

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., October 5, 1981, it being first Monday.

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

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by Commissioner Hinson.

The minutes of the September 21st meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Norris and seconded by Commissioner Hinson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to appropriate \$1,500.00 in matching funds to pay the County's share of court ordered funding for one year enrollment of a juvenile in a Community Based Alternative Program for preparation for independent living.

A letter was presented to the Board from Columbus County Ministerial Association requesting that SR1554 be paved. This is a road that is traveled by ministers that visit the Hill Top Rest Home. This request was presented to the Department of Transportation officials at the September 28th hearing for Secondary Roads Improvement Program for 1982.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to accept the resignation of John Spaulding, Agriculture Extension Agent, with regrets. Mr. Spaulding resigned for health reasons.

Philip McPherson, representing Columbus Christian Action Council, met with the Board and made a slide presentation to the Board entitled "Abortion - How It Is" narrated by Dr. and Mrs J. C. Wilk. After the presentation Mr. McPherson again requested that the Board refuse to accept state funds for abortions. There was further discussion on the subject. Mr. McPherson asked the Board to meet with the Council's lawyer and stated that he would relate to the Board how they could legally refuse state abortion funds. The Board response was that they were accepting the advice of the County Attorney and the State Attorney General's Office that the County is legally bound to offer the service to indigent persons. Commissioner Hinson suggested that the Council take their case to the courts to attack the law rather than attack the Board of Commissioners who is not responsible for the legislation or the directives from DHR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew to table the subject until such time as the Legislators direct the Board to delete the funds from their budget and the Chairman announced that the matter is tabled.

At 10:45 the Board recessed until 11:00. Attorney Hill came to the meeting at this time but was called to court on a County matter.

Chuck Wheeler, of Wheeler Chevrolet Company, met with the Board to complain about the manner in which the County purchased two pick-up trucks in August. His contention was that all information should have been included in the bid and not accepted any changes after the bids were opened. The Board explained that the purchases were made in the best interest of the County and that the rebate program was extended with the Ford Motor Company through the time of the bids which allowed \$300.00 rebate on each vehicle. Also, one of the trucks bid by Wheeler Chevrolet did not meet the minimum standards of the bid specifications.

Ila Penny, Register of Deeds, met with the Board to ask their approval of asking for a management study of the Office of Register of Deeds from the Department of Administration as provided for in NCGS 143-345.6.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to jointly make the request to the above Department for the survey.

There was a discussion concerning the Sheriff's Department being added to the study for personnel classification and pay plan. The Department had been included in the contract for the study that has just been completed by the Office of State Personnel but would not participate even though funds were paid for the inclusion. No action was taken on this matter.

Keith Lewis, Program Director for Chemical Dependency Center in Fayetteville, met with the Board to request their support in their application to the Cardinal Health Agency to open an additional center in Wilmington. The Center is a private organization and does not require any local funds.

The following resolution was unanimously passed upon motion by Commissioner Norris and seconded by Commissioner Hinson:

WHEREAS, there is in Southeastern North Carolina a great need for rehabilitation in the drug and alcohol related programs; and

WHEREAS, Keith G. Lewis, C. A. C., is presently applying for a Certificate of Need through the Cardinal Health Agency for the establishment of a Chemical Dependency Center in Wilmington, North Carolina, for treatment of in-patients with drug or alcohol related problems;

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA that they unanimously endorse the application for the Certificate of Need by Keith G. Lewis for the establishment of a Chemical Dependency Center in New Hanover County, North Carolina and request that the Cardinal Health Agency Board approve said Certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Columbus County to be affixed to this resolution, this the 2nd day of October, 1981

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEAL

/s/ Edward W. Williamson, Chairman

ATTESTED:

/s/ Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

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

Ordered: that the following releases be made for Senior-Citizens/Disability Exemptions as timely applications were signed:

