

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., October 2, 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 Commissioner McPherson.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the September 18th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that Hyatt Exterminating Company be employed to treat the Old Jail Building for termites and also to continue the monthly pest control service at the Floyd Johnson Center.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to underpen the Board of Elections Building and purchase blinds for the windows in the front part of the building.

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

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

Walter McPherson	Williams Township	\$5,420.00	Valuation
Alice Callihan	Western Prong Township	1,200.00	
D. S. Gore	Lees Township	5,520.00	
Raymond L. & Virginia Butler	Chadbourne Township	7,500.00	
Ella Singletary	Bug Hill Township	4,400.00	

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Wanda S. Hardwick, Lees Township, be released on the valuation of \$9,685. due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of William S. & Virginia Dew, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$800.00 as this property is listed in New Hanover County. (Boat)

Ordered: that a refund be given to Moore Wesley & Beatrice B. Davis, Rt. 2, Box 51C, Clarkton, N. C., Western Prong Township, in the amount of \$90.00 for Senior Citizen Exemption.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and approved to give Neta Long, Cerro Gordo, \$50.00 from the ODP Fund for immediate relief.

Commissioner Williamson introduced the following resolution which was read:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS TO THE COLUMBUS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AND POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus:

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners has determined and does hereby declare:

- (a) That under and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 159C of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended (the "Act"), the County created The Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority.
- (b) That in accordance with Section 159C-4 of the Act, seven commissioners were appointed to the Authority on June 21, 1976, two for initial terms of two years each, two for initial terms of four years each, and three for initial terms of six years each.
- (c) That the terms of office of Commissioners James C. High and Clemmon Jacobs expired on June 21, 1978.
- (d) That the County Board of Commissioners has determined to appoint two commissioners to the Authority.

Section 2. James C. High, who resides at Box 472, Whiteville, North Carolina, and Clemmon Jacobs who resides at Rt. 1, Box 350, Riegelwood, North Carolina, are hereby appointed members of the Board of Commissioners of the Authority for terms expiring June 21, 1984.

Each of the newly appointed Commissioners is a qualified elector and resident of Columbus County, and each shall continue in office for his term of office or until his successor shall be duly appointed and qualified, all in accordance with Section 159C-4 of the Act.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Commissioner Williamson moved the passage of the foregoing resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AND POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY" and Commissioner Dew seconded the motion, and the resolution was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Marlowe, Dew, McPherson, Williamson and Hinson.

NOES: None

Bids were opened for the purchase of transmission cable and installation of the cable to move the the UHF repeater radio antenna to a height of 500 feet that is used by the County Law Enforcement Agencies:

Communications Specialist submitted a "No Bid"

Motorola Communications & Electronics, Inc. bid was \$4,998.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner McPherson to accept the bid from Motorola subject to review by the County Attorney and Jerry Ramsey, COG.

(See minutes of next meeting)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to appoint Joe Johnson, Rt. 1, Whiteville, N. C., to fill the unexpired term of Beverly Powell, who resigned, on the Alcoholism Advisory Board for Columbus County.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to allow the Department of Social Services to use the Fiscal Relief Funds in the amount of \$34,000.00 as the County's share of matching funds to hire one additional employee and transfer 10 CETA employees to the regular payroll for the remaining of this fiscal year.

The following items were sold at auction upon the approval of the Board by motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner McPherson:

Five 1976 Ford Custom Autos; Serial Nos. 6B53C238717;6B53C198870;6B53C235236;
6B53C238718;6B53C235238

One 1975 Ford Custom Auto; Serial No. 5U53S185606

One 1974 Dodge Monaco Auto; Serial No. DK41N4F139042

Twelve tires (8) JR 7815 and (4) HR 7015.

25 used sinks and one stainless steel double sink (Hospital surplus)

Total amount of sale of autos was \$7,800; sinks, \$81.00; and tires \$84.00

All sales were approved and transacted.

Representatives from MICA were present at the meeting at the request of the Board to answer questions concerning their services offered to Counties in management.

They discussed the method of payment and stated that the Commissioners made the final decision on all matters concerning the amount of payments to the Company.

Later, a motion was made by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Williamson that the County dispend with hiring MICA and implement the mosquito control program immediately if State funds are still available to match County funds.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that a decision not be made until the next meeting when the County will have further information on CETA funding for the next contract period and the Clerk get information from State officials on the status of the availability of matching funds to operate the mosquito control program for the remainder of this fiscal year, and that a decision be made at the next meeting on this matter for this fiscal year.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that a letter be sent to the Civil Preparedness Director asking that the Chairman be notified of any emergency that arises in Columbus County which needs the attention of the Civil Preparedness Director.

