

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., April 6, 1981, it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Edward W. Williamson, Chairman

L. A. Hinson, Vice-Chairman

C. Waldo Marlowe (Absent in Afternoon Session)

Junior W. Dew

Lynwood Norris

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by Dr. Edward Moore, Minister, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Whiteville.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the March 16th and 30th meetings were approved upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Norris.

Robert King, with Southeastern Community College Science Department, and Garland McCullen, Agriculture Extension Chairman, met with the Board to discuss a program they wish to present to inform farmers and others, concerning the feasibility of making alcohol from farm products to be used for energy. Products mentioned at this time are corn and sweet potatoes. They asked that the Board endorse their program and try to encourage the public to attend the meetings. The program is to be funded by the College and fees from the participants.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to endorse and support the Program which is to be a three night workshop at the College.

Mr. Jack Council met with the Board on behalf of the Oratorio Society to request the continued funding of the Society in the amount of \$2,500.00 annually. The Board stated this request will be considered at budget sessions.

Mr. Kent Patrick met with the Board to request a letter of support for the Waccamaw Siouan Development Association, Inc., in applying for an administrative grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Native Americans. The grant is to be used for the social and economic development of the Waccamaw Siouan Indian Tribe.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to write a letter of support for the above to be used as a part of their grant application.

The following resolution was approved upon motion by Commissioner Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Dew:

WHEREAS, the extreme cold weather has required the schools of the Columbus County Administrative Unit to use an inordinate amount of fuel and electricity despite stringent

operation measures; and

WHEREAS, inflation and other unfavorable economic conditions have resulted in an unprecedented increase in the unit cost for fuel and electricity; and

WHEREAS, budgeted funds for the year 1980-81 fiscal year for the purchase of fuel and electricity have now been expended; and

WHEREAS, an additional sum of \$100,000.00 for fuel and electricity will be required to operate the schools for the remainder of the 1980-81 school year; and

WHEREAS, the conditions as described by the above statements were unforeseen and could not have been reasonably anticipated; and

WHEREAS, such conditions constitute an emergency situation relative to the continued operation of the schools: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Columbus County Board of Education by unanimous vote in regular session on March 16, 1981, hereby amends its budget resolution as adopted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1981, subject to the approval of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, by transferring the sum of \$100,000.00 from the Capital Outlay Fund Account to the Current Expense Fund Account with the sum of \$25,000.00 appropriated for fuel and the sum of \$75,000.00 appropriated for electricity.

/s/ Richard Dameron, Chairman
County Board of Education

/s/ John F. Carter, Vice-Chairman

/s/ Raymond Shaw, Member

/s/ R. Mitchell Tyler, Secretary

/s/ David J. Small, Member

/s/ Walter C. Batten, Member

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to amend the budget of the Health Department, as submitted by Dr. Black, Director, as follows:

Family Planning Budget

Increase 10-591-57A	\$10,581.00	Operating Expenses
Increase 10-350-00	10,581.00	Revenue - State Grants
Decrease 10-591-02 & 09	4,200.00	Salaries & Fringe Benefits
Increase 10-591-57A	4,200.00	Operating Expenses

Crippled Children Clinic

Decrease 10-598-02 & 09	500.00	Salaries & Fringe Benefits
Increase 10-598-04	500.00	Clinician Fees
Decrease 10-598-57	2,380.00	Operating Expenses
Increase 10-598-04	2,380.00	Clinician Fees

There is no increase in County funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that the road known as Miriam Lane, .15 mile in length, with 4 occupied homes located on it, Rt. 2-Tabor City, N. C., be added to the State System provided that it meets with the requirements of the Department of Transportation.

