

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., January 16, 1978, 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

Allen Maxwell, Acting Attorney

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

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

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the January 3rd meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson.

Gary Jennings and Terry Barber from the Cardinal Health Agency, met with the Board, at the Board's request, to discuss the feasibility of using a part of the old hospital building for a skilled nursing facility. There were several citizens present and a lengthy discussion ensued with Mr. Leo Mercer as the dominant participant. Generally, all the delegation present were in support of the County providing a skilled nursing care facility. The Board, along with the Cardinal Health Agency Officials and County citizens adjourned to the site of the building and surveyed the part of the facility that is being considered for the skilled nursing service. Later, back at the regular meeting place there was further discussion. Mr. Jennings suggested that the Board make further inquiry to other agencies that now operate such a service and also, contact the Division of Facility Services in Raleigh for additional information and keep in contact with the Cardinal Health Agency on the progress and they would assist in any way that is allowed by their Agency. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Facility Services and request a survey of the building and other information that is available on the restrictions of use of certain parts of the building constructed with federal funds.

John Minton, Director, CD Projects, met with the Board to discuss the Projects now underway in the County, and also inform the Board of the upcoming meeting with the Department of Transportation concerning the roads in the Project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and approved that the maximum amount of funds that may be spent for improvements on a single dwelling be lifted, which presently is \$5,000, and no maximum be set.

A further motion was approved upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Williamson that the target area of the Projects be revised to reflect a more realistic area to include the whole community.

The following tax releases were made upon the recommendation of the Tax Supervisor and the Tax Collector:

Ordered: that a refund check be given to The Lomas & Nettleton Company, Houston, Texas, in the amount of \$487.74 for taxes paid in error for Lennon Dale & Brenda Hinson, White-

ville Township, for the year 1977.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Reather Baldwin, Bogue Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$250. and the late listing penalty of \$1.00 due to double listing of an automobile.

Ordered: that the 1977 taxes listed in the name of Lewis & Rosatta Ellis, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,425. due to error in listing personal property which is listed on late listings to Rosatta Ellis.

Ordered: that the 1977 taxes listed in the name of Jimmy Maxwell Dew, Bogue Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,400. due to listing wrong year model car.

Ordered: that the 1976 and 1977 taxes listed in the name of Lunsford Keith Brewer, Acme-Delco Fire District, be cancelled as Mr. Brewer does not live within the District.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew to grant an extension of time to list taxes to the following through February 28, 1978. The motion was approved.

Mobil Oil Corporation	United States Leasing Company
Coffee Time/North Carolina, Inc.	Fieldcrest Mills, Inc.
The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.	Eastman Kodak Company
Gulf Oil Corporation &	
Gulf Oil Corporation, Successor to Tremarco Corporation	
International Business Machines	Daniel Hinson
Waccamaw Bank & Trust Company	Exxon Company, USA
Canal Industries, Inc.	Canal Development Corporation
Kraft, Inc. (Sealtest Foods)	Canal Land Company
Gibson Wall Mercantile Company	The Gibson-Wall Company
The Macke Company	FCX, Inc.; Columbus FCX Service; FCX Grain Market
Canal Wood Corporation	& CC Leasing Company
Electronic Data Systems Leasing Corp.	

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to accept the resignation of Doris L. Ward, Bookkeeper in Tax Collector's Office, with deep regret. Mrs. Ward submitted her resignation effective January 31, 1978, due to ill health.

A request was made by letter from Clayton Norton, Sheriff, for an additional \$2,800. to hire an additional courtroom officer for the next six months. The request was tabled.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to appoint Mr. C. W. Hughes to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Bernard White on the Chadbourn Board of Adjustments as Mr. White does not wish to serve.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed approving the expenditure of \$50,000 from the Economic Development Commission Reserve Fund to extend water & sewer lines to the New Farmers Warehouse in Fair Bluff to accommodate a new industry which will employ up to 350 persons. It was further ordered that \$25,000 be appropriated from the General Fund to meet other specifications for the industry.

A request was made by Health Director, Dr. Black, for a merit increase of 5% in the salary of William Horne, Sanitarian II. A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved to grant the request effective February 1, 1978.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson that the Clerk write a letter to Dr. Black asking him to urge Cecil Edwards, Sanitarian I, to be more cooperative with the citizens of the County as he had received several complaints concerning Mr. Edwards. The motion was not seconded.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew that Commissioner Hinson go discuss the complaints he has received with Mr. Edwards before contacting Dr. Black.

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

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Commissioners have made application to the Department of Transportation for State financial aid for Columbus County Airport; and

WHEREAS, a grant in the maximum amount of \$26,500.00 has been approved;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Sponsor be and is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Department as may be necessary to effectuate the aforesaid expressed purpose, thereby binding the Sponsor to the fulfillment of its obligation incurred under this resolution and to its agreement under the said Grant Agreement with the Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and approved that the Clerk write a letter to the Department of Human Resources in support of a Rural Health Clinic in the eastern area of the County as many citizens in that area are making an effort to get a clinic located there.

Omega Simmons met with the Board and asked for assistance in getting financial aid for Mrs. Mae Piver who is an invalid in his home. He also presented a petition from the citizens who live on SR #1925 asking that the road be improved. Mr. Simmons was referred to the Department of Social Services concerning financial assistance. The Board also told him that they would contact the Member of the Board of Transportation in this district concerning improving SR #1925.

Mr. Jimmy Godwin, representing the Youth Task Study Force, requested a CETA worker as a social worker to help establish more specialized foster homes in the County. Mr. Godwin was informed that no slots are available at this time.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until February 6, 1978, which is regular meeting time.

APPROVED:

Emergen W. Soggs  
Clerk

Waldo Marlowe  
Chairman