

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., January 7, 1980, 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 (Part-time)

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by The Reverend Clayton Price, Pastor, Bethel Methodist Church.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the December 17th meeting were approved upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Williamson, with the addition of the following resolution which was discussed on December 17th and generally agreed to but no motion was made:

NEW HORIZONS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN COLUMBUS COUNTY
AND HUD OFFICE OF FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICE OF
VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus, hereinafter referred to as the community, is receiving or applying for Federal subsidies administered by HUD for the purpose of improving housing and services of the community, including community development, for its low and moderate income residents;

WHEREAS, the community is required in receiving Federal subsidies to meet certain conditions to provide fair housing for people of all races, colors, creeds, national origins and both sexes;

WHEREAS, the community recognizes that it could take steps to improve the status of fair housing and fair lending above and beyond those actions required of it under the Federal Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, and section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974;

WHEREAS, the community has determined that the HUD-sponsored New-Horizons Fair Housing Assistance Project and its activities can enable the community to go beyond the basic requirements in promoting fair housing and fair lending;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the community agrees to enter into a voluntary relationship with the Office of Voluntary Compliance to participate in the New Horizons Fair Housing Assistance Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the community agrees to participate in a Region "O" fair housing strategy board or task force composed of influential citizens and others affected by fair housing programs. This group will develop an areawide fair housing strategy and action program. The community further agrees, after approval of the strategy

and program, to designate the Cape Fear Council of Governments to implement the strategy and program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a board member will be selected to serve on the Region "O" Task Force that was officially organized on November 13, 1979 and that the Board will meet at least on a quarterly basis after its first meeting. This Board will also monitor implementation of the program, in accordance with our guidelines on reporting, and provide periodic reports to the HUD Office to Voluntary Compliance, with a copy to the local HUD office.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Office of Voluntary Compliance, FH & EO, HUD will provide the community continuing technical assistance in this project.

/s/ Waldo Marlowe, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

It was further agreed upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Dew that Commissioner McPherson serve on the Region "O" Task Force.

Ila Penny, Register of Deeds, and Lacy R. Thompson, Clerk of Court, met with the Board to ask for a decision on who could use a portion of space in the northwest section of the Courthouse on the first floor. In the renovation of the Courthouse the space had been designated to be used by the Office of the Register of Deeds but the Clerk of Court has records stored there. Mrs. Penny stated that she needed the space and did not wish to share any space with the Clerk of Court. Mr. Thompson stated that he did not have available space to move the files into, and the records are current records and cannot be destroyed. The Board agreed to visit the Courthouse before adjournment and review the situation and make a decision on the space.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that the Health Department budget be amended to include \$3,952.00, a one time reimbursement from the State for sales tax on food used in the WIC Program, to purchase equipment.

The budget is to be amended to increase line items 10-355-01 and 10-590-74.

A letter was read to the Board from the Corp of Engineers relating to the Simmons Bay Flood Project. The letter stated that in their inspection of the Project that the necessary maintenance had not been done as agreed by a previous Board of Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that the Chairman arrange a meeting with Garland McCullen, Extension Chairman, and other interested parties to visit the Project and make a decision as to what action to take.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to appropriate up to \$6,000 to allow the Hospital Board of Trustees to enter into contract with Ledwell Associates for professional services in trying to secure a "Certificate of Need" for a skilled nursing service to be located in the Miller Building. This would be subject to a vote of the people should the Certificate be obtained.

Commissioner McPherson introduced the following resolution which was read aloud:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE COLUMBUS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AND POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY OF ITS INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS (FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO., INC. PROJECT), IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,200,000 TO FINANCE AN INDUSTRIAL PROJECT FOR FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO., INC.

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

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners has determined and does hereby declare as follows:

(a) The Board of Commissioners of the Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority (herein referred to as the "Authority") met on January 7, 1980 and took the following action in connection with the proposed issuance and sale of the Authority's Industrial Revenue Bonds (Franklin Electric Co., Inc. Project), in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,200,000.

