

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., February 19, 1979, it being third 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 Commissioner Hinson.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that the road petition presented to the Board by Paula Jacobs be sent to the Department of Transportation and request that it be added to the State System. The road is 1.7 miles in length and has three occupied homes located on it. It is located in Bogue Township, linking the roads known as White Hall and Northeast Roads.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that the fee for advertising property of delinquent taxpayers be \$3.00 per listing. The present fee is \$1.00.

The following three names were presented to the Board by Mr. Laird Davidson as applicants for the position as County Forest Ranger: C. Melvin Brown, Joel L. McLellan, and Mitchell Stephens.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to approve the recommendation of Mr. Laird to be considered for the position and that either applicant selected would be satisfactory with the Board to serve as Columbus County Forest Ranger.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to increase the rate of rent for office space occupied by Section Eight Housing to the rate charged for local office space which furnishes janitorial service and utilities.

At the instructions of the Board, the County Attorney called the Sheriff, who is in the hospital, and asked his opinion on the proposed creation of a civil service commission for the Sheriff's Department in Columbus County. The Sheriff stated that he was opposed to the Proposal.

Chief Deputy Sasser was asked to come to the meeting to respond to the Proposal. He stated that he and the Sheriff had discussed the Proposal and they could not recommend it. They did not feel it would be of any benefit to the employees of the Department and

would be too much the same as the Public Safety Commission, which was recently voted out by the citizens of the County. He further stated that he had discussed the Proposal with 60% of the deputies and they were not in favor of the change.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed not to proceed any further with the proposed Civil Service Commission Bill.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to appoint Bobbie Dewitt as Affirmative Action Officer for CETA employees.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that the Finance Office be assigned a CETA slot to assist with the administrative work of CETA and that the balcony office be used for the CETA office at the present time.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that Edward W. Williamson be appointed to serve on the Southeastern Economic Development Commission Executive Board to replace Rudolph B. Walters (Col. Ret.) who has resigned. No replacement was appointed to fill Commissioner Williamson's position on SEEDC Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to approve project applications under CETA, Title VI, for indexing the minutes of the County Commissioners meetings and finishing the indexing of the newspapers at the County Library. The amount of funds estimated for this Project is \$17,500.00. The remaining funds for projects is designated to the maintenance of the canal in the Simmons Bay Project and Gapway Drainage District which is approximately \$50,000.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to hire a maintenance/cleaning person at County Hall to work primarily for the Department of Social Services. The rate of pay will be \$2.90 per hour.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by McPherson and passed to appoint S. T. Enzor, Building Inspector, as the official with the overall responsibility relating to the National Flood Insurance Program.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that the Attorney work with the Tax Collector in the matter of the Taxpayer who claims to have paid taxes but has not as a refund was made for the receipt he claims to have paid. He paid three of the four parcels listed to him for which he has receipts.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to approve the budget estimate presented by Jimmy Godwin, Youth Task Force Chairman, for the 1979-80 fiscal year for Specialized Foster Care.

The Attorney advised the Board that he is still in the process of obtaining liability insurance for the Board and some County employees but has found no satisfactory policy at this time to fit their needs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the Board endorse Advancement, Inc. as the agency to handle funds for the Special Impact Program and to seek funds to continue working with Columbus County as they have in the past.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until March 5, 1979, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Soggs
Clerk

Waldo Marlowe
Chairman