

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., December 3, 1979, 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 Brantley Stevens, Piney Forest Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Chadbourn.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the November 19th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Williamson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that a sign, "Closed", be placed on the doors at the Courthouse on holidays when the Courthouse is not open for business and state the time the offices will open again.

Two projects for the Library and one for Southeastern Community College were presented to the Board for approval to be sent to CETA for funding.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to approve the applications to be presented to CETA for consideration for funding. The College application is for campus improvement and the Library relates to historical records for cemeteries in the County and old records in the Register of Deeds' Office.

Jo Anne Vereen, Social Services Director, met with the Board to discuss changes in the funding of Title Twenty services. She explained that additional funding of State and Federal dollars will be added to the budget for Title Twenty services and the funds appropriated by the County must be used to maintain a level of services and any funds over that level could be used to purchase additional services, such as chore services, day care, transportation, etc.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that the Social Services budget be amended to include the additional State and Federal aid with no increase in County appropriations.

The following persons were re-appointed to serve on the local Board of Health for the following terms, upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner

Hinson:	W. E. Brown and B. T. Elliott	One year
	Catherine Lee and Dr. Jerry Paschal	Two years
	Clarence Willoughby and Dr. J. T. Wyche	Three years

These terms are effective January 1, 1980.

The following persons were re-appointed to serve on the Board of Adjustments for the Town of Lake Waccamaw upon motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and upon the recommendation of the Lake Waccamaw Town Council:

James L. Council      Mary Niesler      Minnie Baird

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to nominate Joanne Barnes for a seat on the Southeastern Regional Mental Health Area Board. Mrs. Barnes is nominated for the seat vacated by Mr. William F. Floyd who does not wish to continue to serve.

It was agreed by the Board that any employee of the Department of Social Services would be allowed to participate in a bake sale to raise Christmas funds for children in foster homes as donations to this cause have not been received as usual from other sources. This matter is to be discussed with Mrs. Vereen, Social Services Director, by the County Attorney to be sure there is no conflict with any State or Federal regulations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and approved that the following persons be given complimentary copies of the County's historical book:

Present Commissioners and those in office in 1974  
 County Attorney and Attorney in 1974  
 County Finance Officer - Emogene W. Suggs  
 County Librarian - Amanda Bible  
 Editor - Ann Little  
 Indexer - Glen Ellen Jones  
 Bicentennial Chairmen - Wray Thompson and Ralph Woodard  
 Coordinators for each section:  
 Bogue                      Ray Wyche  
 Whiteville                Catherine Lee  
 Welches Creek            Frances Sessions  
 Western Prong            Estelle Fletcher  
 Tatum                      Claire McGirt  
 Fair Bluff                Bruce Powell, Jr.  
 Cerro Gordo              Mary Gibson Wilson  
 Chadbourn                Alice Lowe  
 Williams, South Williams, Bug Hill and Lees      Richard Wright  
 Waccamaw                Cathy Hege  
 Bolton                    Kenneth Dorward  
 Ransom                   Marguerite Scull  
 Library Copies:  
 Library of Congress                      (2)  
 North Carolina State Library  
 UNC- Chapel Hill, Carolina Collection  
 Columbus County Public Library      (4)  
 Review Copies:  
 THE NEWS REPORTER                      FAYETTEVILLE TIMES  
 COLUMBUS COUNTY NEWS                      RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER  
 TABOR CITY TRIBUNE                      CHARLOTTE OBSERVER  
 WILMINGTON MORNING STAR                      NORTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL REVIEW

It was also agreed that each named author and each person in the above list be permitted to purchase one copy at a 25% discount (\$7.50 during 1979 and \$9.25 after January 1, 1980). Bookstores that wish to purchase copies for resale will be given a 25% discount.

Named authors for Cerro Gordo are Frankie W. Strickland, Thomas A. Nance, Charles E. Sexon, Mrs. C. W. Yates and Anne S. Williamson.

Named authors for Williams Township are Mathaleen W. Inman, Virginia C. Anders, Louise F. Williams, Darryl D. McPherson, Mary A. Ward Hinson, Alice B. Williams, and Gertrude J. Butler.

