

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 2:30 p.m., August 2, 1978, in a special called meeting to meet with various appraisal company representatives.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

- C. Waldo Marlowe, Chairman
- Junior W. Dew, Vice-Chairman
- Edward W. Williamson
- L. A. Hinson
- David L. McPherson (Absent)
- James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney
- Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and he stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the octennial appraisal for Columbus County which must be completed by January 1, 1981.

The following companies were present to be considered for the job:

- Associated Surveys Company Greensboro, N. C. Estimated cost - \$380,000.00 Representative - William F. Hester
- Automated Valuation Services, Inc. Ebensburg, Pa. No Estimate on cost Representative - Gerald Kubula
- Southern Appraisal Company Wilmington, N. C. Estimated cost - \$260,000.00 Representatives - Jerry Nelson & Jimmy Davis
- Carroll-Phelps Company Winston-Salem, N. C. Estimated cost - \$250,000.00 Representative - Steve Whitacre

Each Representative was interviewed separately and questioned by the Board concerning the terms of a contract which would be included in the estimated cost. The Tax Supervisor was also present for the discussion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that a contract be drawn by the County Attorney to hire Carroll-Phelps Company and that the County furnish the office space, furniture, and purchase copies of aerial maps from the ASC office to be used by Carroll-Phelps in preparing maps for the Tax Supervisor's office. Mr. Whitacre estimated the cost of the maps to be about \$4,000 which would make the total cost of the revaluation \$254,000.00 but only \$250,000.00 under contract with Carroll-Phelps Company.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 10:00 a.m., August 7, 1978, which is regular meeting time.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs  
Clerk

Waldo Marlowe  
Chairman

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., August 7, 1978, it being first Monday.

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 (part-time) Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by The Reverend John S. Walkup, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Whiteville.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the July 3rd, 7th, and August 2nd were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Hinson.

Wayne Piver, Acting Chief of Police, presented a report on the use of the WATS line at the Law Enforcement Center. He stated that the line was used for incoming long distance calls from all parts of the County, also, it was used by the officers when needed to report from long distance areas. Mr. Piver felt the toll free line was very good for the citizens to be able to call the Center without cost to them. At the present time calls have not exceeded the 10 hours allotted under the regular rate but are increasing steadily.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that the line be continued for another year with reports to the Board on a monthly basis.

It was further agreed that the County send a resolution to Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Office asking that the entire County be toll free for all subscribers for all calls within the County. This resolution is to be sent to the local office to be forwarded to the appropriate officials. This request was made due to petitions being circulated in the County by citizens and asked support of the Board in their efforts to have all calls made toll free within the County.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Dew:

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners herein called the "Applicant" has thoroughly considered the problem addressed in the subgrant application entitled COLUMBUS COUNTY JAILERS and has reviewed the project described in the application; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of Public Law 90-351 as amended, the United States of America has authorized the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, through the North Carolina Law & Order Section to make federal grants to assist local governments in their improvement of the criminal justice system,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN OPEN MEETING ASSEMBLED IN THE CITY OF WHITEVILLE, North Carolina, this the 7th day of August

1978, as follows:

1. That the project referenced above is in the best interest of the Applicant and the general public.

2. That Waldo Marlowe, Chairman, be authorized to file, in behalf of the Applicant, an application in the form prescribed by the Law and Order Section of the subgrant in the amount of \$16,083.00 <sup>494.500</sup> to be made to the Applicant to assist in defraying the cost of the project described in the application. This individual shall act as the authorized representative of the Applicant in connection with all aspects of the application.

3. That if the subgrant is made, the Applicant shall provide or make arrangements to provide, a local cash matching contribution in the amount of \$29,060.00 as required by the most current guidelines.

4. That to the full extent the law allows, the Applicant agrees that upon submission of an application for this subgrant, the applicant intends to continue the program at its own expense and to appropriate funds therefore subject only to budgetary limitations should the program be useful, effective and pertinent.

5. That applicant understands that approval of the subgrant application in no way implies or commits the United States of America, the Law Enforcement Administration or the Law and Order Section to approve any application for continuation funding or to provide any continuation funding whatsoever; rather, applicant understands that continuation funding will probably not be available and applications therefore will only be considered, if at all, under only unusual circumstances.

6. That the Project Director designated in the application form shall furnish or make arrangements for other appropriate persons to furnish such information, data, documents and reports pertaining to the project, if approved, as may be required by the Law and Order Section.

7. That certified copies of this resolution be included as part of the application referenced above.

8. This resolution having been read aloud in its entirety at the meeting above mentioned, shall be effective upon its adoption and shall be recorded in its entirety in the minutes of Columbus County Board of Commissioners.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson:

WHEREAS, standing operating procedures at present required the Civil Defense (Disaster Preparedness) Director of Columbus County and \_\_\_\_\_ County to require aid:

WHEREAS, the Counties concerned come within the scope of the Civil Defense mutual aid concept since they are adjacent and:

WHEREAS, if the Counties listed are requesting aid of an adjacent County, the Local Civil Defense Director (Disaster Preparedness) will make his request direct to the Local Civil Defense Director (Disaster Preparedness) providing such aid, the Local Directors involved in such a request will notify, as a matter of information the Director, North Carolina Disaster Preparedness Agency of their intent to request/provide "Mutual Aid" from

/to and adjacent County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the undersigned officials of Columbus County and \_\_\_\_\_ County, respectively, hereby grant to the local Civil Defense (Disaster Preparedness) Directors of Columbus County and \_\_\_\_\_ County, the authority to use their resources to assist one another in local natural or man-made disaster situations where the need arises; however, with the express understanding that the local community extending such aid may withhold resources to the extent necessary to provide reasonable protection for the community, and that the Civil Defense (Disaster Preparedness) forces will continue under the command and control of their regular leaders, but that the organizational units come under the operational control of the Civil Defense (Disaster Preparedness) authorities of the communities receiving assistance, unless otherwise specified, and with the further express understanding that the county extending such aid, will be provided the physical needs of their volunteers and operational costs of the extent necessary as mutually agreed upon.

