

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., December 4, 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

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by The Reverend Ray Justice, Pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Whiteville, N. C.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the November 20th and 22nd were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson.

There was a discussion concerning the space in the County Hall that is being used by Social Services and it was determined that the County is not receiving its fair share of funds from the State and federal agencies for the correct percent of space being used. A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the N. C. License Plate Office be moved to the back of the building in a room that is now vacant, and that a partition be installed. The space vacated by this office will be assigned to Social Services. The Red Cross Office will not be moved at this time. It was also approved to pave a parking space at the back of the building. Upon this being accomplished, a revision is to be submitted to the State to update the percentage of funding for office space used by Social Services.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that if Barnes Paving Company does not wish to fulfill their agreement to pave the parking space and driveways at the County Hall, that a written release be obtained, afterwhich, Brisson Paving Company be employed to fulfill the contract at a cost of \$5,811.00.

The following Agreement was approved upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner McPherson:

The Cape Fear Council of Governments and Columbus County agree to implement, to the greatest extent possible, the Cape Fear Council of Governments' Housing Allocation Plan for assisted housing, and agree that the numerical goals of the Plan will be incorporated in the County Community Development Housing Assistance Plan and/or its housing policy. In addition, the County stipulates that no zoning or other ordinances prohibit or restrict the provision of low-income housing.

/s/ Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

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A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that Commissioner Williamson work with Garland McCullen in preparing a grant application for CETA workers to assist in meeting the requirements of the Simmons Bay Project as set out by the Corp of Engineers.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the Chairman contact Howard Jones, Whiteville City Manager, to find out if the trailer, now located at the airport can be moved in the City limits to replace a trailer which was returned to the Board of Education. If it is not possible to do this, the Airport Authority will be allowed to sell it at auction or sealed bids.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to approve the bond for Doris Hughes, Acting Executive Director of the Economic Development Commission. The Bond is for \$10,000.00.

It was reported to the Board that the Town of Cerro Gordo was dumping the Town's solid waste at the containers located near the Town rather than haul it to the Landfill. A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that the Clerk write a letter to the Town and request that they follow the regulations that apply to all towns and haul their trash to the Landfill, if this is an accurate report.

The following tax releases were approved upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson:

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Thomas Dobson Heirs, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,500.00 for the Senior Citizens Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Strawdie Nance, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$140.00 due to a transfer in property which is on the Late List.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Jacqueline Elaine Floyd, Lees Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$5,000.00 due to double listing an auto in two counties.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Dennie Godwin, Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$2,000.00 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Jerry Lee & Ruthene G. Freeman, Ransom Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,500.00 due to an error in transferring property.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Jerry Lee & Ruthene G. Freeman, Ransom Township, in the Acme-Delco Fire District be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,500.00 due to an error in transferring property.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that the annual Audit Report, as presented by Moore & Price, CPA, be accepted as presented for the audit of County funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that the Economic Development Commission Budget be amended in the amount of \$14,800.00, to be appropriated out of Surplus and the following expenses be increased: Travel - \$5,400.00; Salaries - \$9,400.00. It was further ordered that the by-laws presented to the Board be adopted for the Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved that the Clerk send out a memo to each department head, inviting them to send any suggestions that they wish to be considered when the Administrative Policy is revised in the near future. The Clerk was also told to include in the memo that reports of annual leave abuses have been reported to the Board and the Board requests that each Supervisor be strict and abide by the Policy and treat each employee fairly as this will contribute to better working relations between employees.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to give \$50.00 each to Mrs. Henry Garrell and A. W. Nance, from the ODP Fund.

At 12:30 o'clock p.m. the Clerk of Superior Court, Lacy R. Thompson, administered the oath of office to Waldo Marlowe and Edward W. Williamson and duly elected County Commissioners to serve a four year term.

Immediately following the swearing-in, James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, acted as moderator for the reorganization of the Board for the ensuing year.

He opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner McPherson nominated Commissioner Marlowe for Chairman.

As there were no other nominations Commissioner Williamson moved that the nominations be closed and Commissioner Marlowe was selected Chairman by acclamation.

