

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., March 15, 1976, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Donald P. Currie, Chairman

C. Waldo Marlowe, Vice-Chairman

Edward W. Williamson

Mayo Brown

W. B. Buffkin

Sankey W. Robinson, Attorney

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

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

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the March 1st meeting were approved as recorded.

The following resolution was unanimously passed upon motion by Commissioner Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Williamson:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have been requested by the Whiteville Jaycees to designate a special sporting events day for handicapped children; and

WHEREAS, in the past the events have been very inspirational and exciting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County hereby proclaim May 1, 1976, as SPECIAL OLYMPICS DAY for Columbus County.

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted upon motion by Commissioners Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Williamson:

RESOLUTION OF HONOR FOR THE EXISTANCE AND SERVICE OF LEO LUTHER FISHER

WHEREAS, on the 5th day of January, 1976, the people of Columbus County and the State of North Carolina suffered a great loss due to the death of Mr. Leo Luther Fisher, Register of Deeds of Columbus County for 41 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fisher, also known as "Mr. Democrat", during the years of his life gave of his time, energy and talents to an unusual degree in the interest of the people of his County and State, and in the interest of the Registers of Deeds and other public officials throughout the state of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Columbus County, Registers of Deeds and other public officials of the counties of North Carolina in the death of Mr. Fisher have lost a distinguished citizen and co-worker, whose public career was marked by great devotion to his duty and determination to make Columbus County a better place to live by his having been here; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fisher earned a reputation as one of the eminent public officials of Columbus County being recognized for his friendly manner, integrity of character and kindness to all he met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County in meeting assembled in Whiteville, North Carolina, on this the 15th day of March, 1976, wish to

acknowledge:

1. That in the death of Mr. Leo L. Fisher the County and State have lost an able, loyal and devoted citizen and public official.
2. That the County Commissioners of Columbus County desire by this Resolution to give formal expression of their deep and sincere appreciation of the life and character of Mr. Fisher and for his utmost cooperation with public officials of other counties of North Carolina.
3. That this Resolution be entered upon the records of this meeting and a copy duly certified shall be furnished to the family of Mr. Leo Luther Fisher.

ATTEST:

/s/ Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

Board of Commissioners

/s/ Donald P. Currie, Chairman

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The Board also recognized the following Resolution which was adopted by the State Association of County Commissioners:

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT FOR THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF LEO LUTHER FISHER

WHEREAS, Leo Luther Fisher served his home County of Columbus as Register of Deeds for forty one years, acting with diligence, honesty and sincerity; and

WHEREAS, God in His Infinite Wisdom called him to his eternal reward on the 5th Day of January in the Year Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Six; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, assembled in Pinehurst in the County of Moore, were grieved to learn of the loss thus sustained by his family and his County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by said Board of Directors that the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners go on record as recognizing the true and faithful service rendered by Leo Luther Fisher and extending sympathy to his family and his County, along with gratitude for the attainments of his life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to members of his family and the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Columbus and that a copy be spread upon the permanent records of this Association.

Adopted on this, the Twenty First Day of February in the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and seventy Six and in the Year of Independence the Two Hundredth, at Pinehurst, Moore County, North Carolina.

ATTEST: /s/ Jim Warren, President

WITNESS: /s/ John T. Morrissey, Sr., Executive Secretary

Ordered: That a refund be given to The Lomas & Nettleton Company, Houston Texas, in the amount of \$154.68 for the 1975 taxes paid in error listed to Kenneth M. Gore, Whiteville Township. The original receipt was returned to the Tax Collector's Office.

Ordered: that S. T. Enzor be appointed to serve as administrator of the Section 8 Rental Assistance Plan for Columbus County and that each applicant be required to sign a

memo of understanding to the effect that when funds under Section 8 Rental Assistance Plan have expired or Columbus County no longer participates in the Program no further subsidy will be paid by the County for persons who have been aided under the Program.

A Resolution was passed upon motion made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe as follows upon approval of the Board to adopt the Section 8 Rental Assistance Plan:

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus proposes to enter into an Annual Contributions Contract with the United States of America, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by PHA (Columbus County) as follows:

Section 1. The Contract, numbered Contract No.A-3242, is hereby approved and accepted both as to form and substance and the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Contract in triplicate on behalf of PHA, and the Clerk to the Board is hereby authorized and directed to impress and attest the official seal of the PHA on each such counterpart and to forward said executed counterparts to the Government together with such other documents evidencing the approval and authorizing the execution thereof as may be required by the Government.

Section 2. The County Accountant is hereby authorized to file with the Government from time to time, as monies are required, requisitions together with the necessary supporting document, for payment under the Contract.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A request was made by Dr. Black, Health Dept. Director, that the Board approve funds to pay one-fourth of the salary of a social worker to work under the Health Dept. in the Family Planning Program. The other three-fourths would be paid by federal funds. No additional appropriation would be necessary for the Health Dept. Budget during this fiscal year. The request would extend into 1976-77 fiscal year for which the County would have to appropriate funds for one-fourth of the worker's salary. It was expressed that reimbursement from the program would probably be higher than the amount of funds the County would be required to supply as the worker would be working four days at the Dept. This service is presently being supplied by a social worker from the Department of Social Services on a lesser time basis which is not sufficient. No action was taken at this time.

Col. (Ret.) Rudolph Walters met with the Board to explain the status of the water survey now underway in the County on a limited basis. The Survey is being funded by a grant from Coastal Plains. The Survey will include areas near Chadbourn, Whiteville and Brunswick outside the incorporated areas. A decision as to whether the water system will be implemented will be made after the response to the survey is compiled. Col. (Ret.) Walters also informed the Board the study by the Corp of Engineers of the Lumber River and its tributaries has been approved. This will include the Fair Bluff Area of Columbus County.

A Representative, Mr. Hinn, from the National Weather Service, briefed the Board on

the hazards of not having trailers properly anchored during adverse weather. He referred to several trailers being damaged during recent storms and suggested that the Board pass regulations requiring proper safety measures being required as a protection for persons living in trailers in Columbus County. This information will be referred to the Planning Board to be considered in their future recommendations for county planning.

Upon motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin, the Board heartily endorsed and supported Constitutional Amendment # 1 which would allow the expansion and improvement of hospitals and health care facilities at no increase in taxes and Amendment #2 which would allow industries in North Carolina to sell industrial bonds to be financed by industry to expand and improve the industry at no cost to taxpayers.

The Board discussed creating a Recreation Commission for Columbus County. Each Member was given information to study until the next meeting to be prepared to proceed with appointing members to a Commission.

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

APPROVED:

Emogene M. Luggs  
Clerk

Donald A. Cunn  
Chairman