

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., Monday, September 17, 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 following business was transacted:

The minutes of the September 4th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Dew.

The Clerk of the Board of Commissioners presented certified copies of resolutions which had been received from The Columbus County Board of Education, The Whiteville City Board of Education and The Trustees of Southeastern Community College.

Thereupon Commissioner Williamson introduced the following three orders authorizing bonds which were read:

ORDER AUTHORIZING \$1,100,000
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BONDS

WHEREAS, The Trustees of Southeastern Community College have submitted to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus a resolution passed on September 17th, 1979 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 115A of the General Statutes of North Carolina requesting said Board of Commissioners to authorize bonds of the County of Columbus and to call an election in said County upon the question of approving such bonds for the purpose of providing funds for capital improvements for Southeastern Community College;

WHEREAS, said resolution requests said Board of Commissioners to take all steps necessary for the issuance of such bonds, including the calling of an election on the question of approving such bonds, in order to provide for local financial support of Southeastern Community College; and

WHEREAS, said Board of Commissioners has carefully examined the facts and has determined and does hereby find as a fact that it has become the duty of said Board of Commissioners to order the issuance of bonds of the County of Columbus so that the capital improvements mentioned in said resolution and in paragraph 1 of this order may be provided; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus:

1. That, pursuant to Chapter 115A of the General Statutes of North Carolina and The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, the County of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby authorized to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said County may now or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue

Community College Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,100,000 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.

2. That taxes shall be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds.

3. That a sworn statement of the debt of said County has been filed with the Clerk to said Board of Commissioners and is open to public inspection.

4. That this order shall take effect when approved by the voters of said County at a referendum as provided in said Act.

ORDER AUTHORIZING \$500,000 LIBRARY
FACILITIES BONDS

BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus:

1. That, pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, the County of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby authorized to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said County may now or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue Library Facilities Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$500,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for enlarging and improving 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.

2. That taxes shall be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds.

3. That a sworn statement of debt of said County has been filed with the Clerk to said Board of Commissioners and is open to public inspection.

4. That this order shall take effect when approved by the voters of said County at a referendum as provided in said Act.

ORDER AUTHORIZING \$8,150,000
SCHOOL BONDS

WHEREAS, The Columbus County Board of Education and The Whiteville City Board of Education have certified to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus resolutions passed by said boards of education on September 17th, 1979 and September 14th, 1979, respectively, showing that adequate school facilities are not now available in their respective administrative units to comply with the requirements of section 2 of article IX of the Constitution of North Carolina for the maintenance of schools nine months in every year and that it is necessary, in order to maintain such nine months' school term as required by said Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution, to provide additional school facilities in said Unit, the estimated aggregate cost of which is \$8,150,000;

WHEREAS, said resolutions request said Board of Commissioners to take all necessary steps, by the issuance of bonds or otherwise, in order that funds may be provided for such school facilities; and

WHEREAS, said Board of Commissioners has carefully examined the facts and has determined and does hereby find as a fact that the statements made in said resolutions are true and that it has become the duty of said Board of Commissioners, acting as an administrative agent of the State in providing a State system of public schools, to order the issuance of bonds of the County of Columbus so that the school facilities mentioned in said resolutions and in paragraph 1 of this order may be provided in order to maintain the nine months' school term in the County of Columbus as required by Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus:

1. That, pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, the County of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby authorized to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said County may now or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue School Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$8,150,000 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.

2. If the said bonds shall be authorized, the proceeds thereof shall be expended in accordance with the following schedule:

Acme-Delco Elementary School	\$223,000.00
Acme-Delco Jr. & High School	697,000.00
Cerro Gordo Elementary School	289,700.00
Chadbourn Elementary School	573,200.00
Chadbourn Primary School	94,000.00
Evergreen Elementary School	525,908.00
Fair Bluff Elementary School	321,237.00
Guideway Elementary School	33,000.00
Hallsboro Elementary School	209,000.00
Hallsboro Jr. & Sr. High School	205,294.00
Nakina High School	281,000.00
Old Dock Elementary School	407,000.00
Tabor City Primary & High School	843,000.00
Tabor City West Elementary School	399,500.00
West Columbus High School	251,250.00

Williams Township School	\$812,794.00
Whiteville Primary School	79,000.00
Edgewood Elementary School	372,000.00
Central Middle School	283,117.00
Whiteville High School	950,000.00
Whiteville City Schools Administration Office	300,000.00

3. That taxes shall be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds.

4. That a sworn statement of the debt of said County has been filed with the Clerk to said Board of Commissioners and is open to public inspection.

