

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., February 4, 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 Commissioner L. A. Hinson.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the January 21st meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner McPherson.

A group of approximately 10 persons, interested in handicapped children, met with the Board to request supplement funds from the County for a summer program for trainable handicapped children. This program would be for both mentally and physically handicapped trainable children. Parents and friends have been raising funds by donations for a summer program but due to higher costs and lesser donations, they have been unable to raise the necessary funds. Mr. Alexander Singletary was spokesman for the group.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to appropriate \$3,500 to supplement a summer program for handicapped children for the months of June and July.

Commissioner McPherson asked the group for the name of a contact person to work with him in trying to secure a grant as another source of funds for this type of program.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that supplies be purchased to repair the ceiling in the Dog Pound and that Johnnie Powell do the work.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to enter into contract with the NC Department of Commerce to conduct energy inspections and make the necessary reports to the NC Energy Division. The County is to be reimbursed \$20.00 for each completed inspection.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the County appropriate \$517.00 for matching funds to participate in a program for the Sheriff's Department to hire a specialist in juvenile behavior. The grant will fund the salary and fringe benefits. (Project No. 14-180-D03-C059)

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to approve the appropriation of \$514.80 per year (\$42.90 per month) for a salary adjustment for Dale Ward who is to be transferred from patrol duties to detective duties. This is to become effective February 15th as requested by Sheriff Norton.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to increase mileage allowance from 17¢ per mile to 19¢ per mile effective February 1, 1980. This is in agreement with State policy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to appoint Chairman Marlowe to be in charge of renting the County Farm allotments for the year 1980 at the best possible price.

The following tax releases were approved upon motion by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and recommended by Ralph Jolly, Tax Supervisor:

Robert O. High	Williams Township	\$ 3,000.00	Valuation
Lewis C. Ward	Bug Hill Township	250.00	"
A. Crowell Hinson	Williams Township	2,350.00	"
J. C. Bell, Jr.	South Williams Township	700.00	"
Royal S. Cribb	Williams Township	440.00	"
Mitchell D. Cartrette	Williams Township	1,250.00	"
Grady J. & Mary Cribb	Whiteville Township	300.00	"
Lonnie M & Shirley Hewett	Bug Hill Township	600.00	"
Joe Stanley	Bug Hill Township	750.00	"
James O. Watts	Williams Township	800.00	"
Cromwell & Mary Sellers	Williams Township	2,320.00	"
Eva Mae Wallace	Cerro Gordo Township	3,500.00	"
George Houston Benton	Whiteville Township	1,200.00	"
Needham Gore III & Debra Hughes	Bug Hill Township	2,000.00	"
Crannel & Bertha Rawls	Whiteville Township	2,600.00	"
John F. Gardner, Jr.	Whiteville Township	27,040.00	"
John Jr. & Sarah Beese	Whiteville Township	500.00	"

The above releases were due to duplication of property on late list, improvements made after January 1, 1979, corrections made to give advantage of exemption for Elderly and permanently Disabled, or error in appraisal.

Other releases are as follows:

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of John Jr. & Sarah Beese, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$6,460.00 for Senior Citizens Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of J. H. & R. L. Fowler, Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$790.00 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Raymond Lee Creekmore, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$68.17 in the Sanitary District and charge him taxes in the Fire District which is a lesser amount by \$68.17.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Laurine & Lester Stanley, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$13,090.00 due to error in listing house in wrong township and was double listed.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Ervin Jonathan Duncan, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$18,730.00 due to an error in transfer of a lot.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Charles Lee Nance, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,500.00 for the Senior Citizens Exemption.

Ordered: that a refund be given Mrs. Elizabeth W. Baldwin, Western Prong Township, due to an error in appraising her property. The amount of the refund is \$12.00.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Pioneer Savings & Loan Association, Whiteville Township, in the amount of \$13.80 for taxes paid for Herbert Ezzell. Mr. Ezzell was listed on the releases in the January 21st releases and his taxes had been paid for 1979.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Robert Lee & Janis P. King, 215 Ole Farm Trail, Whiteville Township, in the amount of \$90.00 due to an error in listing his Mother's property on his abstract for 1979.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Franklin Harvey Powell, South Williams Township, in the amount of \$268.80 for 1979 taxes double listed on a tobacco harvester valued at \$22,400.00.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Walter Ward, Williams Township, in the amount of \$60.00 for 1979 taxes paid in error. Barns are to be listed in 1980 for the first time.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to appoint Commissioner Dew to serve on the Social Services Board to replace Edison Burns who has served the maximum time on that Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to assign a CETA slot for a policeman to the Town of Brunswick.

Information was received, by phone, from Wyatt Blanchard that there would be a rezoning request heard by the Zoning Board at the Holiday Motel at 12:00 Noon concerning rezoning property in the City of Whiteville owned by Dewey Hill. The property is adjoining County owned property between West Smith Street and Washington Street. There was a discussion of the matter with the County Attorney and the following motion was passed:

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the County Attorney inform the City of Whiteville Planning & Zoning Board that the County Commissioners have no objections to the rezoning request made by Dewey Hill to reclassify the property from O&I property to B-1 (Codes used by Zoning Board).

Mitchell Fullwood, Salesman for "Slick 50", met with the Board and gave a presentation on the benefits of using "Slick 50" in County owned vehicles, principally to increase gas mileage. The Board made no commitment to purchase the product at this time but stated they would consider it.

The Board instructed the Clerk to contact the appointed electrical inspectors in the County and request that they meet with the Board at their next regular meeting to discuss a fee schedule for electrical inspections in Columbus County.

Ms. Jane Fonvielle, Special Assistant to Charlie Rose, met with the Board to ask their assistance in promoting an accurate census taking in the County. She stated the most important aspects of promotion are to let the people know that no name or social security number goes into the computer with the information reported and all information is confidential. She will furnish each Board Member with pamphlets of information to help educate the public on the important uses of census information.

The Chairman told the Board that they would visit the Simmons Bay Project as soon as the weather will allow. This visit is in relation to the report from the Corp of Engineers stating that the canal is not being maintained as agreed in the Contract.

There was a discussion of the removal of the old FHA House on West Smith Street. Three persons, F. M. Cartret, Ace McPherson and Giles Byrd, have expressed some interest in moving the house. The Board agreed for Commissioner McPherson and Commissioner Williamson to work with the above to get the house moved with the stipulation that the lot be cleaned after the house is moved and that after agreeing to move the house, that it be done within 90 days. As a matter of information, the house has been advertised for sale in the past with no response.

Bobbie DeWitt, CETA Coordinator, met with the Board, along with Winnie Cook and Dean Fox, College Personnel, to discuss plans for a training program for CETA employees. The program would include aptitude, achievement and interest assessment before placing the prospective employee on a job. The Board endorsed the idea.

Fifteen per cent of CETA funds are designated for training purposes for CETA employees. This would be spent for supplies and materials and the College would furnish space and instructors.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to amend the Health Department Budget in the amount of \$8,367.00 per letter on file from Dr. Black. (Revenue account 10-350-03; Expense account 10-594-00).

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until February 18, 1980, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Enoque W. Logg
Clerk

Waldo Marlowe
Chairman