The following was proclaimed upon motion by Commissioner Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Dew:

PROCLAMATION FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

WHEREAS, libraries are one of the County's most valuable resources, providing

information, education, and enjoyment to many Columbus County residents; and

WHEREAS, libraries are one of the institutions that serve people of all ages from every economic and ethnic background; and

WHEREAS, the libraries serving Columbus County - Columbus County Public Library and its branches in Fair Bluff, Riegelwood, and Tabor City; Columbus County Public Schools' and Whiteville Public Schools' libraries, and Southeastern Community College Learning Resource Center - contribute to our County's growth and vitality;

BE IT SO RESOLVED that Columbus County observes the week of April 5 - 11, 1981, as National Library Week and recognizes the libraries outstanding contribution to everyone, from the preschooler to the professional, all year long.

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

The following Resolution was passed upon motion by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Hinson:

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Justice Police Information Network plans to make available to law enforcement agencies and other appropriate agencies of the State of North Carolina through the use of a centralized computer system various information now available or to be developed essential to the efficient operation of said agencies such as, but not limited to, information contained in the Department of Motor Vehicles' files, information contained in the National Crime Information Center, information contained in the State Bureau of Investigation's files, Department of Corrections' files, and information from local law enforcement agencies by the installation of a Police Information Network terminal in the County of Columbus Law Enforcement Center provided the Sheriff of Columbus County agrees to furnish a proper site for installing such terminal, and the necessary personnel to operate said terminal, and further agrees to assume the rental cost of such terminal from the date of installation; that said installation of a Police Information Network terminal is considered to be most necessary to the preservation of law and order and the promotion of public safety within the County; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Justice, Police Information Network and this County have agreed as follows:

(A) The North Carolina Department of Justice, Police Information Network will install and maintain a video terminal and printer connected to the Police Information Network system and also train operators selected and paid by the County to operate such terminal.

(B) The County shall furnish a proper site for installation of a Police Information Network terminal and also furnish personnel to operate said terminal.

(C) The County shall assume the rental cost (which cost includes maintenance) of the Police Information Network terminal in the amount of \$200.00 per month, beginning from the date of installation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the installation of a Police Information Network terminal be and it is hereby formally approved by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, and that the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of this County be and they are hereby empowered to sign and execute the required Agreement between this County and the North Carolina Department of Justice Police Information Network.

The following tax releases were approved upon motion by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Dew and recommended by the Tax Collector or Tax Supervisor:

Ordered: that a refund be given to Bankers Mortgage Corporation, Florence, SC, in the amount of \$403.51 for taxes paid in error for W. Charles Gore for 1980.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes (1879 pickup) taxes listed in the name of William Rufus Brinson, Ransom Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$7,050.00 due to an error in adding remodeling to his house that is not to be picked up until 1980.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of William Rufus Brinson, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,640.00 for house being removed from property.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Hugh Williams, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,800.00 due to double listing. Property is also listed to W. F. Sledge.

Ordered: that the 1977 taxes listed in the name of Clarence B. Inman, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$870.00. Property was sold to Hershaw Walsh and is listed to Mr. Walsh.

Ordered: that the taxes listed to James C. Callihan Heirs, Tatum Township, be cancelled for the following:

1970 through 1972	\$1,730.00	valuation
1973	300.00	valuation
1974 through 1980	600.00	valuation

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Charles Edward & Larene Miller, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,410.00 due to listing a mobile home to both real estate and personal property.

Ordered: that the 1975 and 1976 taxes listed in the name of Ted Williams, Tatum Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$400.00 due to double listing in two Townships.

Ordered: that the 1977-1980 taxes listed in the name of Ted Williams, Tatum Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$12,050.00 due to listing property in two Townships.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Clinton Grainger, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$9,200.00 due to an error in copying the valuation.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Herbert R. Gore, Bug Hill Township, in the amount of \$97.50 for 1980 taxes for a legal exemption.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Hugh Williams, Williams Township, in the amount of \$67.20 for 1978 and 1979 taxes paid on property that is double listed.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Clarence B. & Margaret W. Inman, Whiteville Township, in the amount of \$32.19 for the years 1978 through 1980. This property was sold to Hershaw Walsh.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Mary McPherson, Williams Township, in the amount of \$16.80 for the year 1980 for Senior Citizens Exemption.

