

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., May 18, 1981, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Edward W. Williamson, Chairman

L. A. Hinson, Vice-Chairman

C. Waldo Marlowe (Absent)

Junior W. Dew

Lynwood Norris

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 Sam Galloway, Minister of Youth and Education, First Baptist Church, Whiteville.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the May 4th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Norris.

Dr. Ronald McCarter, President, Southeastern Community College, presented the budget request for the operation of the College for 1981-82. The overall increase for the request is 5%, with a decrease in Capital Outlay and an increase in Current Expense. He was accompanied by Mr. Robert Stanley, Mr. Henry Wyche and Mr. C. R. Ward. The Board commended the Administration for being conservative in the operation of the College. No action was taken on the budget request at this time but will be considered in the overall budget requests.

The following tax releases were approved upon motion by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and recommended by the Tax Supervisor:

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Warren Daniel, Sr. & Vera Dale, Ransom Township, be released in the amount of \$3.56 for taxes listed in the Fire District that are not in the District.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Wilbert & Pearl Piggott Heirs, Lees Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$750.00 for an error in listing 2.44 acres of land twice.

The Tax Collector's Report for April was reviewed by the Board and it showed that 91.16% of taxes for 1980 have been collected.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to grant the request of the Handicapped Summer Program Board of Directors to allow the Program to be held in the Miller Building, where they are presently housed, rather than transport the equipment and materials to Chadbourn, then back in July when the Program ends for the summer. This approval is granted upon the agreement of all parties involved.

A service maintenance contract was presented to the Board by Chairman Williamson for maintenance of the cars recently purchased by the Sheriff's Department from Fair Bluff Motors. The contracts were not approved. Deputy Sasser stated that they did not have very much maintenance on cars up to fifty thousand miles, which the contract covered.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to again notify the Sheriff's Department that the cars that have been replaced by new cars be advertised and sold at public auction on June 1st at noon.

Attorney Hill came into the meeting at 10:25

There was a discussion concerning the renewal of the Contract between Columbus County and J. L. Stanley, EMS, to provide private ambulance service in Columbus County. Mr. Stanley had called to say that he wishes to continue the Contract. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

Chairman Williamson presented a letter from Howard Jones, Manager, City of Whiteville, requesting to deposit dry sludge in the County's landfill for the next twenty years, from the City's wastewater system.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the County not make any commitments to any towns to allow them to deposit dry sludge from wastewater treatment plants in the County's landfill until such time as we can get approval from the Department of Human Resources to allow the sludge to be deposited as the County has had good reports from the State inspectors and not make any commitment on any time frame as the County is not legally bound to operate a landfill as towns and cities are.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed that repairs be made to the Miller Building on the windows and window sills by caulking and painting, and that the "pot-holes" in the driveway be filled.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to approve the four-year Comprehensive Health Plan for Columbus County as presented by Marion Duncan, Administrative Assistant at the Health Department. This action is subject to the approval of the local Health Board which meets tonight (May 18th).

At 11:30 there was a quarterly meeting of the County Department Heads and the following persons were present:

Otis Collins, Stuart Sasser, Clayton Norton, Ila Perry, Hugh Nance, JoAnn Vereen, Marion Duncan, Irene Young, Dr. Black, Junior Babson, Roscoe Enzor, S. T. Enzor, Ralph Jolly, Hobson Ivey, Tracy Floyd, Amanda Bible, Garland McCullen, Carol Marsahll and Jack Ervin.

The group was informed that the hospital insurance plan would change July 1, 1981, and the rate would also increase, they were told that employees would have an opportunity to participate in a deferred compensation plan and asked to check their inventory before June 30th to be ready for the annual audit.

At 12:00 noon the Chairman announced that it was the designated time to open bids for the operation of the County's landfill.

Only one bid was received and was opened and read aloud.

The following bid was recorded: Carolina Waste Systems, Hamlet, NC

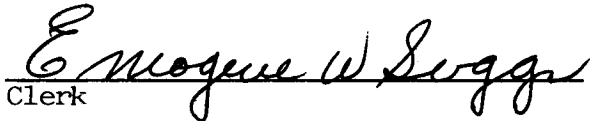
The bid was for a five year contract and the first year's operation is \$395,425. This price included the repair of 50 containers per year. There was also a proposal to purchase the County's equipment on a five year lease-purchase with an independent appraiser pricing the equipment. The five year contract included a clause that would allow a consumer price index increase each year for the operator. No action was taken at this time but will be considered at budget time.


A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to give Elgie Clemmons a check for \$50.00 for immediate relief.

By general agreement the Board approved the payment of \$148.06 for Jerry Ledwell for architect fees for work concerning the skilled nursing home application. The funds are to be appropriated from Surplus.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until June 1, 1981, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:


Clerk


Chairman