5. That this order shall take effect when approved by the voters of said County at a referendum as provided in said Act.

The Board of Commissioners thereupon designated the Finance Officer and Clerk of the Board of Commissioners as the officer whose duty it shall be to make and file with herself as Clerk of the Board of Commissioners the sworn statement of debt of the County which is required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, to be filed before the public hearing upon the orders introduced at this meeting.

Thereupon the Finance Officer and Clerk of the Board of Commissioners filed with herself as Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, in the presence of the Board of Commissioners, the sworn statement of debt as so required.

Thereupon the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$1,100,000 COMMUNITY COLLEGE BONDS" was passed on first reading.

Thereupon the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$500,000 LIBRARY FACILITIES BONDS" was passed on first reading.

Thereupon the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$8,150,000 SCHOOL BONDS" was passed on first reading.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Commissioners fixed 9:00 a.m., September 27, 1979, as the hour and day for the public hearing upon the foregoing orders and directed the Finance Officer and Clerk of the Board of Commissioners to publish each of said orders, together with the appended statement as required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, once in The News Reporter not later than the sixth day before said date.

I, Emogene W. Suggs, Finance Officer and Clerk of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is an accurate copy of so much of the recorded proceedings of said Board at a meeting held on September 17, 1979, said proceedings having been recorded in Minute Book No. 18 of the minutes of said Board, beginning at page 178 and ending at page 181, and is a true copy of so much of said minutes, as related in any way to the introduction and passage on first reading of orders authorizing bonds of said County and the call of a public hearing upon such orders.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that a schedule of regular meetings of said Board, stating that regular meetings of said Board are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 10:00 A.M. in the Columbus County Administration Building in Whiteville, North Carolina, has been on file in my office pursuant to G.S. 143-318.8.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County, this 17th day of September, 1979.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to amend the budget of the Extension Service Office to include \$251.00 for the tree program which was billed in 1979-80 fiscal year but was actually expended in 1978-79 budget year. The Board had originally appropriated the funds in the prior year to participate in the program. The funds are to be appropriated from Surplus.

The attached letter was sent to the Tax Collector upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Dew to charge him with the collection of the 1979 advalorem taxes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to authorize the Chairman to sign the Southeastern Community College Budget as it has been prepared to include the correct amount appropriated by the board for 1979-1980 FY.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to give Douglas Nance a check for \$50.00 from the Out-Door-Poor Fund for immediate relief.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and approved to allow the Youth Task Force to recommend the program and agency to receive the \$14,102.00 of Community Based Alternatives Funds from the Department of Human Resources for youths who qualify to participate in the program.

The following list to make up the Youth Task Force Membership as recommended by the Youth Task Force with terms as designated to end on June 30th of staggered terms:

Permanent Agencies' Members:

Jeanette Wyche	Juvenile Court Counselor
Sally Marks	Department of Social Services
Lynn Gawltney	Community Based Alternatives
Sue Prescott	Columbus County Board of Education
Earnest Brown	Youth Counselor

Rotational Agencies

Jim Bellamy	Vocational Rehabilitation	1 year
Clarence Brown	Whiteville Police Department	2 years
Tommy Holmes	Mental Health	3 years
Doug McConnell	Boys Home	1 year
Brenda Moore	Bureau of Indian Affairs	2 years
Coleen Stanley	SENCland Community Action	3 years
George Allen	Citizen	1 year
Pete Duncan	Citizen	2 years
Sam Galloway	Citizen	3 years
Jimmy Godwin	Citizen	1 year
Garland McCullen	Citizen	2 years
Larry Mincey	Citizen	3 years

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to appoint the above persons to serve on the Youth Task Force as recommended.

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

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Harry W. Hinson, Fair Bluff Township be released on the valuation of \$2,780.00 for 1979 taxes due to the Property Tax Relief for the Elderly and Permanently Disabled Persons Act.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Theodore & Emma Reeves, Bogue Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,700.00 due to the Property Tax Relief for Elderly and permanently Disabled Persons Act, for 1979 taxes.

There was a discussion of the collection of delinquent taxes that are now being collected by Mr. Carson Cox. The Board delegated the Chairman to discuss the matter with Mr. Cox to concentrate on the most delinquent taxes that are soon to be uncollectable, rather than the more recent levies.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and approved that the County enter into contract with the Council of Governments to make application for Columbus County for Community Development funds. The cost for making the application is \$500.00 for Columbus County to be paid to COG.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to appoint Mrs. Alice S. Wright of Tabor City to serve on the Nursing Home Advisory Committee. Mrs. Wright will replace Mr. C. H. Pinner who has resigned.