Named authors for South Williams are Frances G. Cox, Suzanne Fowler, Lou Floy

Watts Milligan, John Sikes, Marvella D. Dorman and Grover Faulk.

Named author in Bug Hill is Leatus E. Indrihovic.

Named authors in Lees are Wilson Angeley, Archie D. Cumbee, Kenneth Hawes and Bridgette Williamson.

Named authors for Waccamaw are Linda Small, Betty L. Neilson and Cahty Singletary.

Named authors for Whiteville are Jane H. Lewis, Louise M. Covington, Eva W. Pope, David L. George, Kate B. Lyon, Louise White, Charles Worth, Annie M. Pridgen, Mabel W. Powell, Crissie White, Arthur Marshall, Margaret Scott, Zelma Maulsby, Reuben Kesner, Ray Justice and Sara E. Sledge.

Records: Charlotte L. Lowe, Olive B. Wright, John McNeill and Garland McCullen

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to allow the Finance Officer to disburse the payroll before the Christmas Holidays. This includes the CETA payroll.

A letter of resignation was read to the Board from Anne B. Hall, Associate Home Economics Agent, to be effective December 30, 1979. The resignation was accepted with regrets.

The Tax Collector's Report for the month of November was reviewed by the Board.

It was agreed by the Board that the time for swearing in of County Commissioners be in the mornings on the first Monday in December on election years, rather than at noon time which has been a tradition in the past.

Mr. B. A. Mills and Leo Suggs met with the Board to ask their assistance in solving some right-of-way problems on roads that have been approved for improvements. Several roads were discussed - 1432, 1401, 1806, 1145, 1929, 1418, 1532, 1857, 1004, 1726, - some needing only one signature for work to begin. Some of the Board Members agreed to visit the sites with the Right-of-Way Agent to look at the problems and assist in any way possible but assured Mr. Mills that they had no authority over any citizen that did not wish to sign a right-of-way.

At 12:00 Noon Chairman Marlowe stated that it was time to reorganize the Board for the ensuing year and asked the County Attorney to act as moderator.

Mr. Hill announced that the floor was open for nominations.

Commissioner McPherson nominated Commissioner Marlowe for Chairman and Commissioner Dew for Vice-Chairman, which is to remain as it presently is.

Commissioner Hinson nominated Commissioner Dew for Chairman and Commissioner McPherson for Vice-Chairman.

There being no other nominations, Mr. Hill declared the nominations closed.

Mr. Hill called for a vote for Commissioner Marlowe for Chairman and Commissioner Dew for Vice-Chairman.

Voting YES were Commissioners McPherson, Marlowe, Dew, Williamson and Hinson.

Voting NO were None

The Attorney announced that Commissioner Marlowe will serve as Chairman and Junior W. Dew as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

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

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Dempsey Strickland, Fair Bluff Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,000. for error in listing a bulk tobacco barn.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Tammy Renee Strickland, Fair Bluff Township, be released on the valuation of \$750. due to error in valuing automobile.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Norwood Graham Long, Bolton Township be released on the Valuation of \$10,390. due to error in listing a store.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Daniel Lesley Spaulding, Welches Creek Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,500. for disability exemption.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Jane P. Pate, Fair Bluff Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,390. for error in appraisal of house.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Calvin Barnes, Fair Bluff Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,310. for disability exemption.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Robert H. Britt Heirs, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,430. due to transposition of property.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of William Eugene Wright, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,620. due to moving house from property.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Carlton Lee Stanley, Bug Hill Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$300. due to error in transferring sold property.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Dempsey Strickland, Fair Bluff Township, in the amount of \$72.00 for 1978 and 1979 taxes paid in error.

By general agreement the Chairman was aughorized to purchase & install exhaust fans at the Law Enforcement Center as suggested by the Grand Jury.

Upon motion of Commissioner David L. McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Junior W. Dew, the meeting was adjourned until 1:30 p.m., December 4, 1979, at the Columbus County Administration Building in Whiteville, North Carolina

APPROVED:

*Emogene W. Suggs*  
Clerk

*Waldo Marlowe*  
Chairman

*See minutes  
of 12-17-79*

An adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, was held at 1:30 p.m., on December 4, 1979, in the Columbus County Administration Building in Whiteville, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting.

