

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 7, 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

Allen Maxwell, Acting Attorney (Part-time)

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and they adjourned to the old hospital building to survey the physical condition of the roof. They were accompanied by E. L. Hawks of E. L. Hawks, Inc., who repairs roofs.

They later returned to their regular place of meeting and the following business was transacted:

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew that the Attorney prepare a contract with E. L. Hawks, Inc. to reroof a part of the hospital building which is designated as "A" on a prepared sketch which is filed with the Clerk, at a cost of \$9,184.

There was further discussion of the request from the Public Safety Commission which was tabled at the December 5th meeting. The requests were for three additional patrolmen and space for the Public Safety Commission in the County Hall Building.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to deny both request at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to appoint Florence Brown to the Planning Board for the Town of Bolton.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson that a CETA worker be hired as Deputy Tax Collector. After further discussion the motion was rescinded to consider hiring a Collector on a percentage basis to collect delinquent taxes.

The following persons were appointed by general consent of the Board to serve on a Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development:

Boardman	Hallsboro	Bolton	Chadbourn
Martha Young	Ivan Boone	Annie B. Smith	Doris Dees
Billy Floyd Williamson	Thelma Henry	Tina Freeman	Willie Dutton
S. R. Britt	Claude Pierce	G. D. Mott	Johnnie Capps

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed authorizing the Chairman to sign Change Order #E-2 in the amount of \$243.26 for the Hospital.

The Clerk was instructed by the Board to write a letter of inquiry to the State Health Planning & Development Agency asking about the feasibility of Columbus County operating as extended nursing service in a part of the old hospital building. Other information requested is the experience of other hospitals which have operated a skilled nursing facility and the likelihood of Columbus County being able to obtain a "Certificate of Need", which is a requirement.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the use of space at the old hospital building. The Administrative Staff at the Health Department were called to the meeting to further discuss their needs. They assured the Board that they would only take the necessary space to operate their agency and would contact the State Architect for further advice on the placement of their Department. Commissioners McPherson and Hinson were delegated to meet with the Mental Health Personnel to review their needs. All Board Members agreed that East Hall could be designated for the childrens' program.

The Board reviewed the applications received for the position of equipment operator at the Landfill. They decided to interview all applicants and the Clerk was instructed to send notice to each applicant informing them of the time and place for the interview.

Upon motion the meeting recessed until 7:30 p.m., December 9, 1977, to interview equipment operator applicants.

Ernest W. Suggs
Clerk

APPROVED:

Waldo Marlowe
Chairman