listed in two townships.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Franklin Stanley, Jr. in the amount of \$187.27 for taxes paid in error for George W. Nealey, Whiteville Township. Receipts were returned to the Tax Collector's Office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Brown and un-animously passed to advance Revenue Sharing Funds to the County Board of Education in the amount of \$74,000 with the stipulation that the funds be deducted from their 1976-77 Capital Outlay Appropriation. These funds are being made available as a result of a request by letter from the Board of Education stating they were unable to accept bids for three projects at the following schools: Guideway, Old-Dock and Williams Township. The Commissioners stated that if these projects were their top priority projects, funds obligated to other agencies, but not to be spent in this fiscal year, could be used and replaced from 1976-77 appropriations to the County Capital Outlay Funds.

Other reports presented to the Board were the Tax Collector's Report for the month of January and the Jail Inspector's Report.

Mr. Mills, DOT Engineer, reported to the Board the status of Secondary Road priorities. SR#1302 was deleted from the priority list due to the fact that the Town of Tabor City has annexed the area which includes SR#1302 and no secondary road funds can be spent within incorporated areas for paving roads.

Ordered: that the Tax Collector be authorized, empowered, and commanded to collect the taxes set forth in the tax records filed in the office of the Tax Supervisor and in the tax receipts herewith delivered to him, in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise therein set forth. Such taxes are hereby declared to be the first lien upon all real property of the respective taxpayers in the County of Columbus. This order shall be a full and sufficient authority to direct, require, and enable him to levy on and sell any real or personal property of such taxpayers, for and on account thereof, in accordance with law.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until March 1, 1976, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs  
Clerk

Donald P. Cantel  
Chairman