The following report was presented to the Board of Commissioners by Ellis Meares, Jr., Fair Bluff, North Carolina; in reference to the establishment of Cole's Fire, Ambulance, and Rescue Service District, Fair Bluff Township:

NORTH CAROLINA

COLUMBUS COUNTY

IN RE:

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COLE'S FIRE, AMBULANCE, AND RESCUE
SERVICE DISTRICT, FAIR BLUFF TOWNSHIP

REPORT TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The undersigned making a report on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, of the County of Columbus under the mandate of North Carolina General Statute 153A-300 and other provisions of Article 16 of the North Carolina General Statutes concerning County Service Districts, do hereby report as follows:

1. That Cole's Fire, Ambulance, and Rescue Service District is a service district proposed to be located in Fair Bluff Township, Columbus County, North Carolina; that the proposed district is shown on a Map, copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A" and that the metes and bounds of the proposed district are as follows:

Beginning at point (1) on SR 1355, 0.9 mile Northeast of its intersection with the South Carolina State Line; thence in an Easterly direction to point (2) on the Tabor City Road, (N. C. Highway 904), at its intersection with SR 1356; thence in a Northerly direction to point (3) on SR 1356, 0.4 mile South of its intersection with SR 1353; thence in a Northeasterly direction to point (4) on SR 1353, 0.4 mile East of its intersection with SR 1356; thence in a Northerly direction to point (5) on SR 1359, 0.1 mile Southeast of its intersection with SR 1356; thence in a Northeasterly direction to point (6) on SR 1359, 0.1 mile South of its intersection with SR 1004; thence in a Northeasterly direction to point (7) on SR 1004, 0.1 mile East of its intersection with SR 1359; thence in a Northwesterly direction to point (8) on SR 1356; 0.5 mile North of its intersection with SR 1004; thence in a Northerly direction to point (9) on SR 1356, 0.1 mile South of its intersection with U. S. Highway 76, excluding the property on SR 1356 between this and the preceding point; thence in a Northeasterly direction to point (10) on U. S. Highway 76, 0.2 mile East of its intersection with SR 1356; thence in a Northwesterly direction to point (11) on SR 1566, 1.1 mile Northeast of its intersection with SR 1500; thence in a Westerly direction to point (12), the City Limits of Fair Bluff, North Carolina at the center of the run of Porter Swamp and the Lumber River; thence Southwesterly along the Lumber River to point (13) at the intersection of the Lumber River and the South Carolina State Line; thence Southeasterly along the South Carolina State Line to point (14) on SR 1355, at the South Carolina State Line; thence in an Easterly direction to the beginning point (1).

This map and description of the proposed district shall exclude all property located within the City Limits of Fair Bluff, North Carolina.

2. The proposed district meets the standards set out in North Carolina General Statute 153A-302(a) in that:

- (1) the resident population is constant and is not subject to any seasonal change; that the population density of this area is approximately fifty (50) persons per square mile and that approximately one thousand five hundred (1,500) people live within the boundaries of the proposed district, excluding those persons living within the corporate limits of the municipality of Fair Bluff.
- (2) the appraised value of the property subject to taxation and lying and being in the proposed district excluding the municipality of Fair Bluff is \$4,194,686.00, plus the value of the utilities.
- (3) the present tax rate of the County of Columbus as applicable to residents and property owners of the proposed district is \$1.20 per \$100.00 evaluation and the County tax value does not exceed the rate limitation as set out in North Carolina General Statute 153-149(c).
- (4) that the proposed tax rate for sustaining the proposed district would be \$.01 per \$100.00 evaluation and the property owners and residents for the proposed service district would have the ability to sustain the additional tax necessary to provide the services planned for the proposed district; further that this rate would yield revenue of \$1,000.00 on property valued at \$1,000,000.00 and this is an extremely fair and reasonable rate of 1/10 of 1%.
- (5) that since the proposed service district would not provide services concerning water, sewer or solid waste collection services, that the report does not have to contain probable net revenue or proof that the services would be self-supporting.

- (6) that over 75% of the residents and real property owners, who are registered voters, have signed Petitions requesting that the proposed service district be in fact established and that a referendum would not be necessary due to the over-whelming percentage who have signed Petitions and due to the fact that the County tax rate added to the proposed rate for the service district would not exceed this tax rate limitation as set out in North Carolina General Statute 153A-149(c).
- (7) that there is a demonstrable need for providing fire, rescue and ambulance service within the proposed district in that such service is not presently available outside the Town limits of the municipality of Fair Bluff.
- (8) that it is presently impractical financially to provide these services on a county-wide basis at the expense of all the county taxpayers.
- (9) that it is economically feasible to provide the proposed service within the proposed district without unreasonable or burdensome annual tax levies.
- (10) that over 75% of the registered voters who live in the proposed district have signed a Petition requesting this service and that this constitutes demonstrable demand for the persons residing within the proposed district.
- (11) that territory lying within the corporate limits of the municipality of Fair Bluff will not be included and resolution of the governing body of the Town of Fair Bluff is therefore un-necessary.

