

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., February 15, 1982, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Junior W. Dew, Chairman

Lynwood Norris, Vice Chairman (Absent)

Edward W. Williamson

C. Waldo Marlowe

L. A. Hinson

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 following business was transacted:

The minutes of the February first meeting were not approved at this time.

The following proclamation was presented to the Board by Jimmy Rogers, Tabor City School, and Kipling Godwin, Williams Township School:

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Future Farmers of America with vocational agriculture education is a strong force for America's agriculture; and

WHEREAS, members of the FFA are playing an outstanding role in assuring the future progress and prosperity of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the FFA motto - "Learning to do, doing to learn; earning to live, living to serve" - gives a direction of purpose to these future leaders for tomorrow's agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the FFA performs the valuable service of developing leadership, encouraging cooperation, promoting good citizenship, teaching modern agriculture information, and inspiring patriotism among members,

THEREFORE, I, Junior Dew do hereby designate the week of February 20-27, 1982, as FFA WEEK.

The above proclamation was passed upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Williamson.

Corbett Fields met with the Board and presented a request that SR 1515 be closed. He presented a statement with signatures of residents living in the area which stated that they approve the closing of the Road. He also presented a map showing the location of the Road which cuts through his farm and no other person owns property that joins the Road.

District Engineer Andy Mills was also present at the meeting to hear the presentation. The County Attorney reviewed the procedures for closing a road that is maintained by the State Department of Transportation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that proceedings begin by requesting that the Department of Transportation delete SR 1515 from the State maintained system. Further action will be taken depending on the decision of the Department of Transportation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed approving the Department of Transportation deleting SR 1174 from the work order for improvements due to not being able to obtain the rights-of-way.

A letter was presented to the Board from Abby Butts, Riegelwood, requesting that the Board pass an ordinance to either keep dogs on a leash or be kept inside a fence. She is requesting this for the Riegelwood area only. She stated that they have serious problems with large dogs which are dangerous to children and adults. The Attorney stated that he felt the problem could be taken care of through present State laws. He was designated by the Board to discuss the problem with the Dog Warden.

The following resolution was passed upon motion by Commissioner Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Williamson to continue the Section Eight Rental Assistance Program with HUD:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRACT FOR
COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus proposes to enter into an Annual Contributions Contract with the United States of America, Department of Housing and Urban Development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County of Columbus, PHA, as follows:

Section 1. The Contract, numbered Contract Number A 3242, is hereby approved and accepted both as to form and substance and the Housing Program Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Contract in triplicate on behalf of the PHA, and the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to impress and attest the official seal of the said PHA on each such counterpart and to forward said executed counterparts to the Government together with such other documents evidencing the approval and authorizing the execution thereof as may be required by the Government.

Section 2. The Housing Program Director is hereby authorized to file with the Government from time to time, as monies are required, requisitions together with the necessary supporting document, for payment under the Contract.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

/s/ Junior Dew
Chairman, Board of
Commissioners

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson that the proposal presented to the Board on January 18, 1982, entitled "Columbus County Services for the Aging" which was passed by the Board to fund in the upcoming budget in the amount of \$25,000.00, be rescinded.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the above motion by Commissioner Williamson be tabled until further information is received which has been requested by Commissioner Marlowe to further study the proposal. Commissioners Marlowe, Hinson and Dew voted in favor of tabling the motion. Commissioner Williamson voted against tabling the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that Peggy Fields be allowed to return to full time employment in the Tax Collector's Office as requested by Mr. Enzor, Tax Collector. Mrs. Fields has been working a four-day week.

