

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 4, 1979, Monday being a legal holiday.

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 August 20th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson.

Letters from Legislators R. C. Soles, Jr. and Richard Wright were read to the Board in response to asking their assistance in obtaining a "Certificate of Need" for a skilled nursing home for Columbus County to be established in the Miller Building (Miller Wing). As a result of the letters, a motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and approved that the Clerk arrange a meeting with the Legislators, Hospital Board of Trustees, Medical Staff at the Hospital, The Honorable Leo Mercer and the County Commissioners to discuss additional efforts to obtain a "Certificate of Need" for a skilled nursing home in the Miller Building.

A letter was presented to the Board from John McKee, Director, Southeastern Regional Mental Health Center, stating that Doris Mills had not attended the Regional meetings as required in their by-laws and is not eligible to serve on the Area Board. He asked that the Board nominate a replacement for her.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to postpone the nomination for thirty days.

The following agreement was approved upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Williamson and subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney:

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN COLUMBUS
AND PENDER COUNTIES

WHEREAS, standing operation procedures at present requires the Civil Defense (Disaster Preparedness) Director of Pender County and/or Columbus County to require aid; and

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

WHEREAS, the Counties listed are requesting aid of an adjacent County, the local Civil Defense Director (Disaster Preparedness) will make his/her request direct to the Local Civil Defense Director (Disaster Preparedness) providing such aid, and the Local Directors involved in such a request will notify, as a matter of information the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the Director, North Carolina Disaster Preparedness

Agency of their intent to request/provide "Mutual Aid" from/to an adjacent County.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the undersigned Officials of Pender County and Columbus County, respectfully, hereby grant to the local Civil Defense (Disaster Preparedness) Directors of Pender County and Columbus 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 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 4th day of September, 1979

This the 20th day of August, 1979

/s/ Waldo Marlowe, Chairman
Columbus County Commissioners
/s/ J. Howard Stanley,
Columbus County Civil Defense Coordinator

/s/ John James, Jr., Chairman
Pender County Commissioners
/s/ W. M. Baker
Pender County Civil Defense Coordinator

The following Contract was entered into upon motion by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and unanimously passed:

NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

CONTRACT

This Contract is made and entered into this the 4th day of September, 1979, by and between the NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CRIME CONTROL AND PUBLIC SAFETY, P. O. Box 27687, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27611, an agency of the State of North Carolina (hereinafter referred to as the DEPARTMENT), and COLUMBUS COUNTY, North Carolina (hereinafter referred to as the COUNTY).

W I T N E S S E T H

In consideration of the contribution to public safety made by rescue squads and the necessity of an adequate fuel supply for emergency medical vehicles transporting injured or ill persons, the Department hereby agrees to sell to rescue squads designated by the County and the County and the designated rescue squads agree to pay the Department therefor, gasoline for emergency medical vehicles transporting injured or ill persons. This Contract shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

I. The Department shall supply gasoline from normal supplies or from alternate supplies available to it, subject to availability at the time and location. Nothing contained herein shall obligate the Department to supply any gasoline to the County designated rescue squads when adequate supplies for departmental use are not available at the time of the location in question.

Prior to releasing any gasoline from its supplies, the Department or its agent shall assist the County designated rescue squad in obtaining gasoline from a commercially

available stock or supply within reasonable proximity to the location. The Department shall supply the County designated rescue squad with no gasoline when commercial supplies are reasonable available. In the event the County designated rescue squad's vehicle is unable to reach the commercial source, the Department shall supply only so much gasoline as is required for the vehicle to reach the commercial source.

The Department shall supply gasoline to the County designated rescue squad vehicles only when such vehicles are in emergency service transporting injured or ill persons or returning to their base after such runs. The Department shall supply, at the maximum, only sufficient gasoline to enable the emergency vehicles to reach its destination.

The gasoline to be furnished pursuant to this agreement shall be available only at the locations listed in Appendix 1 of this agreement and incorporated herein by reference. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Department from closing, altering, or relocating any of the facilities in question. The County and County designated rescue squads shall contact the appropriate departmental radio facility listed in Appendix 1 at least thirty minutes prior to receiving fuel when such request is made outside of normal business hours. The County and the County designated rescue squads are hereby informed and acknowledge that, between 12 midnight and 6:00 a.m., delays of one hour or more may be anticipated at certain locations due to the availability of personnel.

