The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., November 1, 1976, it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Donald P. Currie, Chairman

(ABSENT)

C. Waldo Marlowe

Edward W. Williamson

Mayo Brown

W. B. Buffkin

(ABSENT)

Sankey W. Robinson, Attorney

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

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

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the October 18th meeting were approved as recorded.

The Vice-Chairman announced that it was time, as advertised, to open bids for fuel oil for county buildings. Only two bids were submitted and the Clerk was instructed to readvertise for bids to be opened on November 15th.

Ordered: that the Budget be amended to allow travel pay for the Bicentennial Commission Chairman through June 30, 1977 at the present rate of pay.

Ordered: that the Farmers Home Administration be allowed to use the space in the back portion of the Old Jail for office or storage space.

Ordered: that the Public Safety Commission be allowed to use the dictaphone formerly used by the County Attorney and the Clerk to the Board. It may be returned at such time as the need arises for use by the Board.

Ordered: that the following agencies be allowed to hire CETA workers as designated:

Social Services - One Food Stamp Assistant Jail - One Cook
Board of Education - Cerro Gordo Lunchroom Worker & Bolton Library Assistant
Bolton Day Care Center - Two Assistants Fair Bluff - Construction Inspector
All will be paid the minimum wages except the Construction Inspector who will be paid
at a rate of \$2.62 per hour.

Ordered: that the Chairman be authorized to sign a contract with Fair Bluff Rescue Squad to lease the ambulance to the Squad that was purchased through the Governor's Highway Safety Program.

Ordered: that the following changes be made in the insurance coverage on county buildings now insured with Floyd's Insurance Agency:

The following Resolution was duly passed upon motion by Edward W. Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe by the following vote:

VOTING YES were Commissioners Williamson and Marlowe

VOTING NO was Commisssioner Brown

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioers herein called the "Applicant" has thoroughly considered the problem addressed in the subgrant application entitled Regional Training 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 & 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 1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1976, AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. That the project referenced above is in the best interest of the Applicant and the general public.
- 2. That Jerry Ramsey 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 \$8,896. 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 \$494.00 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 appropriate persons to furnish such information, data, documents and reports pertaining to the project, if approved, as may be required by the Division of Law & Order.
- 5. That certified copies of this resolution be included as part of the application referenced above.
- 6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

  DONE & ORDERED in open meeting.

BY: /s/ Waldo Marlowe, Vice-Chairman

The following Resolution was duly passed upon motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner by the following vote:

VOTING YES were Commissioners Williamson and Marlowe

Voting NO was Commissioner Brown.

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners herein called the "Applicant" has thoroughly considered the problem addressed in the subgrant application entitled Columbus County Jailers.

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 & 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 1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1976, AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. That the project referenced above is in the best interest of the Applicant and the general public.
- 2. That Jerry Ramsey 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 \$40,086.00 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 \$2,227.00 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 appropriate persons to furnish such information, data, documents and reports pertaining to the project, if approved, as may be required by the Division of Law & Order.
- 5. That certified copies of this resolution be included as part of the application referenced above.
- 6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

  DONE & ORDERED in open meeting.

By /s/ Waldo Marlowe, Vice-Chairman

The following Resolution was unanimously passed upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Brown:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION AND ASSURANCES WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FOR A GRANT UNDER THE TERMS OF TITLE I, PUBLIC LAW 94-369, (LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM)

WHEREAS, under the terms of Title I, Public Law 94-369, the United States of America has authorized the making of grants to aid in financing the construction of specific projects; and

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus, being a body politic, and a unit of Local Government, has the legal authority to apply for a Grant under Public Law 94-369 and to finance and construct the proposed facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that Rudolph B. Walters, Executive Director of the Columbus County Economic Development Commission, including all understandings, assurances, and any other information required, on behalf of the County of

Columbus, North Carolina, with the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, for the construction of water mains, tanks and appurtenances for the Columbus County County-Wide Water System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any grant monies received will not replace any county or state monies budgeted by the County of Columbus, North Carolina.

DONE & ORDERED in open meeting

BY /s/ Waldo Marlowe, Vice-Chairman

Ordered: that the Chairman be authorized to enter into contract with the Department of Human Resources to commit juveniles to the detention facility in New Hanover County with the Department paying one-half of the cost. Presently the County is paying the total cost of \$25.00 per day for juveniles detained there.

Ordered: that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Statement of Assurances to receive Anti-Recession Funds from the Department of the Treasury.

Mr. S. P. Stanley met with the Board and expressed an interest in purchasing .69 acre of property from the County to straighten a property line belonging to him. Both the Stanley and County property is triangular and not suitable for development in the present lay-out. Mr. Stanley had thaught the property belonged to him until he had it surveyed. The Board stated they would consider his request and make a decision in the near future.

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

Ordered: that the following releases be made for the Senior Citizens Exemption
which were not filed at the time of tax listing in 1976:

Name of Lister	Township	Valuation
Ben & Katie Robinson	Whiteville	\$ 5,000
Jesse B. Hinson	Whiteville	5,000
Laura Melvin	Bolton	1,150
A. D. & Novella Scipio	Chadbourn	4,120
Robert Sr. & Inez Dinkins	South Williams	1,310
Betty William Heirs	Cerro Gordo	4,840
Mrs. W. L. Jolly	Chadbourn	5,000
Charlie Jones	Bug Hill	1,500
Rufus W. Nobles	Chadbourn	5,000
W. H. Best Heirs	Bogue	3,870
Sedo Heirs & Minnie Miles	Whiteville	5,000
Billy W. & Patsy Kathleen Ward	Lees	5,000
Erusie Gaskin	South Williams	5,000

Ordered: That the 1976 tax listed in the name of Sherril M. & Jo Ann N. Tart, Tatum Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$12,780 for property being transferred in error. Property belongs to William Hubert & Sara C. Fowler.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Lucan Leasing LTD, South Williams

Township be released on the valuation of \$10,658. Trucks were listed at the wrong values and were repriced by the Blue Book.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Joe Smith Heirs, Bolton Township, be released on the valuation of \$360. Property was sold to the Department of Transportation.

Ordered: that the 1975 and 1976 taxes listed in the name of James & Florence Gibbs

Bolton Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,700 due to an error in transferring property.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Leroy Williamson, Chadbourn Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$14,210 due to property being sold to Jesse E. & Louise T. Turbeville and E. L. Hufham.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Jesse & Louise T. Turbeville, Chadbourn Township be released on the valuation of \$750. due to an error in transferring property.

Ordered: that a refund be made to NCNB Mortgage Corp., P. O. Box 10338, Charlotte, N. C. for taxes paid in error for Foster L. Moore, Bolton Township, in the amount of \$98.34.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Mrs. Doretha Meares Frink, Bogue Township, for Senior Citizens Expmption. Mrs Frink signed for SCE but through error did not receive it.

Amount of the refund is \$60.00.

Upon motion the meeting recessed for lunch and reconvenied at 2:00 p.m.

The following Resolution was unanimously passed upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Brown:

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus entered into contract with E. F. Craven Company dated the 20th day of September 1976; and

WHEREAS, by mutual negotiation by both parties, the County agreed to retain the KOEHRING Crane Model 205, Serial No. C13408, which is Government Surplus and add \$4,900 to the cash payment to E. F. Craven Company for the new Bucyrus-Eric Dragline.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that an amended contract be drawn to reflect such an agreement and that the Chairman or Vice-Chairman be authorized to execute same on behalf of the County.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until November 15, 1976, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Eurogene IV. Suggs

Vice- Chairman Mullowe