3. That the Town of Fair Bluff has agreed to contract with the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus to provide fire, ambulance and rescue service to the proposed district, pending creation of the proposed district by the Board of Commissions of the County of Columbus.

4. That this report is to be available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners for at least four (4) weeks before the date of a public hearing and that the undersigned respectfully request that a public hearing be held at the direction of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus on November 14, 1978, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M. at the Fire Station in the Town of Fair Bluff; further that a Proposed Notice of Hearing is attached as Exhibit "B".

5. That the undersigned request that Brooks Stanley be designated by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus as the designee to mail notice and attached copy of the map by first class mail to all owners of property within the proposed service district as shown by the County Tax Records and as required by North Carolina General Statute 153A-302(c); that this notice be forwarded by the designee, by first class mail at least four (4) weeks prior to November 14, 1978 and that the notice be published once not less than one week prior to November 14, 1978.

6. That the undersigned respectfully request that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus do establish the proposed service district after duly considering the report and after holding the public hearing and that the proposed service district shall take effect on January 1, 1979.

Respectfully submitted, this 2nd day of October, 1978.

/s/ E. D. Meares, Jr.

/s/ Richard Wright, Jr.
O. Richard Wright, Jr.

Mr. Stanley suggested that the Hospital might cooperate by furnishing some personnel to help move the patients rather than recall the volunteers. The Board agreed to talk with the Hospital Administrator and also the Council of Governments to see if funds are available to purchase an ambulance through grants.

The following RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT was approved by the Board upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Dew:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
WHITEVILLE TOWNSHIP

PROJECT 6-432206
SR No. 1181

Columbus County Board of Commissioners, the undersigned owners of that certain property described in Deed Book _____ at page _____ in the Register of Deeds office of Columbus County, and bounded by _____

recognizing the benefits to said property by reason of the construction of the proposed highway development, and in consideration of the construction of said project, hereby grants to the Department of Transportation the right of way as herein described and releases the Department from all claims for damages by reason of said right of way across the lands of the undersigned, and of the past and future use thereof by the Department, its successors and assigns, for all purposes for which the Department is authorized by law to subject such right of way; said right of way being the width indicated and across said property as follows:

60 feet in width measured 30 feet on each side of the center line; and such additional widths as might be necessary to provide for cut and fill slopes and drainage of road.

It is understood and agreed that the 60 feet right of way hereinabove referred to has been staked upon the ground and the center line of the road is located in the center of the right of way stakes. It is further agreed that the property owners will erect no fencing or engage in cultivations upon the right of way described herein.

It is further understood and agreed that should circumstances, conditions, or actions by the North Carolina Department of Transportation delay or delete the proposed improvement of said road, that the right of way granted herein shall remain until such time as released by the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

There are no conditions to this agreement not expressed herein. The undersigned hereby covenant and warrant that they are the sole owners of said property, that they solely have the right to grant this right of way, and that they will forever warrant and defend the title to the same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seal this the 2nd day of October, 1978.

/s/ Waldo Marlowe (SEAL)
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

/s/ L. A. Hinson (SEAL)
Member, Board of Commissioners

/s/ David L. McPherson (SEAL)
Member, Board of Commissioners

/s/ Junior Dew (SEAL)
Member, Board of Commissioners

/s/ Edward W. Williamson (SEAL)
Member, Board of Commissioners

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

WHEREAS, Columbus County has not had a clean-up week for many years; and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department of Columbus County operates for the convenience of, and is open to, the public from 8:30 o'clock a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8:30 o'clock a.m. until 12:00 o'clock noon on Saturday, in order to receive the solid waste refuse from the citizens of Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, there now exists throughout the County large containers for the collection of solid waste refuse; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Solid Waste Service, the highways and streets and other public areas throughout the entire County are in need of beautification; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County has designated the first week in November (November 1st through November 7th) as Columbus County Clean-Up Week; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners also designated local community committees to meet, organize and formulate plans for the beautification of their localities; and

delete WHEREAS, ~~a number of the school principals of Columbus County are to request the parents of each child to make special efforts to clean up the local community;~~

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, that the first week of November (November 1st through November 7th) shall hereinafter be known as COLUMBUS COUNTY CLEAN UP WEEK and that each citizen of Columbus County is hereby requested to participate in the beautification of Columbus County and to that end the Board of County Commissioners has requested a joint community effort to be made by all citizens for the betterment of the said County.

This the 2nd day of October, 1978.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF COLUMBUS COUNTY

BY: /s/ Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

Attested: /s/ Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

A letter of request was read from SENClard Community Action asking for two CETA workers to work as bus drivers in order to expand the transportation programs. None are available at this time.