1. approved and authorized the execution and delivery of the Lease Agreement, dated January 1, 1980, by and between the Authority and Franklin Electric Co., Inc. (the "Company");
2. approved and authorized the execution and delivery of an Assignment of Lease Rights, dated as of January 1, 1980, from the Authority to Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, N. A. and United Carolina Bank, Whiteville (the "Purchaser");
3. approved and authorized the execution and delivery of the Security Agreement dated as of January 1, 1980, by and between the Authority and the Purchasers;
4. approved and authorized the execution and delivery of a Deed of Trust, dated as of January 1, 1980, from the Authority to United Carolina Bank of Whiteville, Trustee, for the benefit of the Purchasers;
5. approved a Guaranty Agreement, dated as of January 1, 1980, from the Company to the Purchasers.
6. authorized the Authority's Industrial Revenue Bonds (Franklin Electric Co., Inc. Project), in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,200,000 and directed the execution and delivery of said Bonds; and
7. approved and authorized the Bond Purchase Agreement, dated as of January 1, 1980, among the Authority, the Purchasers and the Company, providing for the issuance of the Bonds.

(b) The Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus has reviewed the action taken by the Board of Commissioners of the Authority in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds, including a review of the documents authorized and approved as specific above in substantially the forms presented to the Board of Commissioners of the Authority at their meeting on January 7, 1980, and has made such other examination and investigation as it deems necessary and relevant as the basis for the approval set forth herein.

Section 2. Pursuant to and in satisfaction of the requirements of Section 159C-4(d) of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus hereby approves the issuance by the Authority of the Authority's Industrial Revenue Bonds (Franklin Electric Co., Inc. Project) in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,200,000.

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

Commissioner Williamson moved the passage of the foregoing resolution and Commissioner Dew seconded the motion, and the resolution was passed by the following vote and subject to review by the County Attorney.

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

NOES: None

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

Taxpayer	Township	Valuation
Fred T. Allgood	Whiteville	\$ 18,350 and 14,460
Ray Leamon Floyd	Whiteville	100
Joseph W. Griffin	Whiteville	1,590
Eugene F. & Leota Sears	Whiteville	1,000
Lawrence A. Sellers	Whiteville	2,500
Lloyd & Herman Thompson	Whiteville	2,100 & 1,800
Mrs. P. K. Strickland	Fair Bluff	3,500
Allied Chemical Co.	Fair Bluff	20,000
Walter Bullard Heirs	Fair Bluff	9,000
Walter R., Sr. & Helen W. Hayes	Fair Bluff	1,500
Ralph E. Strickland	Fair Bluff	1,000
James Immanuel Beck	Williams	550
S. C. Burroughs	Williams	3,350
Malene & Robert Coleman	Williams	2,650
L. M. Garrell	Williams	2,000
J. C. & Ludie Godwin	Williams	2,000
Joseph & Ethel Godwin	Williams	3,000
Louise B. Graham	Williams	1,000
Tyner Hilburn	Williams	4,000
L. B. McPherson	Williams	800
Dewey Simmons	Williams	400
Donald B. Spivey	Williams	3,000
Robert L. & Sarah Blackwell	Cerro Gordo	6,500
F. M. Bullock Heirs	Cerro Gordo	1,000
John Coleman	Cerro Gordo	2,500
F. M. Hayes, Jr.	Cerro Gordo	7,210
Mitchell Page	Cerro Gordo	1,500
Bobby Gerald & Edith S. Brown	Tatum	2,500
Marvin Shaw	Tatum	500
Mrs. Jesse L. Williamson	Tatum	3,650
Mrs. Jeanette Clemmons	Bug Hill	2,600
Charles P. Gore	Bug Hill	34,680
Clyde B. Gore	Bug Hill	1,200
Harold K. Gore	Bug Hill	1,500
John Delbert & Betty Long	Bug Hill	7,670
Ernest L. Prince, Jr.	Bug Hill	700
Inez G. H. Spivey	Bug Hill	2,000
Calvin Stanley	Bug Hill	5,150, 10,250 & 100
Clarence Smith	Bolton	1,100
Robert J. Blackwell	Whiteville	5,000
Palmer C. Bellamy	Williams	1,770
Floyd McPherson	Williams	800

