

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 9:30 a.m., June 19, 1978, as advertised to hold a budget hearing for all funds.

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and he announced that the purpose of the meeting was to allow any citizen of the County to be heard concerning the Budget Estimate.

Other persons present were Garland McCullen, Extension Chairman; Marvelann Norris, Deputy Register of Deeds; and Thom Billington, News Reporter Representative.

There was a discussion and clarification on G. S. 159-40 which regulates receiving public funds by nonprofit corporations. It was also brought to the attention of the Board that the Literary Loan to be applied for by the Whiteville Board of Education would have to be over a period of two fiscal years to allow them \$240,000 to rebuild the fire damaged building in the Whiteville City Unit. This was agreeable by the Board and also the Whiteville Board of Education.

As no citizens appeared to be heard the meeting adjourned into regular session at 10:00 a.m. with all members present, it being third Monday.

The invocation was given by Commissioner McPherson.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the June 5th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Dew.

Bill Floyd, Floyd's Insurance Agency, met with the Board to review the insurance coverage on the County Buildings and contents. By general agreement the insurance was increased 5% on all buildings except the Old Jail (FmHA & Soil Conservation) which was increased 10%. All mobile units remained the same. All contents remained the same except the contents for the Library was increased to \$200,000. Mr. Floyd was requested to contact Ms. Bible to prorate the amount of coverage for the contents of each building covered in the \$200,000. There was no change in the branch libraries' contents.

Dempsey Herring, Recreation Director, met with the Board to inquire about the offer of the use of property by Anchor Electric as a recreation field. The Board agreed not to accept the offer at this time and requested that the County Attorney study court decisions that relate to liability for the County should they use the property for recreation.

Mr. Herring also informed the Board that Wheeler Chevrolet, Inc. had offered to donate a 1968 Chevrolet ½ ton truck to the Recreation Department subject to the Board's acceptance. A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to accept the pick-up truck with appreciation.

Hospital Administrator, Ralph Rogers, met with the Board to inform the Board that he had interviewed architects from several firms and there was a price range from approximately \$4,000 to \$11,000 to provide a feasibility study of Miller Hall for use as a skilled nursing service facility.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that Mr. Rogers analyze the information he has and meet with the Board later and make a recommendation as to which firm he feels should be hired to do the study.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the bond for William Rhodes, Coroner, be approved as to form after it is reviewed by the County Attorney. Mr. Rhodes was appointed Coroner effective July 1, 1978.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that the 1978-79 budget be amended to include a 100% federally funded day care program for children, in the amount of \$5,500.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that the budget amendment for Southeastern Community College be approved to transfer funds between line items with no increase in total amount of funds and a copy be filed with the Clerk to the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to allow the Finance Officer to amend the budget to increase funds for the Board of Elections, Sheriff's Department, Coroner, Building Inspector and Governing Body.

All revenue will be appropriated from Surplus except \$7,946.00 which was reimbursement from the State for the November Election which was not anticipated at budget time.

A proposed House Bill was presented to the Board from Representative T. W. Ellis, Jr., 13th District, which would exempt certain farm products from ad valorem taxes, if passed. He asked that the Board respond to the proposal before January 1, 1979.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that the Tax Supervisor review the Bill and report to the Board at a later meeting as to the effect the passage of the Bill would have on the County tax base.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to allow the Board of Education to use the funds, originally designated as salary in the Exceptional Children Program, to purchase equipment for the Program as it has not been started at the time planned and no one has been hired.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to appoint Ivan Wilson to serve on the Library Board of Trustees for a term of four years. Mr. Wilson was appointed upon the recommendation of the Trustees. This is a new slot and Mr. Wilson does not replace anyone on the Board.

1978-1979 BUDGET APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner McPherson who moved its adoption:

Section 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, this the 19th day of June, 1978 that for the said fiscal year beginning July 1, 1978, and ending June 30, 1979, the amounts in the following schedule, or so much of each as may be necessary are hereby appropriated;

Section 2. The appropriations to the Boards of Education firstly shall be made from any funds which are dedicated to the use of the schools and secondly shall be made from the general county revenues to the extent the Board deems necessary.