Lattimore W. Smith	Bolton Township	\$7,500 Valuation	\$64.50
Ruth B. Knight	Bolton Township	7,500 Valuation	64.50
Serepta Little	Bolton Township	7,500 Valuation	64.50
Wiley Dillard Heirs	Tatum Township	7,500 Valuation	64.50
C. Oscar Wilson	Cerro Gordo Township	7,500 Valuation	64.50
Virgil & Peggy B. Woody	Lees Township	7,500 Valuation	64.50
Mae Surles	Lees Township	7,430 Valuation	63.90
Cora Smith	Chadbourne Township	7,500 Valuation	64.50
		In Klondyke District --	5.25

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Thomas Eldred Boswell, Whiteville Township, be released due to error on abstract that was corrected on property cards by Steve Whitacre.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of C. C. & Josephine Leggett, South Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$100.00 as listed lot does not exist.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Mary Robinson & Mayo Brown, Western Prong Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$7,820.00 for double listing 37 acres of property.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Warren Percy McKeithan, Lees Township, be released on the valuation of \$8,720.00 due to two houses burning in 1980.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of George B. & Shirley Strickland, Cerro Gordo Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,200.00 due to an error in the number of acres owned by Mr. Strickland.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Arthur Tompkins, Sr., South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$800.00 due to an error in listing a tobacco barn.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Tulice Van & Judith L. Ruth, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$880.00 due to decks and building being transferred to Giles Lane valued at \$880.00.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Carl E. Butler & Assigns, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$5,330.00 due to error in listing a lot that has been sold.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Hilda Evans, Lees Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$590.00 due to double listing 1.5 acres of land.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Quineley Howell, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$8,675.00 due to error in listing farm equipment which he does not own. Equipment should have been listed to Ozell Howell.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of L. M. Jackson, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$900.00 due to error in transfer of lot.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of L. M. Jackson, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,980.00 due to error in listing house and lot which was incorrect house and lot for Mr. Jackson.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Irene Jackson, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$8,650.00 due to error in transferring house and lot and the correct house and lot is listed on the late list to Mrs. Jackson.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Fred Brown Heirs, Ransom Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$700.00 due to error in listing one acre of land which belongs to Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Church.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of W. W. Freeman, Western Prong Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,000.00 due to a shed being listed to him which belongs to W. B. Freeman and is listed to him on the late list.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of W. D. Brooks, Inc., Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$45,310.00 due to the transfer of service station and lot that was the incorrect transfer. Property is listed on late list to Clinton Grainger.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Clinton L. Grainger, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$28,350.00 due to error in transfer of lot and service station from W. D. Brooks Heirs.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Marion L. & Kathleen Inman Heirs, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$4,840.00 due to double listing 3.92 acres of land which was included in another tract.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Craig Inman, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$3,975.00 due to double listing an auto.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Otto & Iva D. Fipps, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$900.00 due to listing property which they do not own and is listed to other property owners.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of C & H Sports Center, Inc., Waccamaw Township, be released on the valuation of \$37,350.00 due to error in listing. Inventory and fixtures should be \$4,150.00 and were listed as \$41,500.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Charles Frederick Faulk, Waccamaw Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$800.00 due to error in pricing a 1973 corvette. Correct price is listed on late list.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Samuel D. & Marion B. Smith, Bolton Township, be released on the valuation of \$11,490.00 due to an error in transferring of property.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of William & Mary Hainibal, Waccamaw Township, be released on the valuation of \$720.00 due to double listing three acres of property.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of William P., Jr., and Betty

