

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

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

C. Wlado 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 McPherson.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the October 3rd and 5th were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner McPherson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to allow Recreation Director, Dempsey Herring, to hire Mrs. Carroll Marshall as secretary for the Recreation Department. This action was taken upon the recommendation of Mr. Herring after he had reviewed approximately forty applications for the position.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and approved to allow Otis Collins, Housing Assistance Administrator, to hire Mrs. Linda M. Simmons as an additional secretary and administrative Assistant in the Section Eight Housing Program. Mrs. Simmons was recommended by Mr. Collins after reviewing several applications for the position.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and approved to allow the Finance Officer to pay the remaining hospital construction bills from the General Fund until such time as other payments are received from Duke Endowment and Hill-Burton Agencies.

A letter was read from the Library Director to the Board stating that Ellyn Colley has submitted her resignation effective November 11th and that Reba Cunningham has been hired as Bookmobile Assistant at a beginning salary of \$5904; Kay Horne has been promoted to the position to be vacated by Ms. Cooley at a salary of \$6756.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved to grant the above recommendation of the Library Board of Trustees and accept the resignation of Ms. Cooley with regrets.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the salary of Clayton Norton, Sheriff, be set at \$14,052. per year which is the same as the preceding Sheriff.

A further motion was made, upon the recommendation of Mr. Norton, that Stuart Sasser be promoted to Chief Deputy Sheriff and his salary increased in the amount of \$100. per month. This motion was also approved.

The following tax releases were presented to the Board by Tax Supervisor, Brooks Stanley and recommended to be released:

Taxes listed in the name of David James & Margaret S. Tyson, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$5270. due to property being being transferred in error, for 1977.

Taxes listed in the name of Mrs. Mary Thompson Meares, Cerro Gordo Twosnhip, be released on the valuation of \$5,000 for Senior-Citizens Exemption, for 1977.

Taxes listed in the name of Harold A. & Margaret L. Waldron, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,025. due to listing an auto in Columbus and Martin Counties, for 1977.

Taxes listed in the name of Mrs. Jessie B. Hinson, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,000. due Senior Citizens Exemption, for the year 1977.

Taxes listed in the name of Herman Williamson, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$50. due to selling an acre of land, for 1977.

That the 1977 taxes listed in the name of McCumbee Miller and Peggy M. Sellers, Tatum Township, be cancelled for taxes lised in error. Double listed to Herman Andrew & Dorothy W. Williams.

That the 1975, 1976 and 1977 taxes listed in the name of Herman Andrew and Dorothy W. Williamson, Tatum Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$550. due to double listing to Herman Andrew & Dorothy Williams.

The above releases were made upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Williamson.

The foregoing Resolution was unanimously passed upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ROAD BOND REFEREMDUM NOVEMBER EIGHTH

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina, and in particular the County of Columbus, is in need of money to repair Secondary Roads throughout the entire County; and

WHEREAS, the voters of Columbus County and of the entire State of North Carolina will vote on a referendum concerning the continuation of the one (1¢) cent per gallon sales tax on gasoline in November, 1977; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, have been informed and believe that Columbus County will receive more than One million (\$1,000,000) dollars as its share of the bond money to be spent on secondary roads in and for the said County; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County now receives only approximately a small fraction of the million dollars which is now being spent on secondary roads per year; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, ~~are inform-~~ ed and believe that a vote for the highway bond bill will only extend the present one cent tax a longer period of time and will not increase anyone's taxes above the present level; and

WHEREAS, the people of Columbus County, North Carolina need to be informed of these facts in order to make an intelligent decision upon the referendum being submitted to them in November, 1977, concerning the highway bond issue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County unanimously support highway bond referendum to be voted on by the general public on November 8, 1977, and request that each citizen of Columbus County go to the polls on that date and vote.

At 11:00 a.m. bids were opened for the purchase of containers for the Landfill.

Bids were read aloud and recorded as follows:

Carolina Waste Products Hamlet, N. C.	\$282.00 Per Container	Total \$14,100 Plus Tax
Consolidated Energy Products Wilmington, N. C.	302.00 " "	" 15,100 Plus Tax
Quality Equipment & Supply Charlotte, N. C.	309.00 " "	" 15,450 Plus Tax

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to reject all bids as there was misunderstanding about the specifications- i.e. containers were to be purchased without lids and sleeve hook-up, which was not understood by some of the bidders, or maybe all. The Attorney was instructed to readvertise the bids asking separate quotes for containers with and without lids and no sleeve hook-up.

A further motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved to appoint Commissioner Hinson to approve the acceptance of the containers when purchased and delivered to make sure they are in accordance with specifications.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed instructing the Clerk to write Mr. Keith Oates and request that he meet with the Board on November 7th to further discuss the mosquito control program for the County. The Program was discussed during budget sessions.

The Reverend Jay, Good Shepherd Home Director, met with the Board to discuss funds for the Home. He was informed by the Attorney that he could apply for ABC funds from the State Office but that the County could not donate funds from the General Fund to the Home. He was told that his request would be considered at budget time in June for use of the 5¢ ABC tax for the rehabilitation of alcoholics, but that those funds have been committed to Mental Health Dept. for this fiscal year.

He was also told that consideration would be given to assigning a CETA employee to work at the Home when a slot was available.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed instructing the Clerk to write Ralph Rogers, Hospital Administrator, and inquire about the physical condition of the old hospital building, as this information is needed to help make decisions concerning the future use of the building.

A letter was read from the Adult Parole/Probation Officer requesting additional space as they are to have two additional workers in the near future, making a total of eleven. The Board took no action on the request at this time but stated they would consider it at such time as some offices are moved to the old hospital building.

The Board of Commisisoners unanimously adopted the following Resolution upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Dew:

WHEREAS, the Good Shepherd Home, Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina, has been an organization existing in Columbus County in excess of twenty (20) years and has worked towards the rehabilitation of alcoholics and restoration of dom-

estic tranquillity within the home of said persons; and

WHEREAS, the Good Shepherd Home has fallen upon hard financial times and is in need of money; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Cpunty Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, desires within the law that contributions be made towards the support of said organization.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that th Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina unanimously endorse a resolution requesting each Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to give whatever money may be available within the law to the Good Shepherd Home, Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina, in order that it may continue its outstanding alcoholic rehabilitation program.

This the 17th day of October, 1977

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: /s/ Waldo Marlowe

ATTESTED:

/s/ Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until November 7, 1977, at 10:00 a.m., which is regular meeting time.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

Waldo Marlowe
Chairman