Section 3. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the GENERAL COUNTY FUND, the following:

10-410	Governing Body	\$ 30,000.00
10-430	Elections	35,066.00
10-440	Finance	61,700.00
10-450	Tax Listing	95,672.00
10-460	Tax Collections	57,039.00
10-470	Legal	31,424.00
10-480	Register of Deeds	64,378.00
10-500	Courthouse Building & Grounds	62,072.00
10-502	County Hall & Grounds	10,985.00
10-503	Administration Building & Grounds	18,153.00
10-504	Public Buildings & Grounds	48,763.00
10-505	Miller Building & Grounds	100,000.00
10-510	Sheriff's Department	139,386.00
10-515	District Court	7,500.00
10-520	Law Enforcement Center	168,548.00
10-525	Civil Preparedness	23,622.00
10-540	Inspections	15,111.00
10-580	Solid Waste	201,432.00
10-590	Cooperative Health	495,482.00
10-595	Dog Warden	18,026.00
10-600	Coroner	14,120.00
10-605	Extension Service	89,153.00
10-606	Soil Conservation	31,862.00
10-607	Service Officer	12,460.00
10-610	Social Services	493,337.00
10-611	Service Programs	271,899.00
10-620	Recreation	53,700.00
10-650	Airport	7,810.00
10-660	Non-Departmental	372,350.00
10-690	Special Appropriations	4,167,246.00
		<u>\$7,198,296.00</u>

Estimated Revenue:

10-301-78	Ad Valorem Taxes	\$3,996,000.00
10-301-77	Ad Valorem Taxes	107,655.00
10-311-00	Discounts, Allowances & Releases	(23,000.00)
10-312-00	Refunds	(2,000.00)
10-314-00	Dog Taxes	8,000.00
10-355-00	Miscellaneous	2,511,641.00
10-399-00	Fund Balance	600,000.00
		<u>\$7,198,296.00</u>

Section 4. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION FUND, the following:

12-510-02	Salaries & Wages	\$ 185,337.00
12-510-03	Salaries - Part-time & Temporary	6,000.00
12-510-04	Legal Fees	6,000.00
12-510-05	FICA Expense	10,792.00
12-510-06	Insurance - Hospital & Life	6,624.00
12-510-07	Retirement Expense	11,339.00
12-510-09	Unemployment Insurance	800.00
12-510-11	Telephone & Postage	8,000.00
12-510-14	Travel	3,000.00
12-510-16	Maintenance & Repairs to Equipment	500.00
12-510-17	Maintenance & Repairs to Vehicles	10,000.00
12-510-18	Maintenance & Repairs to Radios	5,500.00
12-510-21	Rent - Antenna on Tower	1,000.00
12-510-26	Advertising	600.00
12-510-31	Automotive Supplies - Gas, Oil & Tires	40,000.00
12-510-33	Departmental Supplies	4,500.00
12-510-36	Uniforms & Clothing	7,200.00
12-510-45	Contract Service	6,000.00

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12-510-54	Insurance & Bonding	\$ 15,000.00
12-510-57	Miscellaneous Expense	2,500.00
12-510-74	Capital Outlay	45,000.00
		<u>\$ 375,692.00</u>

ESTIMATED REVENUE:

12-397-50	Contribution from Revenue Sharing	\$ 359,692.00
12-399-00	Fund Balance	16,000.00
		<u>\$ 375,692.00</u>

Section 5. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the LIBRARY FUND, the following:

14-630-11	Telephone & Postage	\$ 3,300.00
14-630-13	Utilities	7,125.00
14-630-14	Travel	1,000.00
14-630-15	Maintenance & Repairs to Bldgs. & Grounds	1,900.00
14-630-16	Maintenance & Repairs to Equipment	500.00
14-630-17	Maintenance & Repairs to Vehicles	1,000.00
14-630-21	Rent	900.00
14-630-26	Advertising	200.00
14-630-31	Automotive Supplies	1,600.00
14-630-33	Departmental Supplies	2,900.00
14-630-53	Dues & Subscriptions	175.00
14-630-54	Insurance & Bonding	1,400.00
14-630-57	Miscellaneous Expense	1,150.00
14-630-74	Capital Outlay	33,850.00
		<u>\$ 57,000.00</u>

ESTIMATED REVENUE:

14-335-00	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 3,700.00
14-348-00	State Aid	14,000.00
14-349-00	Federal Grants	3,000.00
14-397-10	Contribution from General Fund	36,300.00
		<u>\$ 57,000.00</u>

Section 6. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the FACILITIES FEES FUND, the following:

16-690-10	Reimbursement to General Fund for Court Related Expenses	\$ <u>30,000.00</u>
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ESTIMATED REVENUE:

