

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., February 2, 1981, it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Edward W. Williamson, Chairman

L. A. Hinson, Vice-Chairman (Absent)

C. Waldo Marlowe,

Junior W. Dew

Lynwood Norris

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney (Absent)

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by Thom Billington.

Commissioner Hinson was absent from this meeting to visit Brunswick County with Jerry Ledwell, Architect, working with Columbus County in relation to the proposed nursing center.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the January 19th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Norris and seconded by Commissioner Dew.

Jerry Ramsey and Linda Bedo from the Council of Governments met with the Board to discuss updating Columbus County's Transportation Development Plan. Mr. Ramsey stated that funds are available from the State to update the Plan on a 90% basis with the County furnishing 10% matching funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that the COG make application for a grant to update the County's Transportation Plan and that \$300 to \$400 be appropriated from Surplus for the County's matching share. COG is to conduct the study

Ms. Bedo discussed the possibility of developing a senior citizens center in the County. She stated that \$7,000 are available from State funds to be used in developing a center in the County but would probably only be enough funds to renovate an existing structure. It was suggested by the Board that Ms. Bedo contact the Committee of Senior Citizens that works with RSVP and get some input from them on the matter, then return to the Board to discuss further.

It was brought to the attention of the Board, by the Chairman, that the grant under which the Juvenile Officer is working, has expired. The Clerk was instructed to call the Sheriff and remind him of the expiration of the grant and also tell the Sheriff that the Board does not favor adding any additional employees to the County payroll to be paid from County funds.

Mr. B. A. Mills, DOT Engineer, met with the Board as a result of a letter from Ervin Stocks and Robert Gore requesting that the Board proceed with assessing property owners

on SR 1967 (Waccamaw Shores) to collect funds to be matched by State funds, to pave said Road. Mr. Mills stated to the Board that the Board of Commissioners must initiate the proceedings. The Board agreed to proceed by asking that the Attorney take the proper action.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed that Thurmond Chestnutt and Deother Melvin be appointed to serve on the Juvenile Task Force to replace Dan Biser and Dempsey Herring. Mr. Biser resigned and Mr. Herring did not attend the meetings in accordance with the Task Force by-laws. The term for Mr. Chestnutt will expire June 30, 1981 and Mr. Melvin's term will expire on June 30, 1983.

A letter was presented to the Board by the Chairman, from Commissioner Wayland Vereen, Brunswick County Commissioner. Mr. Vereen was inquiring if the Columbus County Commissioners wish to participate in a study for a regional incineration system for disposing of solid waste.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to appoint Commissioners Norris and Dew to work with Brunswick County on the study, but no County funds are to be spent on the study.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to accept \$55,000.00 from Title II-D funds for CETA slots as an addition to the present Contract.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to delegate Commissioner Dew to get a cost figure for installing tile on the floor of the center waiting room and two short halls at the Department of Social Services and report to the Board at their next meeting.

The following Resolution was passed by the Board upon motion by Commissioner Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Norris:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, recognized that there presently exists a shortage of energy within the United States, and in particular in Columbus County, North Carolina, and that it is proper to conserve all energy as much as is practical; and

WHEREAS, that the State of North Carolina has offered a consultant's time and experience toward the proper conservation of energy within Columbus County, North Carolina;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina that a committee be established and is to consist of 10 members, one of which is to be the Columbus County Emergency Management Coordinator, who will assist in implementing, as much as practical and feasible, the recommendations of the County and State personnel concerning the conservation of energy on County property.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BY: /s/ Edward W. Williamson, Chairman

Members appointed to the above Committee are:

Howard Stanley, Chairman

Lewis Strickland, Paul Hughes, Garland McCullen, Amanda Bible, Rodney Hammonds, Tracy Floyd, Jimmy Garrell and one person from each of the electric power companies.

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

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of John F. Worley, Cerro Gordo Township, be released on the valuation of \$16,250.00 due to an error in listing property to Mr. Worley that belongs to his son and is listed in the Late List.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Carolyn F. Tyler, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$5,900.00 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Ronald Wayne Spivey, Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$5,890.00 due to moving house from property out of the County.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of James Cook, Bogue Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$675.00 due to double listing. (Listed in Whiteville Township also).

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of L. B. Smith, Ransom Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$24,160.00 due to personal property being removed from Columbus County in January of 1979.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Milton Mayes, Tatum Township be released on the valuation of \$10,450.00 as mobile home was listed as personal property and listed again as real estate.