Mr. Hugh S. Nobles met with the Board to ask assistance in getting glasses as he is having a problem with his eyes and is unable to drive to Wilmington.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that Commissioner Williamson work with Mr. Nobles to get assistance through the Health Department Eye Clinic if possible.

Clayton Norton, Stuart Sasser, Evelyn Rabon and John Paul Lennon, with the Sheriff's Department, met with the Board and Mr. Lennon made a request to the Board that the employees of the Sheriff's Department have their vacation time computed as employees with continuous service, i.e., the time they were employed by the County and the time they were employed by the Public Safety Commission be considered as one employment.

A second request was made by Mr. Lennon that the County pick up the time these same employees were employed by the Public Safety Commission, and not any retirement system, and add that time back to their employment as continuous service. He further requested that any law enforcement officers who wished to transfer to the Law Enforcement Officers Retirement System from the Local Plan be allowed to do so and the County pay for the cost of the back time involved in the transfer.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved that the Law Enforcement Officers formerly with the Public Safety Commission

and transferred to the Sheriff's Department be allowed to compute their vacation time as continuous employees of the County as set out in the Personnel Administrative Policy. The motion further stated that the question of the retirement be tabled until further information can be presented as to the cost to the County and any other relevant information.

At 12:00 Noon it was announced that bids would be opened to purchase a tank and pump to be used by various County departments to store gasoline for their use.

No bids were received.

At 12:30 p.m. it was announced that bids would be opened to purchase a cab and chassis for the Solid Waste Department. The following bids were opened and recorded as follows:

Carolina Waste Equipment Hamlet, N. C.	Bid for Crane Carrier Cab & Chassis to be delivered in 30 to 45 days, \$46,378.00 including trade-in of Ford Cab & Chassis and change over of body and loader.
Atlantic Mac Sales Wilmington, N. C.	\$43,466.00 to be delivered in 30 days. Other same as above

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to appropriate funds from Surplus to purchase the Crane Carrier cab and chassis at a cost of \$46,378.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and approved to nominate George Bryant, Tabor City, N. C., to serve on the Area Planning Advisory Committee for Title XX Funds. Mr. Bryant replaces Mr. Calvin Williams who has not been active on the Committee.

There was a discussion of the termination of approximately 92 CETA Employees at the end of September, which is a requirement by CETA regulations that no person be employed under CETA over 18 months from April 1, 1978. The cost to the County to employ these 92 persons would be approximately \$113,000.00 for salaries and fringe benefits for one year.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson not to create any additional slots on the regular County payroll as a result of the termination of the CETA employees. This motion was not seconded.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Dew to create four additional slots on the County payroll as a result of the termination of the CETA employees; one at the Landfill as an equipment operator; one at the Dog Pound to assist the Dog Warden; one cook at the Law Enforcement Center and a Clerk at the Board of Elections.

The motion was carried by the following voting in favor of the motion:
Commissioners Hinson, Dew and Williamson.

Funds are to be appropriated from Surplus in the amount of \$23,635.00 for salaries and fringe benefits for the four employees.

There was a discussion of space that could be used by the Courts to hold juvenile court and non-jury court. The Board asked the Chairman to look into the possibility of using

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Columbus County Commissioners

ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING

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State of North Carolina
County of Columbus

To the Tax Collector of Columbus County

You are hereby authorized, empowered, and commanded to collect the taxes set forth in the tax records filed in the office of the Tax Supervisor and in the tax receipts delivered to you, in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise therein set forth. Such taxes are hereby declared to be a first lien upon all real property of the respective taxpayers in the County of Columbus, and this order shall be a full and sufficient authority to direct, require, and enable you to levy on and sell any real or personal property of such taxpayers, for and on account thereof, in accordance with law.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 20th day of
September, 1979.

Chairman, Board of Commissioners of
Columbus County

Waldo Marlowe

ATTEST:

Emogene W. Deppa
Clerk of Board of Commissioners
of Columbus County

a part of the space in the Old Board of Education Building that was used by SENCLand Community Action. It was restated that the use of the conference room at the Miller Building was a temporary arrangement for court use.

