

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., November 3, 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
(Latter Part)

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 October 20th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson.

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

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Vernon E. "Jiggs" Powers has been a longtime sports writer; and

WHEREAS, Powers has recently announced his semi-retirement and relinquished his duties as sports editor of THE NEWS REPORTER, a position he has held for the past thirty-five years; and

WHEREAS, the said "Jiggs" Powers has been a dedicated sports writer, promoting athletics and sportsmanship through his coverage of area athletic events, and reporting these activities to state news media; and

WHEREAS, Powers has generated interest in sports activities through his reporting, and has been an inspiration and offered encouragement to coaches and athletes for many years; and

WHEREAS, numerous individuals, athletic teams and schools would not have received due recognition had it not been for "Jiggs" Powers' interest and dedication; and

WHEREAS, several athletes most likely received scholarship recognition and honor as a result of Powers' reporting of their athletic talents; and

WHEREAS, persons who are interested in sports activities recognize and are indebted to "Jiggs" Powers for his dedicated, devoted and untiring service on behalf of the general welfare of sports activities and wish to acknowledge formally their appreciation to the said "Jiggs" Powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY that December 28, 1980, be designated as "Jiggs" Powers' Day in Columbus County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution of appreciation be unanimously adopted for the distinguished service rendered by Vernon E. "Jiggs" Powers to sports activities and to players, coaches and sports fans, and that said resolution be spread upon the minutes as

record, and that a copy of same be transmitted to said Vernon E. "Jiggs" Powers.

Adopted this the 3rd day of November, 1980.

/s/ Waldo Marlowe
 /s/ Junior Dew
 /s/ Edward W. Williamson
 /s/ L. A. Hinson
 /s/ David L. McPherson

ATTEST: /s/ Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

A delegation of approximately 30 persons from the Beaver Dam section of the County, met with the Board urging the Board to thoroughly investigate the possible dangers that may result from the proposed aluminum plant to be located in Columbus County. The delegation was primarily farmers and Jake Godwin acted as spokesman. He stated that they were not opposed to the plant but were very concerned about the welfare of their farmland and their livelihood. It was stated that information had been received from a Mrs. Putman in Frederick County Maryland that extensive damages to her family and farmland had resulted from chemicals from a similar aluminum plant in Maryland. The delegation was very concerned and told the Board that they expected them to take action to not allow permits to be finalized until the report could be investigated.

The Board, along with input from the group, decided to attend a meeting to be held at Williams Township School on Wednesday Night to hear Wells Edelman, an environmental teacher in the Durham area, on the potential damages of a smelter. Also Garland McCullen, Extension Chairman, and Jack Ervin, Economic Development Director, are to be contacted and requested to get information from Frederick County on the reported damages from the Extension Agent in that County and from the area where the plant is located for the meeting on Wednesday.

After the meeting, it will be decided if a delegation will go to Maryland, or what steps are needed to clarify the matter. Commissioners McPherson and Hinson were delegated by the Board to go to Maryland if a decision is made to go. Others designated by the Board to accompany them were Garland McCullen and Jack Ervin.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that the road petition presented to the Board by Randy Thomas, be added to the State System subject to the approval of Andy Mills, District Engineer. The road is located off SR #1558 and known as the Jane Lewis Estate Road in Whiteville Township.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to endorse and support the following resolution by the Cape Fear Council of Governments:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GENERAL REVENUE SHARING

WHEREAS, the Cape Fear Council of Governments is authorized by North Carolina General Statutes and by agreement of local units of government in Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender Counties to study issues affecting more than one unit of local government; and

WHEREAS, the Cape Fear Council of Governments' Executive Committee has polled its member governments and has determined that General Revenue Sharing is overwhelmingly supported as the most beneficial and economically administered federal aid program to local units of government in the region; and

WHEREAS, many units of local government will immediately have to reduce services or increase taxes to an unbearable level without General Revenue Sharing; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress recessed for the national elections without extending the General Revenue Sharing Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee serving Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender Counties supports:

1. The immediate consideration of the General Revenue Sharing bills in the Senate and House of Representatives.
2. The reauthorization of General Revenue Sharing as an entitlement program with no strings attached to local units of government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee, on behalf of local units of government in the four-county planning area, opposes all efforts to kill, cripple, weaken, or change the General Revenue Sharing Program.

Adopted this the 23rd day of October, 1980

/s/ David L. McPherson, Chairman
COG Executive Committee

Copies of the above action is to be sent to U. S. Senators and Representatives of this district for consideration.

The Board of Commissioners was advised that a proposed contract, between the County of Columbus and North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, for the provision of planning services was presented and discussed; that under the terms of the said contract, the County of Columbus will pay a total of \$5,600.00 as its local share of the planning costs.

Commissioner McPherson introduced the following resolution, which was read:

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS:

1. That the contract between the County of Columbus and the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development be and the same is hereby approved.
2. That the Chairman and the Clerk to the Board be and they are hereby authorized to sign and execute the said contract for and on behalf of the County of Columbus and forward same to the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development,
3. That upon final execution, a copy of said contract be filed with the minutes.

