

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 11:00 a.m., Monday, March 30, 1981, according to adjournment.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Edward W. Williamson, Chairman

L. A. Hinson, Vice-Chairman

C. Waldo Marlowe

Junior W. Dew (Part-time)

Lynwood Norris

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

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

Other persons present at this meeting were:

David Kelly, Assistant Secretary, Department of Crime Control & Public Safety

Jim Buffalo, Assistant Director of Emergency Management

Vance Kee, Area Supervisor of Emergency Management

Sarah Blackwell, Mayor, Town of Cerro Gordo

Thomas Elliott, Mayor, Town of Lake Waccamaw

Jim Wayne, Manager, Town of Lake Waccamaw

Gene West, Member, Tabor City Town Council

Howard Jones, Manager, City of Whiteville

Leo Mercer, Mayor, Town of Chadbourn

Sandy Shaw, Manager, Town of Chadbourn

Howard Stanley, Emergency Management Coordinator

Nora Fore, Secretary, Emergency Management Office (County Level)

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the Officials from the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety were introduced to the Board by Howard Stanley. The Officials gave an overview of the Emergency Management Program for Columbus County. It was stated in the presentation that Columbus County Board of Commissioners is to be commended for having a Plan prepared for handling emergencies in the County before the emergency arises. They noted that many counties do not have the degree of preparedness that Columbus County has. They also commended Howard Stanley, Emergency Management Coordinator for Columbus County, for having done a good job in handling the past emergencies in this County and in assisting other counties when called upon to do so.

They urged the Board to support the emergency management program and to be vocal to the media to make the public aware of this program. They stated that the State office is available to assist counties in training for emergency preparedness and emphasized strongly that training should be continuous and suggested that the Plan be put into practice to get the reaction of the participants who would be active when the emergency arises.

Mr. Stanley pointed out that he is available to the Towns as an advisor and to make recommendations in case of an emergency but not make decisions. He stated the decision making within the Towns is with the Town officials and at the County level, with the Board of Commissioners.

Informal Bids were presented to the Board by Tracy Floyd for the installation of an air-conditioning unit at the Miller Building, Sadler Hall. The following bids were read to the Board:

Pridgen Brothers Contractors Rt. 2, Whiteville, NC	\$ 4,160.00
Skipper's Heating & Air Conditioning Rt. 5, Whiteville, NC	4,250.00
Hinnant's, Inc. P. O. Box 672, Whiteville, NC	5,100.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to accept the bid from Pridgen Brothers Contractors in the amount of \$4,160.00 to install an air-conditioning unit at Sadler Hall.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until April 6, 1981, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs  
Clerk

Edmund W. Platter  
Chairman