The following persons were appointed to compose an Involvement Council for Columbus County, upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Dew:

Ann Williamson
 Sue Prescott
 Bobbie DeWitt
 Betty McCaw
 Mamie Davis
 Robert Clark
 Brenda Troy
 Nancy Formyduval
 Helen Gamble
 Rev. Thad Prevatte
 Velma Haley
 Jeanette Wyche

There was a discussion about purchasing a copying machine to be used by offices in the Administrative Building. It was agreed that the Finance Officer could rent a machine until such time as advertisement could be made to purchase duplicating machine. The estimated cost would be \$4,100.00, but could be purchased on a lease-purchase plan. This plan would cost about \$1,000.00 during this fiscal year.

Chairman Marlowe read a letter from the Department of Cultural Resources stating that the Columbus County Courthouse has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. This was accepted by the Board as an honor for Columbus County. The Certificate is to be placed in the Courthouse when properly prepared for preservation.

Dempsey Herring, Recreation Department Director, presented each member of the Board a Certificate of Appreciation for their support in the creation of a County Recreation Department and their continued support of same. The Board also commended Mr. Herring on doing a good job.

Mrs. Maebelle McPherson met with the Board to ask assistance in the control of flooding in her area of the County (Beaver Dam). She stated that one family had been flooded in their home twice in recent months due to water not being able to pass through the opening at the bridge and causing water to back up and cause flooding. There was a discussion of problems at bridges on SR #s 1001, 1005 and 1324 that had caused flooding because the water could not get through the passages at the bridges.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that the Clerk write the Department of Transportation to ask that they study these three roads, SR #1001, 1005 and 1324, and try to relieve the problem at the bridges so the water can move through passages and not cause flooding.

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

WHEREAS, The County of Columbus held a public hearing pursuant to due advertisement as prescribed in the North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 157; and

WHEREAS, at the said public hearing and after the same it was determined that there does exist unsafe and unsanitary inhabitant dwelling accommodations in Columbus County and there also exists a lack of safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations in Columbus County which are available to all inhabitants thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners are interested in forming and participating in a reasonable housing authority of Brunswick and Columbus County, and possibly Pender County; and

WHEREAS, the reasonable housing authority of Columbus County Board of Commissioners would be a more efficient and economical administrative unit than a housing authority operated solely by the said County because of the small population of the County to carry out the purposes of the housing authorities' laws and amendments thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners is cognizant of the fact that one Commissioner would be appointed from the Columbus County Board of Commissioners to regional housing authority, and if there should be an even number of counties, then the Governor of the State of North Carolina will appoint the third commissioner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that there is a need for one regional housing authority to be created for Brunswick and Columbus Counties and possibly Pender County if it so elects to participate, in order to exercise the powers and other functions herein described, and that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to the housing authority laws of the State of North Carolina, determines and declares the following:

1. That unsafe and unsanitary inhabitant dwelling accommodations in Columbus County presently exists.

2. That there is a lack of safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations in the County of Columbus available to all inhabitants thereof.

3. That there is a need for the regional housing authority to function in the County of Columbus, and that the regional housing authority for the proposed region would be a more efficient and economical administrative unit than a single housing authority for Columbus County.

4. That the Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners be and is hereby directed to file the necessary certificates for adoption of the regional housing authority pursuant to the housing authority laws of the State of North Carolina.

5. That a lack of safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations in Columbus County, North Carolina, are available to all of the inhabitants thereof, at rents of which persons of low income can afford and therefore, these conditions compel such persons to occupy over-crowded and congested dwelling accommodations; and that the aforesaid conditions causes an increase and spread of disease and crime; and that the clearance and reconstruction of the areas where unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions exists for public use and purpose; and that it is in the public's interest that work on such projects be instituted as soon as possible in order to relieve the unemployment which now emerges; and it is necessary to the immediate preservation of the public area, health and safety that this resolution become effective without delay, and therefore, the same shall take effect as being in force and effect upon its' adoption.

6. That because of the conditions above described and the creation of the regional housing authority to function in Columbus, Brunswick, and possibly Pender Counties, N. C., to carry out the purposes of the housing authority laws of the State of N. C., are hereby declared to be a public purpose.

The Columbus County Board of Commissioners appoint _____ as Commissioner of the regional housing authority as representative of Columbus County, and the date and place of induction shall be after the formation of the authority. The term of office shall be one year and the proposed name for the corporative is The Columbus-Brunswick Regional Housing Authority. The principal office is the Cape Fear Council of Governments, 321 N. Front Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401.

Voting in favor of the Resolution were Commissioners Marlowe, Dew, Williamson, Hinson and McPherson

Voting against the Resolution were None.

Thereupon the Chairman declared the Resolution duly adopted.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m., September 27, 1979.

Approved:

Emogene W. Logg Clerk

Waldo Marlowe Chairman

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