Upon motion by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson, said resolution was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed authorizing the Chairman to sign the Agreement with the Department of Human Resources to allow Columbus County to use the Lower Cape Fear Juvenile Detention Center in New Hanover County for detention of Columbus County juveniles and that the County pay \$15.00 per day for each juvenile retained by the Center that is authorized by the courts.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed authorizing the Chairman to sign the Emergency Temperature Restriction Program Contract with the Department of Commerce contracting with the County to check temperature in various

designated buildings for compliance with federal temperature restrictions.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and recommended by the Tax Supervisor to approve the following tax releases:

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of James A. and Ruth Spears, Bogue Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$4,090.00 due to an error in transferring property.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Marie C. Deegan, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$11,520.00 due to a house burning in August, 1979.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Lila S. Daugherty, Lees Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$675.00 due to an error in listing a 1969 pick-up.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of W. P. Smith Heirs, Bolton Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,890.00 for Senior Citizens Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Carl Eugene Blanton, Ransom Township, released on the valuation of \$5,970.00 due to an error in appraisal of property.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes (1979 pickup) listed in the name of Carl Eugene Blanton, Ransom Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$5,220.00 due to an error in listing building not on property January 1, 1979.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Calvin & Ruth Helen Stanley, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$12,500.00 due to an error in listing bulk barns that are leased and listed to Barclay's Leasing Company, Whiteville Township.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Maxine Coleman, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,600.00 due to house burning in 1979.

Ordered: that the 1975-1980 taxes listed in the name of Archie Watts, Lees Township, be cancelled due to double listing of property valued at \$550.00.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Daniel L. & Genise Brown, Bolton Township, be released on the valuation of \$16,040.00 due to Appraiser picking up value on finished house and it was only 60% finished as of January 1, 1980.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Isaac & Doris Isabell Shipman, Whiteville Township, for Senior Citizens Exemption, in the amount of \$86.45. Mr. Shipman had given lister wrong birthdate.

The above were approved to be released or cancelled as applicable.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to accept the resignation of Catherine Lee from the Area Alcoholic Advisory Board and the Clerk was instructed to write Ms. Lee a letter of appreciation for her service.

Informal bids were reviewed for re-roofing Sadler Hall at the Miller Building, as follows:

E. L. Hawks, Roofing & Sheet Metal	\$ 15,000.00
A & M Roofing Company	17,797.50
Nobles Roofing & Sheet Metal Company	15,216.70

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson to accept the bid from Nobles Roofing & Sheet Metal Company. Commissioner Dew made a motion to table the decision and get bids on specific specifications, all equal.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that a public hearing be held on December 8, 1980, at 7:30 p.m., in the Chadbourn Civic Center to allow citizens to be heard on the proposed establishment of a service district in the area around the Town of Chadbourn and described as follows:

The boundaries of the service district will be four road miles from central fire station of the Township boundary, whichever occurs first EXCEPT a portion of Whiteville Township that is served by the Chadbourn Rural Water Association's system.

The area within Chadbourn Township is as follows:

Beginning at a point on Highway 410 North 1.2 miles beyond the intersection of SR 1572, thence in a straight line to a point (2) on SR 1572, about 1/10 mile west of its intersection with SR 1005. This point is approximately where the yellow line begins west of SR 1005; thence in a straight line to point (3) on SR 1005, north of the Henry Thompson home and south of C. A. Hooks' home. It is believed that the NCFIO would include the Hooks' home in the District); thence the boundary would be the east boundary of Chadbourn Township to SR 1429 at Benton's Mill Pond, point (4); thence with Chadbourn Township boundary to point (5) on SR 1428; thence in a straight line to point (5A) on SR 1005, which is 7/10 mile south of the intersection of SR 1005 and SR 1428; thence in a straight line to point (6) on Highway 410 south, which is 7/10 mile south of North Carolina Forestry Service tower and 4/10 mile north of intersection on Highway 410 and SR 1004; thence in a straight line to point (7) on SR 1300, which is near the entrance to the Noel Causey home; thence in a straight line to point (8) at the intersection of SR 1419 and SR 1412; thence in a straight line to point (9), which is the intersection of SR 1414 and the Chadbourn/Cerro Gordo Township boundaries; thence with the western boundary of Chadbourn Township to its intersection with Highway 410 north, which is the beginning point (1).

A further motion was passed to designate Ralph Jolly, Tax Supervisor to certify the mailing of notice of hearing and a map of proposed district to each property owner in the proposed district in accordance with G.S. 153A-302 (c).

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to approve the appropriation of \$5,250.00 in matching funds to Sencland Community Action to obtain \$21,000 from Section 16 (b) (2) funds for public transportation. These funds are designated to purchase two buses.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to appropriate \$1,753.00 additional funds for services to the aged that are provided by Sencland Community Action under Title III. Five thousand dollars were appropriated for this program in the budget. Funds for the two above appropriations are to be appropriated from Surplus.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to allow the Tax Collector to hire an additional clerk to work in that department. The position is to be a permanent position and the Tax Collector is given the authority to advertise the position, review the applications and select a person for the position to begin work in December 1st at a salary of \$7,956.00 annually.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to change the position of Janice Ezzell from temporary to permanent and it was stipulated that the position will expire concurrent with CETA Programs Title II & VI.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to increase the salary of Janie Wallace, Clerk at Board of Elections, to the same

amount as that of Mrs. Ezzell and that the Elections budget be amended in the amount of \$504.00 from Surplus.

Reports were presented to the Board by Hugh Clark, FmHA Administrator, and the Grand Jury for the month of October.

The Board commended Mr. Clark for doing a good job and the Chairman expressed appreciation for the FmHA office being in Columbus County to make loans to citizens of the County.

No action was necessary from the Grand Jury Report.

Mitchell Tyler, Supt., County Schools' Administrative Unit, met with the Board to invite them to visit the County schools during National Education Week which is November 16th through 23rd.

Applications were presented to the Board for the position of County Planner. A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson to table the review of the applications until the first of December. Commissioner McPherson requested that it be noted that he was absent from the meeting at the time this action was taken as phone calls were being made as the result of the delegation from Beaver Dam.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until November 17, 1980, which is regular meeting time.

APPROVED:

Ernestine W. Suggs
Clerk

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Chairman