Also a letter of request for additional office space was presented from the Public Safety Commission. The request was for space in the County Hall but no space is vacant at this time.

The Columbus County Commissioners at their regular monthly meeting on October 2, 1978, unanimously adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, TROY MONROE SIGMON, was born in Caldwell County, North Carolina, on the 8th day of April, 1930, to Perry Monroe Sigmon and Flora Marie Lowman Sigmon, and was reared in Burke County and graduated from Valdese High School in 1948; and,

WHEREAS, TROY MONROE SIGMON married Nancy Moore Sigmon, daughter of Rev. Charles Earl Moore and wife, Mary Abernethy Moore, on September 10, 1950; and,

WHEREAS, TROY MONROE SIGMON entered the U. S. Navy in 1948 as a member of the Submarine Division and was honorably discharged in June, 1950; and,

WHEREAS, TROY MONROE SIGMON worked as a carpenter with his father in the construction business until 1953 when he entered and completed the Wildlife School and began temporary employment in the Daniel Boone Refuge and South Mountain Refuge; and,

WHEREAS, on October 1, 1953, he was assigned to Columbus County by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission; and,

WHEREAS, TROY MONROE SIGMON remained a Wildlife Protector in Columbus County throughout the remainder of his life and on August 1, 1966, he was promoted to Wildlife Patrolman and was transferred to Lake Waccamaw; and,

WHEREAS, TROY MONROE SIGMON attended various in service training schools with the Wildlife Resources Commission receiving certificates for each of the same; and,

WHEREAS, TROY MONROE SIGMON was the first recipient of the "Protector of the Year" Award (1958) and was a National Woodmen of the World "Conservation Award" winner (1958) for his outstanding work in his profession, as well as community activities; and,

WHEREAS, TROY MONROE SIGMON was the Scoutmaster for the Chadbourn Boy Scout Troop 504; was a member of the Order of the Arrow, and was the Leader of the National Boy Scout Jamboree in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Upon relocation at Lake Waccamaw, TROY MONROE SIGMON assisted the Boy Scout Program at Boys Home, Lake Waccamaw; and,

WHEREAS, TROY MONROE SIGMON was a member of the Chadbourn Rotary Club; Chadbourn Methodist Church where he was a MYF leader, and upon moving to Lake Waccamaw he became a member of the Lake Waccamaw Methodist Church; a member of the church choir; and was past president of the United Methodist Men; and,

WHEREAS, TROY MONROE SIGMON was at the time of his untimely death, the President of the Columbus County Law Enforcement Officers Association; member of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the North Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association, the North Carolina Voluntary Police Benefit Association; he was also the founder of the Willie Peal Chapter of Ducks Unlimited Association; a member of the Lebanon Lodge No. 207 (Whiteville), as well as a charter member of the Waccamaw Sailing Club; and,

WHEREAS, at the time of his death on 1 September, 1978, TROY MONROE SIGMON had been employed by the Wildlife Resources Commission for approximately 25 years and held the title of Wildlife Enforcement Officer III, as well as U. S. Deputy Game Warden.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that TROY MONROE SIGMON was an outstanding individual and a true gentleman who loved his profession and was dedicated to Conservation, not only in the enforcement area, but also in promoting and educating the public in the preservation of Wildlife throughout all of North Carolina; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that TROY MONROE SIGMON was an outstanding man of good moral character who loved his Country and State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that a copy of this Resolution be given to Nancy Moore Sigmon, the widow of TROY MONROE SIGMON, as a token of the esteem which the citizens and residents of Columbus County have in their hearts for TROY MONROE SIGMON, known to all as simply "TROY."

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY

BY: /s/ Waldo Marlowe

Attest:

/s/ Emogene W. Suggs

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

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County has been requested on numerous occasions to consider the problem of the bear season in Columbus County; and,

WHEREAS, at present various area in Columbus County are closed to bear hunting while other areas are not; and,

WHEREAS, a closed season would not stop farmers and other citizens from protecting their crops against animals damaging the same; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County has been asked to request the local legislators to introduce a local law at the next legislature closing bear hunting throughout all of Columbus County; and,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that a copy of this Resolution requesting local legislation be introduced at the next meeting of the North Carolina General Assembly which will close bear season in Columbus County and to that end that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable R. C. Soles, Jr., Tabor City, N. C.; the Honorable O. Richard Wright, Tabor City, N. C.; the Honorable Ed Nye, Elizabethtown, N. C.; and the Honorable Ron Taylor, Tabor City, N. C.

BOARD OF COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BY: /s/ Waldo Marlowe

Attested:
/s/ Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until October 16, 1978, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:
Waldo Marlowe
Chairman

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk