

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., July 20, 1981, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Edward W. Williamson, Chairman

L. A. Hinson, Vice-Chairman

C. Waldo Marlowe (Part-time)

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 the Reverend John Prince, Jr., Member, Whiteville Ministerial Association.

Reverend Prince requested that the Board assist in getting SR#1554 paved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to appoint the following persons to serve on the Youth Task Force for Columbus County:

Donald Hardwick, Roscoe Jacobs, Terry Crouse and Bill Triplett. These appointees replace Clarence Brown, Brenda Moore, Sam Galloway and Garland McCullen who are not eligible for reappointment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to ask Ralph Jolly to solicit door prizes for the Association of County Commissioners' Convention in August.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to approve the minutes of the July 7th meeting as recorded.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to approve the following tax releases as recommended by Tax Supervisor Ralph Jolly:

Ordered: that the 1977-1980 taxes listed in the name of Sam P. Stanley, III, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$670.00 for 6 lots that were sold to Boyd Thompson.

Ordered: that the 1978-1980 taxes listed in the name of Herman Watkins Heirs, Whiteville, Township, be cancelled as all property owned by Mr. Watkins has been transferred to other persons.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Columbus Court Apartments, Whiteville Township, be released in the amount of \$17.77 for Late Listing Penalty.

Ordered: that the 1977-1980 taxes listed in the name of Jake Watts, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,510.00 for a house that burned 40% on the inside.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to appropriate \$3,000.00 for the Oratorio Society and Columbus County Arts Council. The funds to be appropriated from Surplus.

Commissioner Hinson voted against this motion.

At 10:00 Commissioner Norris made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed.

At 10:45 the Board reconvened in regular session. At this time Commissioner Marlowe was excused from the meeting.

Justin Oliver met with the Board to give them an update on the progress of the transportation program. He stated the transporting of the kidney patients to New Hanover Memorial Hospital began July 20th (Today) and there were a total of twelve patients committed to ride the van.. He requested that the County reimburse the Program at a rate of 50¢ per mile or at actual cost, whichever the Board preferred.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to reimburse the Transportation Program on an actual cost basis, and that the request be presented to the Board on third ~~Mondays~~ for approval by the Board for the previous month.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to designate Commissioner Norris to look over the grounds and "pot holes" and determine the repair needs and bring bids to the next meeting to be considered by the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to pay \$60.00 to Ross Davis to assist in filling "pot holes" in the Courthouse Square Parking Lot.

Tracy Floyd met with the Board and presented informal bids to the Board for reroofing the east wing of the Miller Building. Bids were read as follows:

E. L. Hawks, Inc.	\$15,150.00
John H. Brady Company, Inc.	\$22,045.00
Barnes Roofing Works	\$18,250.00

Commissioner Dew made a motion to accept Hawks' bid but received no second. No bid was accepted and a motion was made by Commissioner Hinson that an advertisement be put in the local paper to receive sealed bids for the roofing work. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed.

An ordinance entitled "COLUMBUS COUNTY ORDINANCE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF SOLID WASTES", prepared by Attorney Hill, was read to the Board by the Clerk.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Norris that the Ordinance be adopted to become effective on August 1, 1981. All members present voted in favor of adopting the Ordinance and later Commissioner Marlowe returned to the meeting and voted in favor of the Ordinance. The Ordinance is recorded in ORDINANCE BOOK I, beginning on page 24 and ending on page 31.

Commissioner Marlowe returned to the meeting at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to appropriate funds to continue to hire two employees at the Sheriff's Department. Commissioners Marlowe and Dew voted against the motion. Commissioner Dew stated that four workers had been allowed to continue to work after being deleted from the Budget and not authorized by the Board to work. Commissioner Marlowe stated that the Board was

supposed to discuss a total employment proposal and not on a department basis.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to hire two general laborers at the Solid Waste Department at the minimum wage and one employee at the Miller Building to assist Tracy Floyd in plumbing, electrical and painting work, at \$4.00 per hour. All employees are to be permanent full-time employees.

The respective Department Heads are to help screen the applicants for the above positions.

At 12:00 noon Attorney Hill's Secretary called to report that the high bid for the autos that were advertised for sale by private negotiation by Mr. Hill was \$4,000.00 offered by S. P. Stanley. A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to accept the bid. (Cars listed in minutes of June 15th & July 7th)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to approve the request from Jo Anne Vereen to appropriate funds to adjust the salaries of Gayle Stevens and Hilda Coleman to the beginning salary of a Social Worker as the salary increase given in the budget does not bring them up to the State merit level. The amount to be appropriated for Ms. Stevens is \$347.00 and Ms. Coleman is \$189.00 for the year.

Also approved was to use the amount that could not be given to Margaret Dennis and Griffin Johnson to increase the salaries of their assistants, Janice Hall and Lorraine Cartwright. This is \$174.00 each for these two employees. The reason for this adjustment is because the above amount would be over the maximum salary for the positions of Ms. Dennis and Mr. Johnson. No extra appropriation is needed for this adjustment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to advertise the surplus cars at the Sheriff's Department for sale on August 8th at 12:00 Noon to be sold individually. These cars became surplus when replaced by new cars recently and are not the same as advertised previously. There are five cars to sell.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to purchase 400 decals to be placed on landfill receptacles concerning materials that can be deposited in the containers. The Clerk was instructed to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of the decals.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to approve the bonds for the Sheriff and Housing Director. The Sheriff's Bond was increased to Fifty Thousand Dollars from Ten Thousand Dollars. The Housing Director's Bond was renewed at the same rate (\$25,000.00)

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to void the following checks which have been outstanding for two years or more: Check No. 6388, 6526, 6622, 6640, 6665, 6962, 6973, 6993, 6994, 7012, 11477, 11741, 11745, 11753, 11965, 12036, 12525, 15219, and 15220. All the above checks are tax refunds and total \$67.42.

The Clerk informed the Board that there had been a change in the way the Register of Deeds must be paid as passed by the North Carolina Legislature. The change is that in

counties where the Register of Deeds is paid from both salary and fees, that all fees be deposited in the General Fund and the Register of Deeds' salary not be less than the combination of both to be determined on the fiscal year that ended June 30, 1981. (HB329)

The Board asked the Clerk to obtain a copy of the Register of Deeds' income tax return to verify the amount collected in fees.

The Board reviewed the Tax Collector's Report for the month of June which showed an unofficial tax collection rate of 93.62%.

The Board also reviewed the State Inspector's Report for the County Jail.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris to extend the time for the two temporary workers in the Tax Supervisor's Office until the taxes are converted to the computer or as needed by Mr. Jolly. The motion passed.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until August 3, 1981.

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

APPROVED:

Edmund H. Dew
Chairman