16-351-00	Court Cost - Facilities Fees	\$ <u>30,000.00</u>
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Section 7. That for the said fiscal year amounts are hereby appropriated out of the DEBT SERVICE FUND for the payment of principal and interest on the outstanding debt of the county, and the expenses relating thereto, the following:

20-661-81	Principal on Bonds	\$ 388,450.00
20-661-82	Interest on Bonds	456,134.00
20-661-88	Service Charges	1,600.00
		<u>\$ 846,184.00</u>

ESTIMATED REVENUE:

20-301-00	Prior Years Taxes	\$ 6,184.00
20-397-00	Contribution from Hospital	100,000.00
20-397-10	Contribution from General Fund	675,000.00
20-399-00	Fund Balance	65,000.00
		<u>\$ 846,184.00</u>

Section 8. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND the following:

40-612-00	Aid to Dependent Children	\$1,336,608.00
40-613-00	Medicaid Grants	212,635.00
40-614-00	Special Assistance to Adults	201,960.00
40-615-00	Foster Home Care	42,000.00
		<u>\$1,793,203.00</u>

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40-348-00	State & Federal Aid to ADC	\$ 1,140,247.00
40-348-01	State Aid-Special Assistance to AA & AD	100,980.00
40-348-02	State Aid-Foster Care for Children	35,930.00
40-351-00	Incentive & 4-D	8,309.00
40-397-10	Contribution from General Fund	507,737.00
		<u>\$ 1,793,203.00</u>

Section 9. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND, the following:

44-495-02	Salaries & Wages	\$ 24,980.00
44-495-05	FICA Expense	1,511.00
44-495-06	Insurance - Hospital & Life	68.00
44-495-07	Retirement Expense	2,184.00
44-495-09	Unemployment Insurance	316.00
44-495-11	Telephone & Postage	1,200.00
44-495-13	Utilities	1,000.00
44-495-14	Travel	9,600.00
44-495-21	Rent-Office Space	2,100.00
44-495-26	Advertising	2,000.00
44-495-33	Departmental Supplies	331.00
44-495-45	Contract Service	120.00
44-495-53	Dues & Subscriptions	450.00
44-495-54	Insurance & Bonding	25.00
44-495-57	Miscellaneous	100.00
44-495-73	Capital Outlay - Water & Sewer	865.00
44-495-74	Capital Outlay - Office Furniture	150.00
		<u>\$ 47,000.00</u>

ESTIMATED REVENUE:

44-301-00	Prior Years Taxes	\$ 500.00
44-329-00	Interest on Investment	1,500.00
44-397-00	Contribution from General Fund	45,000.00
		<u>\$ 47,000.00</u>

Section 10. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the ACME-DELCO FIRE DISTRICT FUND, the following:

45-668-91	Contribution to Special Fire District	\$ <u>5,391.00</u>
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ESTIMATED REVENUE:

45-310-00	Special District Tax (7½)	\$ <u>5,391.00</u>
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Section 11. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the RIEGELWOOD SANITARY DISTRICT FUND, the following.

46-668-45	Contract Service - Tax Collection	\$ 7,729.00
46-668-57	Miscellaneous Expense - 5% Commission	407.00
		<u>\$ 8,136.00</u>

ESTIMATED REVENUE:

46-310-00	Special District Tax (30¢)	\$ <u>8,136.00</u>
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Section 12. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS FUND, the following:

50-618-00	Administrative Expense & Rent Payments	\$ <u>546,552.00</u>
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ESTIMATED REVENUE:

50-349-00	Federal Assistance	\$ <u>546,552.00</u>
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Section 13. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND, the following;

51-670-77	Administration	\$ 3,941.00
51-671-77	Public Works	105,000.00

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51-672-77	Clearance and Demolition	\$ 7,259.00
51-673-77	Rehabilitation	71,794.00
51-674-77	Relocation	42,743.00
51-675-77	Planning Management	4,353.00
		<u>\$ 235,090.00</u>

ESTIMATED REVENUE:

51-399-77	Community Development Grant	\$ <u>235,090.00</u>
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Section 14. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the REVENUE SHARING TRUST FUND, the following:

52-440-00	Administrative Cost	\$ 1,000.00
52-515-95	Transfer to Public Safety Commission Fund	359,692.00
52-580-10	Transfer to General Fund	247,208.00
52-666-74	Schools Capital Outlay	200,000.00
		<u>\$ 807,900.00</u>

ESTIMATED REVENUE:

52-349-00	Federal Grants	\$ <u>807,900.00</u>
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Section 15. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION FUND, the following:

