

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., January 17, 1977, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

C. Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

Junior W. Dew, Vice-Chairman

Edward W. Williamson

L. A. Hinson

David L. McPherson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

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

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to approve the minutes of the January 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th with the following exceptions: Commissioner Hinson requested that the word "unanimously" be added in the motion passed concerning the endorsement of the proposals made by Representative Wright in the minutes of the January 3rd meeting. Commissioner Dew stated the person assigned to Hallsboro School under the CETA Program should be classified as a general clerk rather than a library clerk in the January 6th minutes.

The following bids were opened as advertised by the Board to purchase 50 containers for the Landfill:

Carolina Waste Products, Charlotte, N. C.	\$ 283.85 Per Container \$14,760.18 Total Bid
Sanco Corporation, Winston-Salem, N. C.	\$ 264.00 Per Container \$13,738.00 Total Bid
The \$264.00 per container includes \$5.00 for delivery.	
Consolidated Energy Products, Inc., Wilmington, N. C.	\$322.00 Per Container \$16,759.00 Total
Waste Industries, Inc., Raleigh, N. C.	\$ 275.00 Per Container \$14,300.00 Total
Quality Equipment & Supply Co., Inc., Charlotte, N. C.	\$342.00 Per Container \$17,784.00 Total

The low bid did not meet specifications which asked for bids on two types of hook-up—both sleeve and A-frame. Their bid included a choice of one.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson to award the contract for the fifty containers to Waste Industries, Inc., Raleigh, North Carolina. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson, and passed to allow a portrait and a plaque to be placed in the Office of the Register of Deeds honoring the late Leo L. Fisher who served as Register of Deeds for Columbus County for 41 years. The portrait is to be donated by an individual citizen and the plaque is to be funded by donations from County citizens.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to extend the time for listing county taxes until February 4th for all county property owners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and unanimously adopted designating February 7th as Raymond Mallard Day in Columbus County:

WHEREAS, the Honorable Raymond B. Mallard, was born at or near Faison, North Carolina, on the 20th day of February, 1908, to Judson R. Mallard and Eva Mallard. Chief Judge Mallard attended Calisapo High School and upon completion of the same became a resident of Columbus County in 1928. Chief Judge Raymond B. Mallard then attended Wake Forest College and Wake Forest College Law School and became a licensed attorney in North Carolina in 1931. He began his practice in Whiteville, Columbus County, North Carolina during the same year. In 1932 Chief Judge Raymond B. Mallard moved his law practice to Tabor City. On 18th day of June, 1935, Chief Judge Mallard accomplished his greatest feat by marrying Lula McGougan Mallard, a life time Columbus County native. Anne Elizabeth Sanders was born of the union of Lula McGougan Mallard and Raymond B. Mallard, and today the Mallards are the proud grandparents of LuAnne and Libby Sanders; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Raymond B. Mallard practiced law in Columbus County between 1931 and 1955. During the years of his private practice, Chief Judge Mallard held such positions as the Solicitor of Records Court and Columbus County tax attorney and Columbus County attorney. During 1938, Chief Judge Mallard was elected to the General Assembly of State of North Carolina to represent Columbus County. In 1955 Governor Luther Hodges appointed Chief Judge Mallard as resident Superior Court Judge of Columbus County. In 1956, in a state wide election, Chief Judge Mallard was elected to the position of Resident Superior Court Judge; a position which Chief Judge Mallard held until 1967. During his tenure as Resident Superior Court Judge of Columbus Court, Judge Mallard kept copious notes and converted the same into a book known to trial judges as "Mallard's Hand Book," which has been published and distributed to over 200 judges by the N. C. Bar Association. Chief Judge Mallard also co-authored a book commonly known as "The Warrant Book," which was distributed to local magistrates and to numerous other county officials throughout the state. Chief Judge Mallard was appointed Judge of the Court of Appeals by Governor Dan K. Moore on July 1, 1967, and was designated by Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals by the Honorable R. Hunt Parker, Chief Justice of North Carolina Supreme Court on July 7, 1967. Judge Mallard was elected in a state wide campaign to the position of Judge of Court of Appeals on November 5, 1968 and was again designated Chief Judge of Court of Appeals by the Honorable William H. Bobbitt, Chief Justice of N. C. Supreme Court on November 20, 1969. This position was held by Chief Judge Mallard until his retirement due to illness on 1 August, 1973. The Honorable Raymond B. Mallard was the first Chief Judge of North Carolina Court of Appeals. Since his retirement, Chief Judge Raymond B. Mallard has been awarded by the Conference of Superior Court Judges of North Carolina the "Outstanding Service To Superior Court Judges of North Carolina award and by Wake Forest University the "Outstanding Public Service Commitment To Justice" award, and by the North Carolina State Bar Association the "John J. Parker Award;" and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Raymond B. Mallard has distinguished himself outside of the legal field by his performance and loyalty to various colleges, civic clubs, his country, and in particular his church by holding various positions throughout his life in each of the same. Chief Judge Mallard is a former member of the Board of Trustees of Campbell College and Pembroke University, and was the first President of the Rotary Club of Tabor City. Chief Judge Mallard is presently a thirty second degree Mason and Past Master of the Tabor Lodge. Chief Judge Mallard has also been President of Conference of Superior Court Judges and a Vice-President of North Carolina Bar Association. In addition to these functions, Chief Judge Mallard is a teacher and deacon of the Tabor City Baptist Church. During World War II, Chief Judge Mallard served in the armed forces and obtained the rank of Corporeal; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County has been blessed by the outstanding leadership of this native son and has never properly acknowledged the same and the time to do so is now long overdue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners of the County of Columbus, State of North Carolina, as the duly elected officials to represent all of the citizens of Columbus County, designate the 7th day of February, 1977, as "Raymond B. Mallard Day" throughout all of Columbus County. This day has been designated in his honor as a small token of the respect and esteem with which the citizens of Columbus County hold for this distinguished individual.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Commissioners of the County of Columbus, State of North Carolina further reserves the Superior Court Courtroom, Columbus County Court House, Whiteville, North Carolina during the hours of 10:00 o'clock a. m. and 11:00 o'clock a. m. for a reception which will be given by his friends and associates. At the said hour and location, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners will receive a portrait of Chief Judge Raymond B. Mallard from the Columbus County Bar Association. This portrait, according to a prior resolution already adopted by this Board, will be permanently placed on display in the Superior Court Courtroom as a small token of the esteem and honor which the people of Columbus County hold for this distinguished jurist and man.

