

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 7:00 p.m., Monday May 23, 1977, according to adjournment.

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

Others present were Solid Waste Employees, Hobson Ivey, Max Walker, Carlton Cartrette, and Roland McPherson.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and he invited the Employees to comment on any issues of concern at the Landfill.

Max Walker expressed the following request for himself which may not reflect the views of the others present:

He requested that he be paid on a bi-weekly basis; (2) be allowed to withdraw from the Retirement System; (3) have airconditioning on new trucks purchased and install fans on the present trucks; (4) and he feels that he is underpaid for the amount of work he does and a 5% increase is unfair.

Roland McPherson stated that he was perfectly happy except that he would like some type of communications at the Landfill in case of an emergency for both incoming and outgoing calls.

Carlton Cartrette stated that he was underpaid for the amount of work that he does and he was not hired as a motor grader or dragline operator. He requested that when he was asked to go outside the Landfill to use the equipment that he be allowed to review the job to be done to determine if it is physically possible to perform. He asked that he be told what he is expected to do as he feels that more is demanded of him than he can do. He feels that his first obligation is to the Landfill work and not at other locations throughout the County.

All Employees expressed support of the Supervisor, Hobson Ivey.

Graham Williamson was not present as he was away with the National Guard.

The Board told the Employees that they would discuss the complaints later in the meeting as they had an appointment to meet with the Recreation Advisory Commission at this time, but in the future should they have any complaints they should use the proper chain of command to make their complaints known to the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to appoint Commissioner Dew as liaison to work with the Solid Waste Department and the Board of Commissioners.

The Board met with the Recreation Advisory Commission to discuss the creation of a County Recreation Commission. There was a lengthy discussion clarifying the duties of the Commission, with nine of the fifteen members present.

The following Resolution was adopted upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION FOR COLUMBUS COUNTY

WHEREAS, by virtue of Article 18 of Chapter 160 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and N. C. G. S. 153A-444 of the General Statutes, the lack of adequate recreation programs and facilities has been declared a matter of public policy to be a menace to the morals, happiness and welfare of the people of this State; and

WHEREAS, it is considered proper judgment and the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County believes that adequate recreation programs and facilities can best be advanced by placing the recreation system under the supervision and direction of a Recreation Commission as authorized by North Carolina General Statutes 160A-354 and North Carolina General Statute 153A-444;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County:

SECTION 1. That there is hereby established a commission to be known as the Recreation Commission of Columbus County, which may hereafter be referred to as "The Recreation Commission".

SECTION 2. The Recreation Commission shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County and shall consist of fifteen (15) members. The Board of County Commissioners shall appoint five (5) members for a term of one year; five (5) members for a term of two years and five (5) members for a term of three years. Two members shall be appointed from each of the Commissioners' zones; one member shall be appointed to represent each of the following: Columbus County Board of Commissioners, Columbus County Public Schools; Whiteville City Schools; Southeastern Community College; and there shall also be one citizen from Columbus County to represent the citizens of the said County as an at large member. Upon the expiration of their original terms of office, each succeeding term shall be for three years or until their successors qualify for office. Vacancies on the Board of the Recreation Commission shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment of the Board of County Commissioners to the Recreation Commission. Members shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 3. The Recreation Commission shall appoint from its membership a chairperson and other such officers as it may deem necessary for the orderly procedure of its business and may adopt by-laws, rules and regulations governing its procedure not inconsistent with the provisions of the State laws and of this Resolution. The Recreation Commission shall from time to time, make rules and regulations governing the operation and conduct of the recreation facilities operated by the Recreation Commission. The Recreation Commission shall hold regular meetings at such times and places as it may designate.

SECTION 4. The Recreation Commission shall provide, maintain, operate and supervise the public parks, playgrounds, athletic fields and recreation centers and other

recreation facilities owned or controlled by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, or leased or loaned to the Recreation Commission by the owners thereof. The Recreation Commission shall have complete supervision of the facilities and activities provided and conducted on or in connection with parks, playgrounds, athletic fields and recreation centers provided, and shall have the power to conduct any form of recreation or culture activity.