II. County designated rescue squads receiving gasoline shall sign a receipt therefore containing the following information: the date and time of the transaction; the type and amount of gasoline received; the license number of the vehicle; the name and address of the rescue squad operating the vehicle; the nature of the emergency and the vehicle's destination; and the name and signature of the driver or person in control of the vehicle. County designated rescue squad purchasers shall be billed by mail for all gasoline received. The price shall be determined by the Department's replacement cost of the gasoline supplied to the purchaser. All invoices are due and payable within thirty (30) days of the billing date. The County shall be jointly and severly liable with the County designated rescue squad for all unpaid invoices for gasoline received.

III. The County and County designated rescue squad receiving gasoline from the Department hereby agrees to indemnify save and hold harmless the Department, its servants, agents, and employees from any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action which arise or might arise from the supply, nonsupply, or refusal to supply gasoline to any County designated rescue squad. The County and the County designated rescue squads hereby agree to assume all risks incident to or arising from the supply, nonsupply, or refusal to supply gasoline to any rescue squad.

IV. The County agrees to furnish to the Department a listing of the County designated rescue squads who wish to secure fuel pursuant to this agreement. Such listing shall be updated within thirty days of any change thereon.

V. This Contract may be terminated by either party upon the giving of thirty (30) days written notice. Upon such notice, all sums owed shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days.

VI. The parties to this Contract hereby mutually agree that the situs of this Contract is Wake County, North Carolina, and that the venue for any civil action on or arising from this Contract shall be Wake County, North Carolina.

VII. The parties mutually agree that this Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and that all prior agreements, statements, or writings are merged herein. This agreement shall not be altered or amended in any manner except in a writing signed and ratified by both parties.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Contract in duplicate originals, one of which is retained by each of the parties.

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CRIME
CONTROL AND PUBLIC SAFETY

BY: /s/ Burley B. Mitchell, Jr.
Burley B. Mitchell, Jr.
Secretary

WITNESS:

/s/ D. R. Emory

COLUMBUS COUNTY

BY: /s/ Waldo Marlowe

WITNESS:

/s/ Emogene W. Suggs

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that the Clerk inquire into the regulations of installing a public pay telephone in the Courthouse and if there is no monetary responsibility for the Board, install a phone in the Courthouse.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to reappoint Wilbur Freedman, Rt. 1, Whiteville, and Bernice Gerald, P. O. Box 157, Tabor City, to the Columbus County Economic Development Commission for an additional term which will end on June 30, 1982.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with the Department of Human Resources to continue using the juvenile detention center in New Hanover County at a rate of \$15.00 per child care day and the State contribute \$15.00 per child care day.

A letter was read from Dr. Black, Health Department Director, requesting that the CETA Employee assigned to the Health Department be transferred to permanent employment as a County employee and that they be allowed to use funds from their emergency salaries fund until they receive funds from the State later in the year (verbal promise by State)

for this employee. There would be no additional appropriation needed from County funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson that the request be tabled until the next Board meeting.

Other requests were presented by Evelyn Rabon and Sheriff Norton to retain the three CETA Employees working with the Sheriff's Department and the Law Enforcement Center that will be terminated at the end of September according to CETA regulations.

The Board felt there would be other requests by other Departments for CETA Employees to be transferred to County employment and no decision was made at this time on the requests presented at this meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and approved that the Finance Officer sign the draft for the balance due on Medicaid at the end of June 30, 1979, for which no loan may be secured because the County has a balance in other Public Assistance Programs which must be used before a loan may be applied for.

G.S. 159-32 provides that the Board of County Commissioners may give their approval to any officer or employee of a public authority that they not be required to make a daily deposit of moneys collected if the amount does not exceed \$250.00.

This approval has been granted by previous Boards and a motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and approved that this rule continue to apply to Columbus County officers and employees as a restatement of policy.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that it is time to nominate a non-customer to serve on the Area Planning Advisory Planning Board for Title XX Funds. No nomination was made at this time but will be made at the next Board meeting.

A progress report was presented to the Board by Steve Whitacre on the progress of the revaluation of County property and he stated that the process was 41½% complete.

