

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 8, 1980, Monday being a legal holiday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

C. Waldo Marlowe, Chairman (Part-time)  
 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 Dennis Phillips, Music Minister, First Baptist Church, Whiteville.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the March 17th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner McPherson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and approved that the Packaged Disaster Hospital inventory, which has been released by State and federal agencies, be placed in the custody of Howard Stanley, Emergency Management Coordinator, Mr. Stanley is to distribute the equipment and materials to various agencies, with priority given to County agencies that are funded by the County Commissioners. The inventory, now stored in Tabor City, is to be recorded and kept by the County as to where the distribution is made.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that the County appropriate \$6,381.83, from Surplus, as 20% matching funds to purchase three vehicles to be used by SENClard Community Action in the transportation program they operate for various county agencies. This Project is #829-Department of Transportation.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the Attorney place an advertisement in the local paper to purchase 50 containers for the Solid Waste Department.

Mr. Ivey requested that the Board purchase a used dump truck from State surplus, as sharing a truck with the Department of Recreation was not adequate for both Departments. The Board asked Mr. Ivey to find out if any are available and the approximate price.

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

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Donald G. Harrelson, Welches Creek Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,975.00 for taxes listed in error.

Ordered: that the 1969 through 1979 taxes listed in the name of Lamar Rogers, Waccamaw Township, be cancelled as the ½ acre of land listed to Mr. Rogers does not exist.

Ordered: that a refund check be given to Dally Tyree, Whiteville Township, in the amount of \$8.40 due to an error in listing a heating system.

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

I, Waldo Marlowe, in my official capacity HEREBY CERTIFY that I am an officer, namely Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, a corporation duly and existing under the laws of North Carolina; that at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of this organization, duly and regularly convened and held on the 8th day of April, 1980, at which a quorum for the transaction of business was present and acting throughout, the following resolution was duly adopted, and is still in full force and effect, and appears as follows:

RESOLVED: That Emogene W. Suggs, Finance Officer for Columbus County, be and hereby is authorized and empowered to sell, assign, transfer or deliver any and all stocks, bonds, evidences of interest, rights and all other securities, now or hereafter, standing in the name of or belonging to this organization in any capacity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of this organization on this the 8th day of April, 1980.

SEAL

/s/ Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to authorize the Chairman to sign the continuing contract with the Soil Conservation Service in preparation of a County-wide soil survey. The Contract has been in effect since 1975 but the State is now furnishing a full time soil scientist and the signature of all agencies who are participating in the Survey must sign the contract.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that the Attorney advertise for gasoline bids for all Departments that use gasoline from County owned tanks.

Jo Anne Vereen, Social Services Director, and Marion Duncan, Administrative Assistant to Dr. Black, met with the Board and presented a proposed pay scale for employees under the competitive service system. The scale is the same scale as recommended by the State Personnel Office for 1979-80 and reflects about a 10% increase above the present pay plan used by Columbus County (Present Plan is one used by State in 1977).

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that Columbus County adopt the Plan as presented by Mrs. Vereen and Mrs. Duncan for competitive service employees and that the Plan be forwarded to the State Office for approval (or disapproval). The Plan is to become effective July 1, 1980, if adopted by the State Office.

A request was made to the Board, by letter, from Mr. E. L. Green, Elections Board Chairman, to sell voting booths, Model B collapsible booths, as they have been declared surplus by the Board of Elections. This request was tabled until a later meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that if Mr. Jerry Tyler does not follow through with the contract to move the house on West Smith Street within two weeks, the offer is suspended. (Minutes of 3/17/80)

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to amend the budget of the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$25,000 for gasoline and tires (Line Item 510-31) and that the appropriation be made from Surplus. This request was made by Deputy Sasser.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the Council of Governments make application for Columbus County for a 701 Planning Grant to hire a planner or consultant to prepare the following for Columbus County:

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| Proposed Subdivision Regulations | Solid Waste Plan Coordination |
| " " Mobile Home Park Ordinance   | Capital Improvements Program  |
| Prime Farm Land Study            | ID Target Area Study          |

The above application is subject to review by the County Attorney.

Mr. Jerry Ramsey informed the Board that the pre-application for a Community Development Grant has been approved by HUD and COG will now make application for the grant which is to be for rehabilitation of homes in the Hallsboro and Brunswick areas of Columbus County, which have been designated as target areas.

Mr. E. D. Meares, representing Columbus County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squads made a request to the Board for an increased appropriation to each Unit in the upcoming budget. He based his request on increase in the price of gasoline.

A letter was given to the Board from the Soil Conservation Service in response to the request for a study on the drainage and flooding problem in the Cedar Branch area. The report indicated that the bridge opening was adequate for the drainage in that area as explained by Mr. Kenyon to Commissioner Hinson, who relayed the explanation to the Board.

Mr. J. L. Stanley met with the Board to express interest in continuing the ambulance service under the same contract that he now operates under with Columbus County. He reported that he had driven 33,790 miles in the past nine months, transported 294 patients and has outstanding accounts of \$7,638.00. The Board will consider renewal of the Contract at budget time.

The Board agreed to sell a dragline and generator at the Landfill that was purchased from State surplus and has been kept the required time limit before it can be sold. The Attorney was asked to advertise that the above be sold at public auction.

Deputy Sasser presented the Board with specifications to purchase 12 new autos for the Sheriff's Department - five compact and seven full size autos. No action was taken at this time.

The following resolution of cooperation was passed upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson:

RESOLUTION OF COOPERATION BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN COLUMBUS  
AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, recognize the fact that the Columbus County's Sheriff's Department requires the cooperation and assistance of various law enforcement agencies in order to provide law enforcement protection for the citizens of Columbus County, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Statutes, Section 160A-288, as amended, provides that the governing body of the county may temporarily provide assistance in providing law enforcement manpower to another law enforcement agency in order to enforce the laws of the State of North Carolina, if requested in writing by the head of the requesting agency; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, deems it prudent and advisable to cooperate with various agencies in accordance with the said Statutes;

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, that the Columbus County Sheriff's Department is hereby authorized by this resolution to act and work in accordance with any law enforcement agency as provided for in North Carolina General Statutes 160A-288, as amended, and that each law officer shall have the same duties and responsibilities and powers as set forth in the General Statutes, and that each shall be entitled to Workmen's Compensation or the same benefits when acting pursuant to the said Section and as provided in the said Section.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Attested to: /s/ Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

/s/ C. W. Marlowe, Chairman

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until April 9, 1980, at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs  
Clerk

C. W. Marlowe  
Chairman