

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

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Donald P. Currie, Chairman (Absent)

C. Waldo Marlowe, Vice-Chairman

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 The Reverend Walkup, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Whiteville.

The following business was transacted:

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

A Progress Report on the Columbus County Hospital was presented to the Board Members for review. The percentage of completion at the end of October was 82%.

The monthly report on tax collections for the month ending October 31st was reviewed by the Board. Total collections for the fiscal year through October are \$1,507,744.01.

Allen Price & William Turner, CPA, Moore & Price, presented the annual audit of county funds to the Board. Mr. Price stated that the County was in sound financial condition but not rich. It was recommended to the Board that the use of the computer in the tax departments would cut auditing time about half as the greater part of time worked was in the tax collecting office in reconciling taxes. He also stated that Columbus County was below the average in the percentage of collections and recommended that stronger methods of collection be used. He invited questions by the Board now or at a later time. A contract for the present fiscal year to employ Moore & Price to do the annual audit was considered by the Board at this time. A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Williamson, and unanimously carried to execute the contract to employ Moore & Price at a rate of \$90.00 per accountant per day.

A letter of recommendation from Dottie Crouch to name members for a Council on the Status of Women for Columbus County was presented to the Board for consideration. A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and duly passed to name the following persons to the Council:

Susan Wood	Whiteville	Anne Williamson	Cerro Gordo
Ruth Meares	Whiteville	Edward W. Williamson	Cerro Gordo
Clara Cartrette	Whiteville	Annie R. Strickland	Cerro Gordo
Julie Stocks	Whiteville	Jeanette Wyche	Lake Waccamaw
Sarah Koonce	Chadborn	William McNeil	Hallsboro
Billie Suggs	Chadborn	Belle McNeil	Fiar Bluff
Susan Carter	Tabor City	Cynthia Marlowe	Whiteville
Edith Greene	Bolton	Mrs. J. L. Hamilton	Fair Bluff
Pricilla Jacobs	Bolton	Richard Wright	Tabor City(ex officio)

By recommendation of the Nonimating Committee of the Region "O" Family Planning Board of Directors, Mrs. Irene Young was appointed to serve on the Board of Directors upon motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously passed.

A letter from the Public Safety Commission was presented to the Board stating that the Commission had adopted the Personnel Classification & Pay Plan in conjunction with the Board of Commissioners as it applies to the employees of the Public Safety Commission. They requested that Carl Hinson, Jailer, be advanced one step in the plan due to the fact that he had prior experience in law enforcement before being hired by the Public Safety Commission. A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously passed to grant the request.

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

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of James W. Williamson, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,450. for the Senior Citizens Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Benjamin Delane Blackman, Chad-bourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$12,180 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Raybon & Frances F. Jenkins, Waccamaw Township, be released on the valuation of \$6,400 as house was only 50% complete on January 1, 1976.

Ordered: that the Chairman or Vice-Chairman be authorized to execute an INTENT TO LEASE for an ambulance to the Town of Tabor City which has been applied for under the Governor's Highway Safety Program.

Ordered: that Paul Hughes be in charge of the maintenance of the county buildings and grounds and the maintenance and housekeeping personnel be under the direction of Mr. Hughes to do the job of keeping the building and grounds in good repair and clean.

The following Resolution was unanimously passed upon motion by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Williamson and subject to the approval of the Columbus County Fire Commission:

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief of the Buckhead Volunteer Fire Department presented the original boundary map for the Buckhead Volunteer Fire Department along with a description of said boundary to the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners had heretofore adopted a Resolution on May 5, 1975 to provide financial assistance to certain fire departments of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners that the boundary map and description for Buckhead Volunteer Fire Department are hereby approved by the Board and the description of said boundary is recorded as follows:

Beginning at a point (1) on Road #1807 at the Columbus-Bladen County Line; thence in a southeasterly direction to a point (2) on Road #1740, 0.3 mile east of its intersection with Road #1807; thence in a southeasterly direction to a point (3) on Road #1800 at the bridge over Friar Swamp; thence in a southwesterly direction along Friar Swamp to a point (4) at its intersection with North Carolina Highway #211; thence in a northwesterly direction to a point (5) on Road #1740, 1.4 miles southwest of its intersection with Road #1737; thence in a northeasterly direction to a point (6) on Road #1737 at the Columbus-Bladen County Line; thence in an easterly direction along the Columbus-Bladen County Line to a point (1), the beginning, including property on loop Road #1766.

This the 15th day of November, 1976

The following Resolution was unanimously passed upon motion by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Williamson and subject to the approval of the Columbus County Fire Commission:

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief of the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department presented the original boundary map for the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department along with a description of said boundary to the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners had heretofore adopted a Resolution on May 5, 1975 to provide financial assistance to certain fire departments of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners that the boundary map and description for Bolton Volunteer Fire Department are hereby approved by the Board and the description of said boundary is recorded as follows:

Beginning at a point (1) on Road #1800 at the bridge over Friar Swamp; thence in a southeasterly direction to a point (2) on United States Highway #74-76, 0.2 mile east of its intersection with Road #1840; thence in a southwesterly direction to a point (3) at the intersection of Road #1806 and Road #1840; thence in a southwesterly direction to a point (4) on North Carolina Highway #211, 2.3 miles south of its intersection with Road #1800; thence in a northwesterly direction to a point (5) on United States Highway #74-76, 2.8 miles west of its intersection with Road #1805; thence in a northeasterly direction to a point (6) on North Carolina Highway #211 at the bridge over Friar Swamp; thence in a northeasterly direction along Friar Swamp to a point (1), the beginning. This description includes the property within the Town of Bolton, North Carolina.

This the 15th day of November 1976.

At 12:00 Noon bids were opened for fuel for county buildings for a period of two years ending on the first Monday in November 1978 and recorded as follows:

Baldwin Oil Company	Less .03 off tank wagon price	Present price is 41.9
Lytle Oil Company	Less .0605 " " " "	" " " 41.9
Yam City Oil Company	Less .06 " " " "	" " " 40.9

Upon motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Brown the contract was given to Yam City Oil Comapny of Tabor City.

Upon motion the meeting recessed until 7:00 p.m., November 22, 1976, to review the revisions recommended by the State Personnel Office for the County Administrative Policy.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

Vice- Waldo Mallowe
Chairman