

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., June 20, 1977, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Junior W. Dew, Vice-Chairman

Edward W. Williamson

L. A. Hinson

David L. McPherson

C. Waldo Marlowe, Chairman (Absent)

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney (Absent)

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairman and the invocation was given by The Reverend Thad Prevatte, Pastor, Chadbourn Baptist Church.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the June 6th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson.

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by PHA as follows:

Section 1. The Contract, numbered Contract No A-3242-E, is hereby approved and accepted both as to form and substance and the Housing Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Contract in triplicate on behalf of the PHA, and the Clerk to the Board is 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 Housing Administrator 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 .

/s/ Waldo Marlowe, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed directing the Clerk to advertise the following autos for sale by sealed bid:

One 1974 Dodge used by the Sheriff's Department
One 1970 Ford used by Civil Preparedness

The autos are to be parked at the Law Enforcement Center for inspection.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to appoint James Carl Biddix to serve on the Library Board of Trustees. He replaces Mrs. Alma Bullock who resigned.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved that the County provide at least two parking spaces near the Courthouse for handicapped persons to park.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that Commissioner Williamson have the holes in the parking area on the northeast corner of the Courthouse Square repaired with asphalt and that Paul Hughes mark the spaces for the handicapped referred to in the preceeding motion.

There was a discussion of the second round of the Public Works Funds, of which Columbus County will be granted \$356,000., with Col. (Ret.) Walters present. The Board directed him to resubmit the application for the water tank which was originally submitted requesting \$1,000,000. in funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and approved to reappoint Charles Williamson of Cerro Gordo and Charlie Langston of Whiteville to continue to serve on the Economic Development Commission.

Ms. Bible met with the Board to ask approval of the recommendation from the Library Board of Trustees that the Library take stronger action in dealing with persons who do not return borrowed books to the County Library.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that the Library Board, Director and the County Attorney work together in sending out letters signed by the Attorney in an effort to recover borrowed books.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to release the following taxes upon recommendation of the Tax Supervisor:

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Robert & Pansy Hardwick, Lees Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$960 due to an error in transferring property.

Ordered: that the 1974, 1975 and 1976 taxes listed in the name of Houston Devone and Ann White, in the Acme-Delco Fire District be cancelled as they own no property in the District.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that SENClard be allowed to use the dwelling house on West Smith Street (FHA) at no expense to the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to reappoint T. E. Burns to continue to serve on the Social Services Board for an additional term.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved to allow changes in line items for the College Budget as filed with the Finance Officer. Also approval was given to allow the Airport Authority to use \$350. to pay for a spare set of crystals for the non-directional beacon and the Health Department amend their budget to include federal funds in the amount of \$2,000; one thousand for family planning and one thousand for chronic disease.

The following persons were appointed to serve on the Lake Waccamaw Board of Adjust-

ments as advisory and alternate members: James L. Council, Mary Niesler and Minnie Baird. These persons were appointed upon the recommendation of the Town Council. Approval was given upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson.

There was a discussion between the Health Department Director; Nursing Supervisor; Dr. Hobart Myer; Donald Hisscock, Administrator, Southeastern General Hospital; and the Board concerning delivery for indigent mothers who are clinical patients at the Health Department regarding payment of those patients who are referred to Southeastern General Hospital. The estimated cost per patient is about \$650 - \$700. The officials stated they would receive the indigent patients if they were assured they would be paid.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that the Board assure payment for patients who fall into this category and are not covered by other agencies and are unable to pay but that each patient be closely screened by the Health Department.

Mr. J. L. Stanley and Howard Stanley met with the Board to present a motion that was passed by the Columbus County Rescue Squads Association requesting a joint meeting of the Hospital Board of Trustees, Civil Preparedness Director, County Attorney, County Commissioners and Chiefs of the eight rescue units.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and approved that the Clerk write Ralph Rogers, Secretary to the Trustees and request such a meeting in the near future, preferably at night.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until June 21, 1977, at 10:00 a.m., to hold the Budget hearing in the auditorium of the Courthouse Annex according to notice given in the local paper.

APPROVED:

Ernie M. Seggs
Clerk

Waldo Marlowe
Chairman