SECTION 5. The Recreation Commission may accept any grant, gift, bequest or donation from any personal property offered or made for recreation purposes and, with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners may accept any grant, gift or devise of any real estate. Any gift, bequest of money, other personal property, grant or devise of real estate shall be held, used and finally disposed of in accordance with the terms and conditions under which such grant, gift or devise is made and accepted. Provided the said grant does not discriminate among any of the citizens of Columbus County on the basis of sex, race, or religion. The Recreation Commission shall have no authority to enter into any contract or incur any obligation binding upon the Board of Commissioners other than the current obligations or contracts to be fully executed within the current fiscal year and all within the budget appropriations made by the Board of County Commissioners to the Recreation Commission.

SECTION 6. The Recreation Commission shall have the power to appoint and designate a director of recreation who possesses necessary foundation training, and who demonstrates by actual work his ability to organize and direct a community and county recreation system. Such other trained persons as may be necessary in the maintenance of and operation of the recreation facilities and systems may be employed by accurate applied permission of the Recreation Commission and the Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 7. Funds appropriated by the Board of Commissioners and budgeted to the Recreation Commission shall be disbursed by the Finance Officer of Columbus County, upon vouchers issued by the Recreation Commission and within the budget appropriations made. Funds received by the Recreation Commission from sources other than the budget appropriations shall be deposited by the County Commissioners and the finance officer of Columbus County to the credit and for the use of the Recreation Commission and be disbursed as budget funds are disbursed, except that funds received by gift, bequest or otherwise shall be disbursed in accordance with the terms of the gifts and bequest except where the said gifts or bequests discriminate among the citizens of Columbus County upon the basis of sex, religion or race.

SECTION 8. The Recreation Commission shall make full and complete reports to the Board of Commissioners at such times as may be requested and other times as the Board of Commissioners may seem proper. The fiscal year of the Commission shall conform to fiscal of the Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 9. Such powers as are now provided by the General Statutes of N. C. or by this Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners relating to the development and operation of recreation systems, parks, playgrounds are hereby vested in the Recreation Commission to be exercised by it subject to all restrictions contained in such power and Resolution.

SECTION 10. Thus this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon ratification.

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 1977

By: /s/ C. Waldo Marlowe, Chairman, Board of Commissioners

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed authorizing the Chairman to sign contract amendments to continue to receive funds from the Office of Employment and Training to employ CETA workers.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to allow the Finance Officer to amend the County Commissioners Budget in the amount of \$3,656.00.

The County Attorney presented a letter to the Board concerning the constitutionality of the County Police System which was in response to the Board's inquiry to the Attorney General.

The opinion of James F. Bullock, Senior Deputy Attorney General, based upon the case of RAILROAD v. MECKLENBURG COUNTY, is that even though the sheriff is the chief law enforcement officer of the county that the Legislature has authority to place any group of law enforcement officers in a county under the supervision of some other agency.

There was further discussion concerning the Solid Waste Employees' complaints. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter to each permnant employee of the Department and relay the following information:

**TWO-WEEK PAYROLL:** Only one employee has made this request. The Board feels that it is impractical as it would incur additional expenses to the County as there would have to be at least one additional employee hired in addition to computer programs and supplies.

**WITHDRAW FROM RETIREMENT SYSTEM:** This would require an act of the Legislature and the Board has no control over this matter.

**AIRCONDITIONING ON TRUCKS:** This request will be considered at such time as the Board purchases new vehicles.

**FANS ON TRUCKS:** The Board approved the installation of small fans on the present vehicles at the Landfill.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The Board approved the installation of a radio at the Landfill, possibly on the compactor.

**PAY ACCORDING TO WORK; 5% INCREASE NOT ENOUGH:** The Solid Waste Employees were adjusted to a pay scale by a professional analyst according to job description. Solid Waste Employees are and will be considered on the same basis as other County Employees and as the County can afford to pay.

The Board asks that employees work with Mr. Ivey in response to any request the Board may make to use the Landfill equipment in locations other than the Landfill.

Upon motion the meeting recessed until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 24, 1977, to continue unfinished business.

APPROVED:

Ernest M. Suggs  
Clerk

Waldo Marloma  
Chairman