The floor was then opened for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Commissioner McPherson nominated Commissioner Dew for Vice-Chairman.

Commissioner Williamson moved that the nominations be closed and Commissioner Dew was selected as Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to reappoint Commissioner Hinson, Willis Burroughs and Charles Moore to the County Fire Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to retain Burns & Hill, Attorneys, as the County Attorney for another year.

At this time a motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commiss-

ioner Dew and approved to adjourn into executive session, at the request of the County Attorney to discuss a personnel matter.

The Board adjourned back to regular session and the following business was transacted:

The Chairman informed the Board that he had asked Paul Hughes to proceed with erecting signs and marking parking spaces for the HANDICAPPED in the parking lot in the rear of the Administrative Building, the Fletcher Property Parking Lot and two spaces at the Miller Building. Action had been taken earlier to do this but had not been achieved at this time.

A new time was set for a public hearing for Civil Preparedness on February 13, 1979, at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse.

Sam DeRosa, a concerned citizen from the Ironhill area, met with the Board and expressed concern about job security for County employees, and more specifically, the County Police employees who are being transferred to the Sheriff's Department. He stated that he had been told that some would be demoted and changed from their position in which they had been trained. The Board stated that at this time they have no specifics on the transfers and are also concerned about job security, but their authority is limited in making decisions for other elected officials.

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

RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE FOR COLUMBUS COUNTY

WHEREAS, Certain areas of Columbus County are subject to periodic flooding and mudslides from streams, causing serious damages to properties within these areas; and

WHEREAS, relief is available in the form of Federally subsidized flood insurance as authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Board to require the recognition and evaluation of flood and mudslide erosion hazards in all official actions relating to land use in areas having these hazards; and

WHEREAS, this body has the legal authority to adopt land use and control measures to reduce future flood losses pursuant to Chapter 160-A, Article 19, of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT this Board of Commissioners hereby:

1. Assures the Federal Insurance Administration that it will enact as necessary, and maintain in force in those areas having flood and/or mudslide related erosion hazards, adequate land use and control measures with effective enforcement provisions consistent with Criteria set forth in Section 1910 of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations; and

2. Vests _____ with the responsibility, authority and

means to:

(a) Assist the Administrator, at his request, in his delineation of the limits of the area having special flood and/or mudslide flood related hazards.

(b) Provide such information as the Administrator may request concerning present uses and occupancy of the flood plain and/or mudslide flood related erosion areas.

(c) Cooperate with Federal, State, and local agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map, and identify flood plain and /or mudslide flood related erosion areas and cooperate with neighboring communities with respect to management of adjoining flood plain and/or mudslide flood related erosion areas in order to prevent aggravation of existing hazards.

(d) Submit on the anniversary date of the community's initial eligibility an annual report to the Administrator on the progress made during the past year within the community in the development and implementation of flood plain management measures.

(e) Upon occurrence, notify the Administrator in writing whenever the boundaries of the community have been modified by annexation or the community has been modified by annexation or the community has otherwise assumed or no longer has authority to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations for a particular area. In order that all Federal Hazard Boundary Maps and Flood Insurance Rate Maps accurately represent the community's boundaries, include within such notification a copy of a map of the community suitable for reproduction, clearly delineating the new corporate limits or new area for which the community assumed or relinquished flood plain management regulatory authority.

3. Appoints _____ to maintain for public inspection and to furnish upon request, for the determination of applicable flood insurance risk premium rates within all areas having special flood hazard identified on a Flood Hazard Boundary Map or Flood Insurance Rate Map, any certificates of flood-proofing, and information on the elevation (in relation to sea level) of the level of the lowest habitable floor (including basement if habitable) of all new or substantially improved structures, and include whether or not such structures contain a basement, and if the structure has been floodproofed the elevation (in relation to mean sea level) to which the structure was floodproofed;

4. Agrees to take such other action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the program.

This the 4th day of December, 1978

/s/ _____

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 10:00 a.m., December 18, 1978.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Logg
Clerk

Waldo Marlowe
Chairman