Present: Chairman C. W. Marlowe, Presiding, and Commissioners Junior W. Dew, Edward W. Williamson, David L. McPherson and L. A. Hinson

Absent: None

The Board of Commissioners received from the County Board of Elections a certified copy of the proceedings of said Board of Elections taken on December 4, 1979, evidencing said Board's determination of the results of the canvass of the returns of the special bond referendum held in the County of Columbus on December 1, 1979, upon the questions of approving \$1,100,000.00 Community College Bonds, \$500,000.00 Library Facilities Bonds and \$8,150,000.00 School Bonds of said County.

After said proceedings had been considered and reviewed by the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Hinson introduced the following resolution which was read:

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM HELD IN THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS ON DECEMBER 1, 1979 UPON THE QUESTIONS OF APPROVING \$9,750,000.00 BONDS

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

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, having received from the County Board of Elections of Columbus County a certified copy of the proceedings of said Board of Elections taken on December 4, 1979, evidencing said Board's determination of the results of the canvass of the returns of the special bond referendum held in the County of Columbus on December 1, 1979 upon the question of approving \$1,100,000 Community College Bonds, \$500,000 Library Facilities Bonds and \$8,150,000 School Bonds of said County, does hereby declare and certify the results of said referendum to be the results which are set forth in the following statement of the results of said referendum, which statement has been prepared by said Board of Commissioners:

STATEMENT OF THE RESULTS of the SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM held in the COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA on December 1, 1979, UPON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING \$9,750,000 BONDS

At a special bond referendum held in the County of Columbus on December 1, 1979, 24,284 voters were registered and qualified to vote.

At said referendum 1690 votes were cast for the order adopted on September 27, 1979, authorizing not exceeding \$1,100,000 Community College Bonds of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, 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, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 3325 votes were cast against

said order, and a majority of the qualified voters of said County who voted thereon at said referendum having voted against the approval of said order, said order was thereby not approved and is not in force and effect.

At said referendum 1474 votes were cast for the order adopted on September 27, 1979, authorizing not exceeding \$500,000 Library Facilities Bonds of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, 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, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 3478 votes were cast against said order, and a majority of the qualified voters of said County who voted thereon at said referendum having voted against the approval of said order, said order was thereby not approved and is not in force and effect.

At said referendum 1918 votes were cast for the order adopted on September 27, 1979, authorizing not exceeding \$8,150,000 School Bonds for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, for the purpose of providing funds to be expended in accordance with said order, 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, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 3160 votes were cast against said order, and a majority of the qualified voters of said County who voted thereon at said referendum having voted against the approval of said order, said order was thereby not approved and is not in force and effect.

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Section 2. The Finance Officer and Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus shall file a copy of the foregoing statement of the results of said referendum in her office and shall publish such statement once in THE NEWS REPORTER. A statement substantially in the following form shall be published with the foregoing statement:

Any action or proceeding challenging the regularity or validity of this bond referendum must be begun within 30 days after December 13, 1979

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

Upon motion of Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson, the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM HELD IN THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS ON DECEMBER 1, 1979 UPON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING \$9,750,000 BONDS" was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners C. W. Marlowe, Junior W. Dew, David L. McPherson, Edward W. Williamson and L. A. Hinson.

Noes: None

Bobbie DeWitt, CETA Coordinator, met with the Board and informed the Board that they would be allowed to replace slots that become vacant beginning December 1, 1979. She stated that there are now eight slots that will need replacements during the month of December due to the limit of time a person may be employed on CETA programs.

The Board assigned the slots as follows:

Cerro Gordo	one slot to be replaced
Chadbourn	one slot to be replaced
Recreation Dept.	one slot to be replaced
Fair Bluff	one slot to be replaced
Landfill	three new slots
Sheriff's Dept.	one new slot

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until December 17, 1979, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs Clerk

Waldo Marlowe Chairman