Ordered: that the 1979 and 1980 taxes listed in the name of Annie Mae Coleman, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$490.00 due to error in transferring a lot that was sold to Martha Powell and is listed on Late List.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Terry L. Hall, Tatum Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$5,690.00 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1970 through 1980 taxes listed in the name of Eva Walters Heirs, Tatum Township, be cancelled on the following valuations:

1970, 1971 and 1972	\$1,070.00
1973	840.00
1974 through 1980	1,680.00

This property does not exist as discovered by the Revaluation Appraiser.

The following were approved upon the recommendation of the Tax Collector:

Ordered: that a refund be given to Southern National Mortgage Company, Charlotte, NC, in the amount of \$101.49 due to an error in paying 1980 taxes for John E. Thompson, Jr. in Bogue Township. (Wrong John E. Thompson)

Ordered: that a refund check be written to Cooperative Savings & Loan Company, Tabor City, NC, for taxes paid in error. Taxes were paid for Kenneth Fowler, South Williams Township and should have been Keith Fowler.

The following were given extensions for listing their taxes for 1981 until the specified date upon motion by Commissioner Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Norris:

The Hertz Corporation	March 30, 1981
Federal Pacific Electric Company	March 31, 1981
L. B. Smith, Inc.	March 1, 1981
Xerox Corporation	March 16, 1981
S. Preston Douglas & Associates	April 15, 1981
Alanthus Data Communications Corp.	April 15, 1981
ARI (Automotive Rentals, Inc.)	April 15, 1981
John Thompson	February 15, 1981

Deputy Sheriff Carl Hinson, Jr. met with the Board to tell the Commissioners that he is not satisfied with the present hospital insurance coverage that is provided by the County through a group policy and that his salary is not sufficient to live on.

The Board suggested that he take his complaint concerning his salary to the Sheriff. He was told that the Board has an appointment set up with the representative that works with Columbus County, representing Blue Cross-Blue Shield to discuss the insurance coverage. This meeting is set for February 16th.

An Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF PRECIOUS METALS WITHIN COLUMBUS COUNTY" was passed upon motion by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Marlowe. Said Ordinance is recorded in ORDINANCE BOOK I, Pages 20 through 23.

The following Resolution was passed upon motion by Commissioner Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Norris:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

WHEREAS, the County has considered the establishment of a Deferred Compensation Plan to be made available to all eligible County employees, elected officials, and independent contractors pursuant to Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code permitting such Plans; and

WHEREAS, certain tax benefits could accrue to employees, elected officials, and independent contractors participating in said Deferred Compensation Plans; and

WHEREAS, such benefits will act as incentives to County employees to voluntarily set aside and invest portions of their current income to meet their future financial requirements and supplement their County retirement and Social Security; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties has established a Master Deferred Compensation Program for its member Counties, permitting its member Counties and their employees to enjoy the advantages of this Program;

WHEREAS, by adoption of the NACo Program, all regulatory, operational, administrative and judiciary responsibilities are hereby assumed by NACo in behalf of County; and

WHEREAS, NACo, as Plan Administrator, agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the County, its appointed and elected officers and participating employees from any loss resulting from NACo or its Agent's failure to perform its duties and services pursuant to

the NACo Program;

NOW, THEREFORE THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

The County governing body, meeting in regular scheduled session, this 2nd day of February, 1981, hereby adopts the National Association of Counties Deferred Compensation Program and hereby establishes the County of Columbus Deferred Compensation Plan for the voluntary participation of all eligible County employees, elected officials and independent contractors.

The County Finance Office is hereby authorized to execute for the County, individual participation agreements with each said employee requesting same, and to act as the "Administrator" of the Plan representing the County, and to execute such agreements and contracts as are necessary to implement the program. It is implicitly understood that, other than the incidental expenses of collecting and disbursing of the employees' deferrals and other minor administrative matters, there is to be no cost or contribution by the County to the program.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that a true copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Commissioners' meeting of February 2, 1981.

/s/ Edward W. Williamson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

A request was made to the Board, by Paul Hughes, for an increase in travel pay for himself and Raymond Callihan. This request was not granted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to give Jane Best, Chadbourn, NC, a check for \$50.00 for immediate relief.

A letter was presented to the Board from the Columbus County Farm Bureau supporting Citizens for Tax Reduction Rates.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until February 16, 1981.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

Edward W. Williamson
Chairman