

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 5, 1978, Monday being a legal holiday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

C. Waldo Marlowe, Chairman
 Junior W. Dew, Vice-Chairman (Part-time)
 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 Joe Forbes, Pastor, Chadbourn & Evergreen United Methodist Churches.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the August 21st meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner McPherson.

Dr. Jerry Paschal, Supt., Homer Thomas, Asst. Supt., and Members of the Board of Education met with the Board to request space in the County Library building at such time as the building is vacated. The Board stated that at this time no plans were made to vacate the Library. The delegation also requested the return of two mobile units that have been used by the Health Department until they moved to the Miller Building.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that the County pay the expense of hiring a truck to move the units back to the property of the Board of Education.

A further motion was made by Commissioner Williamson to inquire if the City Board of Education has any mobile units that may be available to the County that could be transferred to the County Board of Education rather than move the units that have been remodeled and are now suitable for office space.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that the Sheriff's Department be allowed to use one of the autos formerly used by the County Police. Also, the auto that is now being used by the Sheriff's Dept. be advertised for sale along with six from the County Police.

There was a discussion concerning the use of the Floyd Johnson Center which has been assigned to the FmHA and HUD. Hugh Clark has requested that some changes be made before FmHA moves into the building. Commissioner Dew asked for advice from the Board on the request to move the entrance into the building as he feels that the structure of the building should not be changed and to move the entrance would involve other changes.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that no changes be made in the structure of the building until the Board visits the building and gives approval.

Mr. W. C. Sealey, Jr. of the Lake Waccamaw area was appointed by the Board

to replace Mr. Purvis Stevens on the Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority. This action was taken due to the death of Mr. Stevens.

At the meeting of the Authority on August 29, 1978, the following oath was administered to the Mr. Sealey by the Clerk of Superior Court:

NORTH CAROLINA

COLUMBUS COUNTY

I, W. C. Sealey, Jr., do solemnly and sincerely swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina and to the Constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the Government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States to the best of my knowledge and ability, so help me God.

I, W. C. Sealey, Jr., do further solemnly and sincerely swear (or affirm) that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of a member of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority in a faithful and impartial manner and to the best of my skill and ability, according to law, so help me God.

This the 29th day of August, 1978.

/s/ W. C. Sealey, Jr.
Member of the Board of Commissioners
Columbus County Industrial Facilities
and Pollution Control Financing
Authority

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
this 29th day of August, 1978.

/s/ Lacy R. Thompson
Clerk of Superior Court

Carl Metts and Billy Rush, Adult Parole & Probation Officers, met with the Board to request additional office space. They stated that they had eleven employees who needed individual offices and also needed a storage room. These employees are now in two locations and need office space in the same location near the Courthouse.

After a discussion later in the meeting, a motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved that the State Parole & Probation personnel be assigned the space in the Old Jail that is presently assigned to FmHA at such time as the FmHA moves to the Floyd Johnson Center.

The following tax releases were approved upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner McPherson, and recommended by the Tax Supervisor:

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of the following persons be released for the Property Tax Relief for Elderly and Permanently Disabled Persons:

Leon White	Chadbourn Township	\$7,500.00	Valuation
Evelyn T. Ward	Lees Township	5,810.00	"
Jennings L. Prince	Bug Hill Township	7,500.00	"
J. F. Collier, Sr.	Whiteville Township	7,220.00	"

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Thomas Lee & Edna J. Small, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$925.00 due to listing wrong year auto model.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Timothy Allen Piggott, Lees Township, be releases on the valuation of \$425.00 due to listing the wrong year auto model.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Frederick A. Jorgenson, Waccamaw Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,275 due to listing the wrong year auto model.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of J. W. High, Welches Creek Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,850.00 due to error in pricing truck.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Frances R. Hayes, Lees Township, be released in the amount of \$9.00 due to error in listing three dogs.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved that long distance phone calls charged to the County Commissioners phone number, be logged by the person making the calls.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the Bonds for the Sheriff and Economic Development Director be approved and filed with the Clerk of Court, subject to approval by the County Attorney.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that a letter be sent to the County Police Chief asking that they work with the City Police in monitoring the parking lots around the Courthouse Square to help prevent littering.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that International Systems, Inc. be invited to the next Board meeting to make a presentation of services available to the County that may be beneficial in securing grants.

Representatives from MICA, a management corporation, met with the Board to discuss services offered by their Company to help counties save money. The Board told the representatives that they would consider their offer after consulting with other companies.

A letter of request for office space was read to the Board from District Attorney Lee J. Greer. The Chairman was assigned to talk with Mr. Greer and Clerk of Court Lacy Thompson concerning the space to be vacated by the State Parole & Probation Office.

A letter was presented to the Board from Richard Wright requesting that the week of October 8th through the 14th be declared American Red Cross Week in Columbus County.

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

The Columbus County Commissioners met on the 5th day of September, 1978, at its regular meeting and unanimously adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross was officially designated by Congress in 1905 as the nation's primary volunteer disaster relief agency and has been providing such assistance throughout the nation and world for seventy-three years, and;

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross has achieved, through their unparalleled accomplishments in the areas of emergency relief and in the rendering of daily service functions, a reputation for service second to no other relief agency in the world and;

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Chapter of the American Red Cross was organized on the 25th day of April, 1918, and has been dutifully serving Columbus County in innumerable ways for the past sixty years, and;

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Chapter of the American Red Cross, in addition to providing aid and comfort to people in Columbus County who are stricken by sudden emergencies, carries on daily activities that include:

- (1) Answering and responding to requests from anyone in Columbus County stricken by a disaster or sudden emergency;
- (2) Providing instructional classes for laymen on various methods of first aid;
- (3) Providing counselling and emergency aid and assistance to members of the Armed Forces;
- (4) Providing opportunities for the youth in Columbus County to aid others through volunteer service in the schools and communities; and
- (5) Operating a blood mobile twice a month in order to aid in the preservation of life by providing this life sustaining fluid to those in need.

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross, through chapters across the Country such as the Columbus County Chapter, has spent over \$207,000,000.00 during the past ten years on disaster preparedness and relief, not including the contributions of time and efforts by countless volunteers.

WHEREAS, the functions of the Columbus County Chapter, as well as all American Red Cross Chapters, are financially supported by monetary contributions and by individuals contributing their time and efforts, and such chapters are dependent solely on said contributions in order to continue their valuable services;

BE IT THEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina declares the week of October 8th through the 14th as American Red Cross Week in Columbus County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, does hereby render its full support to all fund raising activities by the Columbus County Chapter of the American Red Cross during the week of October 8th through the 14th to finance its many valuable and necessary services for Columbus County.

The foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted this the 5th day of September,
1978.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: /s/ C. Waldo Marlowe
C. Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

Attest:

/s/ Emogene W. Suggs
Emogene Suggs, Clerk

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until September 18, 1978, at 10:00 a.m., which
is regular meeting time.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

Waldo Marlowe
Chairman