The following tax releases were approved upon motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and recommended by Ralph Jolly, Tax Supervisor:

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Jimmy Maxwell and Phillis Dew, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$9,760.00 due to a house being moved from the property.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Gleon & Sally Register, Lees Township, be released for the years 1973 through 1980 due to a house being burned. The valuation in 1973 was \$2,890.00, all other years it was \$5,770.00.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Lloyd D. Bryant and Wife, Lees Township, be released on the valuation of \$800.00 for taxes on tobacco barns which are no longer there.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Maelene & Robert Coleman, Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$3,050.00 due to double listing property.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Joe & Jerry R. Wilson, Bogue Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$2,270.00 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Irvin C. & Shirley N. Brown, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,980.00 due to error in listing number of acres of land.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Irvin C. & Shirley N. Brown, Bolton Township, be released on the valuation of \$650.00 on property that does not exist.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Croft Metals, Inc. of NC, Fair Bluff Township, be released in the amount of \$118.83 in the Cole's Service District.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Exxon Company, Whiteville Township, be released in the amount of \$8.83 for the late listing penalty as an extension had been granted to them by the Board of Commissioners.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Nezzie R. Price, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$26,480.00 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Ralph Thompson, Lees Township, be released on the valuation of \$12,930.00 due to listing a house as finished when it was only 30% complete.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Roedell Walker, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$13,380.00 due to double listing house and lot.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of George Perry & Mary Ella Shaw, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$14,150.00 for property listed in error. This should also be released in Acme-Delco Fire District.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Coleman James McNeill, Ransom Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$5,000.00 due to error in listing 10 acres of land.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Commerce Realty Company, Inc., Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,250.00 due to error in correct value on land.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Everett & Nan A. Altman, Waccamaw Township, be released on the valuation of \$15,500.00 due to an error in rate of valuation applied to swamp land.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of William Lawrence Davis, Ransom Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,670.00 due to double listing 9.55 acres of land. This is also released in Acme-Delco Fire District.

Ordered: that a refund be given to W. F. Yates Heirs, Chadbourn Township, in the amount of \$303.92, for 1981 taxes. This is to correct number of acres listed in error.

Ordered: that a refund be given to W. F. Yates Heirs, Chadbourn Township, in the amount of \$129.83, for 1981 taxes to correct number of acres of land owned. This should be released in Klondyke Fire District also.

Ordered: that a refund be given to J. P. Jones, South Williams Township, in the amount of \$89.66 for 1979, 1980 and 1981 for land that is double listed.

Ordered: that a refund be given to John D. & Phyllis Baldwin, Welches Creek Township, in the amount of \$14.77 for the years 1979 through 1981 due to double listing one acre of land. Valuation for 1979 and 1980 was \$350.00 and 1981 was \$700.00.

Ordered: that a refund be given to James Marshall & Cornie Ann Wallace, Cerro Gordo Township, in the amount of \$12.90 due to double listing two lots.

The Tax Collector's Report for January was presented to the Board for review. The collection percentage was up to 84.88 for the first seven months of this fiscal year. Commissioner Hinson commented that he felt that was not too good. The Board asked Mr. Enzor to work on purging the tax records.

There was a meeting of Department Heads at 11:30 a.m. and the following persons were present: Emogene W. Suggs, Stuart Sasser, Evelyn Rabon, Tracy Floyd, Roscoe Enzor, Ralph Jolly, Hobson Ivey, Howard Stanley, Irene Young and Marion Duncan.

The main topic of discussion was a request by Howard Stanley that all accident reports be made promptly, both on County employees and other persons injured on County property. It was also discussed that better lighting should be installed in the Commissioners meeting room and Tracy Floyd was asked to determine the cost to install fluorescent lights over the Commissioners' desk.

The Attorney was asked to look into the medical coverage section of the liability insurance policy for the Sheriff's Department and advise the Board at the next meeting if he feels that it is desirable to continue the coverage of this section.

Howard Stanley informed that it is recommended by OSHA and the Insurance carriers that there be two persons in each County Building that has had training in first aid. Mr. Stanley was asked to contact employees in each building to find out how many persons would need to be trained if the recommendation is adopted. He is to report to the Board at the next meeting on his findings.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until March 1, 1982, which is regular meeting time.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Seeger
Clerk

James D. Dew
Chairman