

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 7:30 p.m., June 9, 1981, according to adjournment.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Edward W. Williamson, Chairman

L. A. Hinson, Vice-Chairman

C. Waldo Marlowe

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 invocation was given by Frank Merritt.

The Chairman announced that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed budget and the Boards of Education and the Sheriff's Department representatives were here to discuss their budget requests with the citizens who were here in the interest of reducing taxes.

Mitchell Tyler, Supt., of County Schools, made a presentation of the Schools' budget request and answered questions from the citizens concerning the operation of the County Schools. It was pointed out that energy was the greatest problem as far as expenses are concerned. Bridges in the Seven Creeks area were given as a reason for some buses traveling over the same route as another bus. Mr. Tyler stated the bridges in that area were in poor condition and are dangerous for buses to cross over loaded with children.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to forward the following resolution to specified persons;

WHEREAS, the roads of Columbus county, North Carolina, are in dire need of secondary money to be applied toward their renovation; and

WHEREAS, certain roads in Columbus County, North Carolina, especially in the Seven Creeks area are in need of renovation and/or replacement of certain bridges which are in an unsafe condition because of pot holes; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Education has denied the use of the said bridges by the school buses because of their unsafe condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, that they unanimously request the North Carolina Department of Transportation to appropriate the necessary money for the renovation and/or replacement of the bridges in the Seven Creeks area in order to render the said bridges in a safe condition for the use of reasonable traffic;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, that a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to each of the following: The Honorable Thomas Bradshaw of the North Carolina Department of Transportation; the Honorable Arthur W. Williamson, Area Commissioner of the North Carolina Department of Transportation;

the Honorable R. C. Soles, Jr., State Senator; the Honorable Richard Wright, the Honorable Edd Nye; and the Honorable Ron Taylor, State Representatives.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

BY: /s/ Edward W. Williamson, Chairman

/s/ Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to set aside \$100,000.00 to be distributed for salary increases and fringe benefits.

Sheriff Norton, Deputy Sasser and Officer Rabon were present to answer questions concerning their Department.

Citizens present at this meeting were Frank Merritt, Grover Soles, Morris Butler, E. L. White, Jr., Thomas Boswell, Ray Canady, Pete Duncan, Gilbert Faulk, Alton Williamson, William Cartrette and the County Schools Board of Education and Administrative Personnel.

Members of the Board of Education and Administration were David Small, John F. Carter, Raymond Shaw, Walter Batten, Mitchell Tyler, Edward L. Williamson, Robert Ezzell and Richard Dameron. No members of the Whiteville City Schools' Board of Education or Administrative Personnel were present.

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

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

Edward W. Williamson
Chairman