This the 7th day of August, 1978

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1978

/s/ Waldo Marlowe, Chairman  
County Commissioners

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
County Commissioners

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_ County Civil  
Defense Coordinator

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_, County  
Civil Defense Coordinator

Mr. E. L. Green, Annie Strickland and Sales Representative, Russell Sloss met with the Board to further discuss the use and purchase of an elections computer system. They reported that the trial election in May was heartily accepted by those persons who used the system.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that West Whiteville and Tatum Townships be allowed to use the system in the November election and that trial systems be used in each of the precincts in which each of the Board Members reside. This trial election is to get a wider response to the use of computer equipment by County voters.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and approved to contract with Ledwell Associates of Charlotte to do the feasibility study of the Miller Hall (Old Hospital) for consideration of a skilled nursing service at a cost, not to exceed \$5,000.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that the County Finance Officer pay the State worker who is in the County working with corn diseases, and be reimbursed by the State for the total cost.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and approved that the Extension Service Budget be amended to include \$773.00 in funds from insurance on stolen equipment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and approved that the County elected officials paid by the County Finance Officer be included under the Workmen's Compensation policy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that James High and Clemmon Jacobs be reappointed to the Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority for a six year term.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved to pay Paul Hughes \$50.00 per month for auto allowance.

At 12:00 Noon bids were opened for the purchase of two autos for the Sheriff's Department. The bids were read aloud and recorded as follows:

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| Fair Bluff Motors, Fair Bluff, N. C.   | \$5,479.00 each, plus tax |
| Wheeler Chevrolet, Whiteville, N. C.   | 6,115.00 each, plus tax   |
| Scott Motor Company, Fair Bluff, N. C. | 6,295.00 each, plus tax   |

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to purchase two LTD Ford cars from Fair Bluff Motors at the price quoted in the bid for the Sheriff's Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that the salaries of the employees in the HUD office be increased to the amount requested in the budget by the Director- i.e., Director's salary, \$13,500.00; Administrative Assistant, \$9,300.00; and Secretary, \$7,500.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by commissioner Hinson and passed that the road leading into the County airport be relocated as proposed by Mr. B. A. Mills, District Engineer. The length of the road is 1/10 mile in length, located in Whiteville Township and will cost approximately \$12,000.

There were requests at this meeting for office space by FmHA Director, SENCLand Community Action, Section Eight Housing, and USDA Plant Protection and Quarantine Office. No decisions were made but Board Members visited some of the space to be allocated and discussed the matter.

The Board agreed that profits from the vending machines in the Miller Building be deposited in the General Fund.

The following Resolution was unanimously passed upon motion by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Hinson:

WHEREAS, Columbus County Commissioners have been informed by the Columbus County Extension Chairman that there presently exists a heavy infestation of Japanese beetle larva in the said County; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County is the second largest county in North Carolina with an approximate total square mileage of 915; and

WHEREAS, approximately 75% of the said County is heavily infested by Japanese beetle larva and the Japanese beetle which mainly effects shrubbery, trees, flowering plants,

and crops; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Extension Service has received approximately 476 complaints concerning the Japanese beetle during the crop year 1978; and

WHEREAS, the Japanese beetle has damaged Columbus County in the sum of one hundred eleven thousand, one hundred ninety (\$111,190.00) Dollars; and

WHEREAS, the milky spore bacteria which is used for the elimination of the Japanese beetle larva is sold by various companies at the approximate cost of ten (\$10.00) dollars per pound to individuals; and

WHEREAS, there is need for a program to be initiated by the County and followed up by the State to help Columbus County in the control of the Japanese beetle, and that the same must be a community wide effort; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Columbus County and the Columbus County Extension Service is interested in a cooperative venture with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture for the control and elimination of the Japanese beetle;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Commissioners of Columbus County support a program of control for the Japanese beetle and request a co-operative venture by North Carolina Department of Agriculture and the said County concerning the purchasing and application of the milky spore bacteria in order to control the said Japanese beetle at a reduced price and to that end orders a copy of this Resolution to be forwarded to the Honorable James Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, North Carolina, and Garland McCullen, Chairman, Columbus County Agriculture Extension Service, Whiteville, North Carolina.

This the 7th day of August, 1978.

Columbus County Board of Commissioners

ATTESTED:

By: /s/ C. Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

/s/ Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that the Finance Officer be allowed to amend the budget in amounts up to \$1,000. and does not increase the appropriation of County funds.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, August 21, 1978.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs  
Clerk

C. Waldo Marlowe  
Chairman