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

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of James Roger and Mary Corbett, Ransom Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$21,080.00 due to an error in transferring real estate.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes be released on the following property due to eligibility for Elderly and Permanently Disabled Persons Tax Relief:

Allie Jacobs	Bug Hill Township	Valuation	\$ 4,330.00
Tulice Van & Judith			
L. Rugh	Whiteville Township		7,380.00
Eva H. Nelson	Waccamaw Township		7,500.00
T. S. Hinson Heirs &			
Nona Huffaker	South Williams Township		5,610.00
Garland L. & Virginia			
E. Saunders	Ransom Township		7,500.00
*Clyde J & Mary			
Turbeville	Whiteville Township		7,500.00
Bessie Lewis	Fair Bluff Township		6,940.00

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Velma Long Gilliland, Bogue Township,

be released on the valuation of \$42,300.00 due to error in valuing a trailer.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Claylene G. Bell, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$950.00 due to error in listing value of car.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Geneva Stanley Hardie, Lees Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$2,100.00 due to double listing auto.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Ronald Wayne Byerly, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,260.00 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Annie Malpass, Ransom Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$10,520.00 due to an error in transferring house & lot.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes be released on the valuation of the following property due the Elderly & Permanently Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief:

Mr. & Mrs. L. M. Hutto	Whiteville Township	Valuation \$ 7,140.00
Conrad Bill & Alice W. Edwards	Tatum Township	7,500.00

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Leslie E. Newsome, Waccamaw Township, be released on the valuation of \$300.00 due to an error in listing household furniture.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Doras L. Nobles, Fair Bluff Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,870.00 due to an error in transferring four lots.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Kim Carlos & Ramona Jaye Watts, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,040.00 due to house being only 35% complete and was listed as 65% complete.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Hoyt & Vickey C. Hardee, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$11,150.00 due to house not being started in January as listed.

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson:

WHEREAS, THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS has been contacted by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, by and through their local District Engineer, Mr. B. A. Mills; and

WHEREAS, certain changes have taken place in the status of the Secondary Roads Program of Columbus County since the priority list was made which were not preceivable by any parties; and

WHEREAS, the status of the Secondary Roads Program of Columbus County has changed since the list was compiled,

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED by THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that they are hereby requesting the NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT to change the status of the following roads or highways listed below:

SR #1556 to be changed to the status of drain and stabilize as a result of failure to secure signatures for right-of-way;

SR #1418 and SR #1432 be changed to include the entire road to be stabilized and

widened;

SR #1927 be included on the roads and highways plan for Columbus County when and if funds become available to be paved.

SR #1802 to be upgraded when and if funds become available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that a copy of the above resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Tom Bradshaw of the N. C. Dept. of Transportation, and The Honorable Arthur W. Williamson of the N. C. Department of Transportation, and Mr. B. A. Mills, District Engineer.

This the 4th day of September, 1979

/s/ C. W. Marlowe, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

There was a brief discussion of the upcoming bond referendum and the Finance Officer was instructed to place a Notice of Intent to apply to the Local Government Commission for approval of bonds as follows:

NOTICE is hereby given of the intention of the undersigned to file application with the Local Government Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, for its approval of the issuance of the following proposed bonds for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, which bonds shall be subject to the approval of the voters of said County at a referendum:

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| \$1,100,000 | COMMUNITY COLLEGE BONDS for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for enlarging and improving the facilities for Southeastern Community College, including the construction of a library building to replace the existing library facility, the expansion and completion of the existing "G" Building and the acquisition of any necessary furnishings and equipment therefor. |
| 500,000 | LIBRARY FACILITIES BONDS for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for enlarging and improving the library facilities for said County, including the expansion, remodeling and renovation of an existing County library, the construction of a covered parking area for a County bookmobile, the betterment of the parking lot and a walk serving such library and the acquisition of any necessary furnishings and equipment therefor. |
| 8,150,000 | SCHOOL BONDS for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for erecting additional school buildings and other school plant facilities, remodeling, enlarging and reconstructing existing school buildings and other school plant facilities, and acquiring any necessary land, furnishings and equipment therefor, in order to provide additional school facilities in said County to maintain the nine months' school term as required by Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution. |

Any citizen or taxpayer who objects to said bonds in whole or in part may file with the Local Government Commission a statement setting forth his objections and containing his name and address as provided in Section 159-50 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, in which event he shall also file a copy of such statement with the undersigned, at any time within seven days from the date of publication of this Notice. Objections set forth in said statement will be considered by said Commission, along with said application,

in determining whether to approve or disapprove said application.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY
OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA

/s/ Emogene W. Suggs, Finance Officer
and Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

Ordered: that a refund be issued to Clyde J. & Mary Turbeville, Rt. 5, Box 465,
Whiteville, N. C. , Whiteville Township, in the amount of \$90.00 for the Senior Citizens
Exemption.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until September 17, 1979, at 10:00 a.m.
which is regular meeting time.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

Waldo Marlowe
Chairman