Attorney James E. Hill, Jr. came to the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to adjourn into executive session to meet with Marvin Tedder, Attorney, on a personnel matter.

At 11:26 the meeting reconvened in regular session with all Members present.

Lacy R. Thompson, Clerk of Superior Court, met with the Board to ask that the trees on the Courthouse Square in front of the old PCA building be removed from the Square. The Board asked that he consult with Mrs. Anne Talbott, who has worked with the County in the past on the beautification of the Courthouse grounds and report back to the Board.

Mr. Thompson also stated that he is in need of additional storage space as he is now boxing old records, but must store them for future reference. The Board stated they will consider this matter and try to designate some space for this purpose at the next meeting.

At 11:45 the Chairman announced that it was the designated time to open bids for the consideration of purchasing autos for the Sheriff's Department. Only one bid was received and was opened and read aloud as follows:

Fair Bluff Motors	1981 Ford Fairmont	\$ 7,513.00
Fair Bluff, NC	1981 Ford LTD	8,732.00

No sales tax was included in this quote.

No decision was made at this meeting but will be considered further at the April 21st meeting. Deputy Sasser stated that there are 10 cars with over 90,000 miles registered and five of those have over 100,000 miles registered.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the County place advertisements in the local paper to receive bids for the operation of the Solid Waste Department. Ads are to be placed for the purchase of the County's equipment by the bidder and for the bidder to use their own equipment. The Attorney was asked to place this advertisement to get responses before budget time so that the Board could make a decision at the beginning of the fiscal year as to which plan they choose to use.

The Board adjourned to the Hospital to hear their Annual Audit Report and have lunch with the Hospital Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Marlowe was absent from the afternoon session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to amend the budget of the Emergency Management Budget in the amount of \$890.00 for Maintenance & Repairs to Vehicles, 10-525-17; Revenue from Surplus, 10-399-00. Also, the budget for the Law Enforcement Center is to be increased in the amount of \$7,800.00, 10-520-45 for contract service with Jack Sarvis for janitorial service; Revenue from Surplus, 10-399-00. The contract is for one year only.

There was a discussion concerning a request from Linda Floyd and Morris Thompson, who were on the agenda but did not attend, to remove a sycamore tree from the County's property behind the Etna station on Madison Street. They had also asked to be allowed to store tanks on the County's property while they are remodeling the station and to be allowed to repave a part of the driveway back of the station that is partially or all on the County's property.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to designate Commissioner Williamson to work with the parties on the request but not to cut the sycamore tree.

A letter was presented to the Board from David M. Griffeth Associates offering a contract to prepare the County's Indirect Cost Plan for fiscal year 1981-82 and 1982-83 at the same cost as this fiscal year which is \$7,000.00. No action was taken at this time.

Barbara Whitson, representing the emergency project that is sponsored by the Ministerial Association, met with the Board to request storage space for items of clothing, furniture, etc. that will be collected by the agency to assist persons in emergencies that cannot be helped immediately by other agencies. The Board asked that they be allowed time to make a decision on designating space for the agency to use, possibly by the next meeting.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that the Veterans' Service Office is in need of a copying machine as the one presently used can no longer be repaired. Mr. Nance gave a quote of \$2,500.00 as the cost of a new machine. Commissioner Williamson said there is a possibility that the Board of Elections has a machine that could be transferred to the Veterans' Service Office and would find out by the next meeting.

It was also brought to the attention of the Board that notice had been received from Soil Conservation office that some improvements to accommodate handicapped persons are needed at the building in which they are located (Old Jail). This will be discussed at a later meeting.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until April 21, 1981, at 10:00 a.m., Monday being a legal holiday.

Emergen W. Suggs Clerk

APPROVED:

Edward Williamson Chairman