The following resolution was passed upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner McPherson:

RESOLUTION CONCERNING AGREEMENT TO UNDERTAKE DEVELOPMENT OF A 201
FACILITIES PLAN

WHEREAS, it is desired by Columbus County to insure the provision of wastewater treatment services and facilities in a most effective manner; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County recognizes the benefits which can accrue from the cooperative planning of such services and facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

(1) Columbus County does hereby agree to cooperate, but not participate, with the Town of Tabor City in the preparation of a 201 Facilities Plan as required by Public Law 92-500, and in conformity with Federal regulations governing facility planning.

(2) Columbus County agrees to the designation of the Town of Tabor City to serve as the "Lead Agency" for making application and for preparing the facility plan for the area, provided that such designation is not meant to presume or otherwise imply any particular role of the Lead Agency concerning the provision of sewer services or facilities since such determinations are to be agreed upon among the jurisdictions as a part of developing the plan.

(3) Columbus County does not agree to pay a pro-rata share of the cost of preparing such a plan based on the share of population residing within the Tabor City facility as defined by the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

(4) The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County is hereby authorized to execute the agreement for the Town of Tabor City to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

This the 8th day of January, 1980.

/s/ Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

The following resolution was passed upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner McPherson:

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE CONTINUATION OF REVENUE SHARING

WHEREAS, the State and Local Government Fiscal Control Act of 1972, as amended, will expire on September 30, 1980; and

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board that there is much debate in Congress as to whether to continue this appropriation beyond its current authorization; and

WHEREAS, through December 30, 1979, the County of Columbus has received an amount in excess of \$5,573,821.00 in General Revenue Sharing; and

WHEREAS, these funds have been spent to benefit the citizens of the County in Education, Sanitation, Health and Police Protection, both for current expense and capital improvements.

WHEREAS, if the County of Columbus had to raise this amount of money in support

of these services, the ad valorem tax rate would have to be increased by an average of 26¢ for each year; and

WHEREAS, the General Revenue Sharing Program has the lowest administrative costs of any of the federal assistance programs, is distributed equitably to local and State governments, provides counties with much needed flexibility in delivering locally determined services and programs; and

WHEREAS, this Board feels that the General Revenue Sharing Program should be continued on its present basis,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus as follows:

1. That this Board hereby endorses the continuation of the State & Local Government Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972;
2. That copies of this resolution shall be sent to The Honorable Jesse Helms and The Honorable Robert Morgan, U. S. Senators; and The Honorable Charlie Rose, U. S. Representative.
3. That this resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

This the 7th day of January, 1980.

/s/ Waldo Marlowe, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Sheriff Clayton Norton and Chief Deputy Stuart Sasser met with the Board to discuss the reinstatement of a detective division in the Sheriff's Department. Deputy Sasser stated that everything was "lined-up" to set up a detective division if the County would hire a record-keeping secretary to work full time. This would relieve George Dudley to go out on the road and do investigative work. He would serve both the County and the incorporated areas. The Department is now using a CETA slot as a secretary but that slot will terminate on January 29, 1980.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to hire a full time secretary in the Sheriff's Department at a rate of \$3.50 per hour (\$606.66 per month) , to begin work on January 30, 1980, to allow the Sheriff to set up a detective division.

There was a discussion concerning an agriculture fair for Columbus County. The Law Enforcement Officers' Association wishes to sponsor such a fair. They are in the process of leasing 20 acres of property from the State to be used as the location for the fair. The property is located near the County Airport. The Board of Commissioners agreed to accept the property, if necessary, for use by the Association and endorsed the idea of the fair upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until January 21, 1980, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs CLERK

Waldo Marlowe CHAIRMAN