Gore, Lees Township, be released on the valuation of \$12,000.00 due to an error in listing construction of a house.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Mae Surles, Lees Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$18,580.00 due to an error in transferring property. The 28.7 acres of property is listed to Burneas S. Blackman on the late list.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of David Franklin & Patricia C. Coble, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$15,840.00 due to an error in listing a house and lot that has been sold to Walter Lewis and Evelyn P. Cassaday.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Walter Lewis & Evelyn P. Cassaday, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$17,550.00 due to error in listing house and lot to them which belongs to David Franklin Coble.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of R. M. Powell, Waccamaw Township, be released on the valuation of \$10,560.00 due to an error in transferring property. Transfer was correct on card but not changed on abstract.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Wilbur & Patricia Ann Ward, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,300.00 due to an error in listing a beauty shop which is also listed to Furman Ward.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Clarence & Mildred Willoughby, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$750.00 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Vincent S. Waters (Bishop), Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$9,320.00 on the vacant lot on Lee Street as it is used for a parking lot for the church.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to hire a maintenance worker at the Recreation Department at a salary of \$7,280.00 per year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to hire E. L. Hawks, Inc. to re-roof the flat portion of the old jail building and that bids be advertised to re-roof the A-frame portion of the building. Mr. Hawks is to be paid \$700.00 to re-roof the flat section.

On September 28th the Board met jointly with officials of the Department of Transportation, B. A. Mills, District Engineer; Lenwood Rich, Member, Board of Transportation, and E. J. Butler, Division Engineer. The meeting was a public hearing for the purpose of allowing the citizens of the County to be heard concerning secondary roads' improvements for the 1982 fiscal year.

The Secondary Roads Program was presented to the Board of Commissioners for approval at this time. The following resolution was approved by the Board and reconfirmed at this meeting:

RESOLUTION FOR PRIORITIES FOR SECONDARY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR
FISCAL YEAR 1981-82 IN COLUMBUS COUNTY

WHEREAS, Department of Transportation officials have said that funds in the amount of \$600,545.00 have been allocated to Columbus County for improvement of secondary roads for fiscal year 1981-82; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have met jointly with the Department of Transportation officials to review the priorities' list of secondary roads for 1981-82;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County recommend that the list of roads scheduled for improvements within the County shall read as follows:

SR 1174 - from SR 1190 to dead end - 0.7 mile Grade, drain, base & pave	\$ 80,000.00
SR 1436 - from SR 1435 to SR 1437 - 1.4 miles Stone stabilization. Right-of-way not available to grade & pave	25,000.00
SR 1940 - from NC 905 to dead end - 0.6 mile Grade, drain, base and pave	70,000.00
SR 1432 - from SR 1428 to SR 1433 - 0.9 mile Base & pave	40,000.00
SR 1730 - from SR 1735 southwest 1.0 mile Base & pave. Beginning 1.0 mile southwest of SR 1735 continuing southwest for 1.0 mile, grade, drain, base and pave. Total improvement is 2.0 miles	130,000.00
SR 1555 - from SR 1552 south 1.1 miles Grade, drain, base and pave	125,000.00
SR 1967 - from SR 1901 to dead end - 2.9 miles Base and pave - Estimated State funds	90,000.00
Surveys, right-of-way acquisitions and Contingencies	40,545.00
	<u>\$ 600,545.00</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County reaffirm their approval of the following grading projects from the 1980-81 Secondary Roads Construction Program from previous years allocations and unallocated fund balance in the amount of \$165,000.00:

SR 1530 - beginning 0.6 mile west of NC 131 for 0.4 mile. Grade, drain and stabilize	\$ 30,000.00
SR 1161 - from SR 1157 south 0.5 mile Grade, drain and stabilize	35,000.00
SR 1426 - from SR 1317 south 0.5 mile Grade, drain and stabilize	35,000.00
SR 1417 - from SR 1004 north 0.5 mile Grade, drain and stabilize	35,000.00
SR 1726 - from SR 1730 west 0.5 mile Grade, drain and stabilize	30,000.00
	<u>\$ 165,000.00</u>

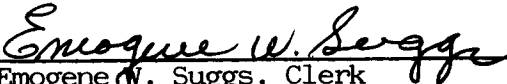
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BY: /s/ Edward W. Williamson, Chairman


The following road was approved by the Board to be added to the State System
upon motion by Commissioner Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Dew:

Currituck Drive & Onslow Drive in Pinewood Acres Subdivision

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until October 19, 1981, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:


Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk


Edward W. Williamson, Chairman