Unanimously adopted this the 17th day of January, 1977.

COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/s/ C. W. Marlowe

C. W. Marlowe, Chairman

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to authorize the Chairman to sign contracts with the Office of Manpower Employment & Training to continue participation in the CETA Programs - Title II and VI.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to allow the following tax releases by recommendation of the Tax Supervisor's Office:

Ordered: That the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Jerry Strickland, Cerro Gordo Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,950.00. This person listed taxes in Beaufort County.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Geneva King, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$500 for 1973 and \$1,000 for 1974, 1975 and 1976 due to a building being removed from the property.

Ordered: that the 1975 taxes listed in the name of Elisha Freeman, Bolton Township, and the late listing penalty and the 1976 taxes listed to Elisha Freeman on the regular listing be released on the valuation of \$800. due to an error in transferring property.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Floride G. Lewis, South Williams Township, be released on the valutions of \$2,130. due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1975 and 1976 taxes listed in the name of W. C. Fowler, Ransom Township be released on the valuation of \$6,370. Buildings were transferred to Mr. Fowler through error.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Emerson H. Stevenson, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$10,680. due to an error in listing land and an auto.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Joe B. & Carrie E. Evans, P. O. Box 242, Fair Bluff, N. C. in the amount of \$43.20 for the years 1975 and 1976 due to double listing land.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson to extend the county tax listing for the following property owners through March 31st:

Mobil Oil Corp.	Georgia-Pacific Corp.
Exxon Company, U. S. A.	International Business Machines
Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co.	Sealtest Foods Division
Gulf Oil Corporation	Federal Paper Board Company, Inc.
FCX Corp	United States Leasing Corporation

The motion was passed to grant the extension.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to appoint the following persons to the County Planning Board subject to their acceptance: Luther McMillian was reappointed; Connie Hilbourn and Dianne Ward replaced James E. Hill, Jr. and Faye Gore who resigned; Bobby Moore replaced Robert Lennon who's term expired. Mr. Lennon had been unable to attend meetings due to illness in his family.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed ordering the Clerk to write a letter to Charles R. Ward expressing appreciation to him for his service to the County as a member of the Southeastern Regional Mental Health Board and recognizing the fact that his attendance had been better than other members from Columbus County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and approved to designate Commissioner Hinson to attend the Mental Health Educational Service Seminar in Chapel Hill in February.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to appoint Chairman Marlowe, Attorney Hill and Finance Officer Suggs to review the County Budget and make a recommendation to the Board for financing the rebuilding of Guideway School if no federal aid is available and report to the Board at a later meeting. The amount needed for the building above insurance proceeds is approximately \$314,000.

~~A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew to~~
 authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with the Evergreen Fire Department to entitle them
 to apply to the State for certification of their Fire Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner McPherson, and
 approved to allow a CETA worker to be hired as a maintenance person at the Law Enforcement Center
 to work under the direction of Paul Hughes, Maintenance Supervisor, with approval of the Public
 Safety Commission.

Chief Barker met with the Board at their request to ~~discuss~~ the probelm of the County
 trash containers being damaged by fires which are being started by persons unknown. He assured
 the Board of the full corporation of the County Police in trying to apperhend the persons re-
 sponsible.

A letter of resignation was read to the Board from Mrs. Vera Gainey stating she
 was resigning from the Library Board of Trustees immediately due to ill health. Her resig-
 nation was accepted with regrets. No replacement was named at this time.

Commissioner Hinson reported that he had no answer from the Chamber of Commerce
 or the Town of Whiteville in regards to participation in building a shelter for the open market
 for farm fruits and vegetables.

Other reports reviewed by the Board were the Monthly Tax Collector's Report and the
 State Jail Inspector's Report.

There was further discussion concerning the mental health programs in the County
 under the direction of the Regional Mental Health Center in Lumberton. Commissioner Hinson
 made a motion to withdraw Columbus County's participation from the Area Center but after
 further consideration he withdrew the motion.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until Tuesday Night, January 18, 1977, to con-
 tinue unfinished business.

APPROVED:

Emogene M. Suggs
 Clerk

Waldo Marshall
 Chairman