60-399-00	Fund Balance Deficit	\$ <u>270,000.00</u>
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ESTIMATED REVENUE:

60-349-00	Federal Grants	\$ 70,000.00
60-350-00	Duke Endowment	200,000.00
		<u>\$ 270,000.00</u>

Section 16. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the REVALUATION RESERVE FUND, the following:

70-690-00	Reserve for Revaluation	\$ <u>50,000.00</u>
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ESTIMATED REVENUE:

70-329-00	Interest on Investment	\$ 5,000.00
70-397-10	Contribution from General Fund	45,000.00
		<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>

Section 17. There is hereby levied a tax rate of one dollar twenty cents (\$1.20) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 1979, located within Columbus County for the purpose of supplementing the revenue of Columbus County. This rate of tax is based on an estimated total valuation of property for the purpose of taxation of \$370,000,000.00 and an estimated collection rate of 90%.

Section 18. There is appropriated to Columbus County and Whiteville City Administrative Units the sum of \$2,123,616.00 from the proceeds of said expenditures as permitted by Chapter 115 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

Section 19. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of seven and one-half cents (7½) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of the property listed for taxes as of January 1, 1979, located within the special fire district for the raising of revenue for Special Fire District (Acme-Delco-Riegelwood). This rate of tax is based on an estimated total valuation of property for the purpose of taxation of \$7,987,001.00, and an estimated collection rate of 90%.

Section 20. Copies of this Budget Resolution shall be furnished to the Budget Officer, the Finance Officer and the Tax Supervisor for direction in the carrying out of their duties.

TOTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION	\$12,270,444.00
Less Interfund Transfers	2,082,937.00
	<u>NET \$10,187,507.00</u>

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AYES: Waldo Marlowe /s/CHAIRMAN

Edward W. Williamson /s/

Junior Dew /s/

L. A. Hinson /s/

David L. McPherson /s/

ATTEST: Emogene W. Suggs /s/CLERK

This the 19th day of June, 1978

Mr. E. D. Meares, Jr., Fair Bluff, met with the Board and presented a list of signatures of registered voters in the Fair Bluff area which extends four miles from Fair Bluff fire station, but does not include the incorporated area. These citizens are requesting that a fire and rescue district be established and a tax levied to support the district.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to permit Mr. Meares to proceed with the plans to set up the district upon the approval of the County Attorney and other agencies that must approve the application.

A letter was read to the Board from Department of Transportation asking that the Board respond on the environmental impact that would result from the proposed Project Highway #130 from Chadbourn to Whiteville to widen the Highway.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that a letter be sent to DOT encouraging them to proceed with the Project as it is consistent with the goals and plans of this area of the County, and the Board knows of no negative environmental impact that would result from the Project.

At 12:00 Noon the Board adjourned to the site of the house located on the Library property to sell the house as advertised. No person came to bid on the House.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that an advertisement be placed in the local paper and offer the house to any person that will move the house from the property and clean up the debris.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that Tracy Floyd be hired as maintenance supervisor at the Miller Building beginning July 1, 1978.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that a letter be sent to the Department Heads and request that a sincere effort be made to reduce long distance calls as phone bills are steadily increasing. Also ask for a report from the Public Safety Commission on calls made on the WATT line at the Law Enforcement Center as a report was to be made monthly after the installation of the line.

Other persons who came to the meeting were Steve Smith, who announced that he is changing positions beginning in July but will still be affiliated with mental retardation and will work in Columbus County along with several other counties. The Board commended him on a job well done in his present position with the Sheltered Workshop.

Bob Jamieson with the Department of Natural & Economic Resources, came to meet the Board Members. Also Clention Smith, Director, Southeastern Economic Development Commission, came to get acquainted with the Board and offer his assistance in applying for grants.

Kirk Grosch, Community Development, reported on the progress he had made on obtaining rights-of-way for roads in the Community Development Projects. He feels confident that the Chadbourn area road will be paved but is doubtful if the right-of-way can be obtained on the roads in the Bolton area. He plans to have a final report at the next Board meeting.

Commissioner Dew reported on the progress at the Miller Building in the section to be used by the Health Department which he and the State Architect visited. He stated that the Architect approved the renovations made up until this time.

Henry Barbour, Consultant working with Natural Resources & Community Development, met with the Board to offer his services in helping to obtain grants through various federal agencies. His services are of no cost to the County. He finds agencies where applications may be made but refers the information to the Council of Governments to make the application.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until July 3, 1978, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Emogene A. Sogge
Clerk

Waldo Maloune
Chairman