

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

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Junior W. Dew, Chairman

Lynwood Norris, Vice-Chairman

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 the Reverend John Paschal, Minister, Whiteville United Methodist Church.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the March 1st and March 9th meetings were ^{approved} as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Marlowe.

Ruby Bullard, owner of the Employment Security Building, Chadbourn, met with the Board to discuss a rental agreement for office space.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to pay \$250.00 per month to Ms. Bullard for office space for the Employment Security Office on a month to month basis as there is some discussion of closing the Office by the State. Ms. Bullard agreed to this arrangement. Funds in the amount of \$300.00 is to be appropriated from Surplus for the remaining three months of this fiscal year to cover this increase in rent.

The following proclamation was presented to the Board by Lloyd Gore, WKSM Radio Station, Tabor City, NC:

I, Junior Dew, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Columbus County, North Carolina, recognizing and agreeing with a congressional resolution proclaiming March 18, 1982, as National Agriculture Day, do forewith, on behalf of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners and expressing agreement with Sunbelt Broadcasting, Incorporated Farm Radio WKSM, do also proclaim March 18, 1982, a "AGRICULTURE DAY IN COLUMBUS COUNTY."

/s/ Junior Dew, Chairman, Board of
County Commissioners

/s/ Lynwood Norris

/s/ L. A. Hinson

/s/ Waldo Marlowe

/s/ Edward W. Williamson

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to make the above proclamation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to refund \$14.98 to Laura Brooks Collins for overpayment of taxes in Whiteville Township, for 1981 taxes. The refund was recommended by Mr. Enzor, Tax Collector.

The following tax releases were approved upon motion by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Norris and recommended by Mr. Jolly, Tax Supervisor:

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Lloyd D. & Doris Bryant, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,750.00 due to double listing pack house and error in listing bulk barn.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Bobby & Helen McLamb, Bogue Township, be released on the valuation of \$10,750.00 due to double listing a house.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of M. E. Reaves, Bolton Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$6,230.00 for Senior Citizens Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of American Leasing be cancelled on the valuation of \$18,000.00 in Whiteville Township due to double listing bulk barns.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of American Leasing, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$2,750.00 due to double listing bulk barns.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Barclays American Leasing, South Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$6,000.00 due to double listing bulk barns. Also listed in Whiteville Township.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of American Leasing, Bug Hill Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$3,000.00 due to double listing. Also listed in Whiteville Township.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Fabric World, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$2,400.00 due to an error in listing inventory.

Ordered: that the 1977 through 1980 taxes listed in the name of Helen Hilbourn Boswell, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,000.00 for each year due to double listing a house.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of P. E. Norris, Williams Township, be released on a 1979 pick-up truck due to an error in listing truck which he does not own.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Roy Lee Jacobs, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,200.00 due to an error in transferring property.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Pauline Williams, Chadbourn Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$4,240.00 due to an error in listing a lot and buildings.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Wayman Grainger Heirs, Chadbourn Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$350.00 due to double listing a lot.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Malcolm & Shelby Jean Edwards, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$21,110.00 for a house that burned in 1978.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Shelby Jean Edwards, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$21,110.00 for a house that burned in 1978. (Same as above release)

Ordered: that a refund be given to Douglas Leo & Jesse Louise Marley, Whiteville Township, in the amounts of 1979 taxes - \$2.52; 1980 taxes - \$2.73 and 1981 taxes - \$6.11. Total is \$11.36. Refund is due to an error in listing the incorrect number of acres of land.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Taft & Hildred Scarborough, Whiteville Township, in the amount of \$149.12 for 1981 taxes paid in error.

Ordered: that a refund be given to G. E. Turbeville, Williams Township, in the amounts of 1979 taxes - \$8.40; 1980 taxes - \$9.10 and 1981 taxes - \$6.02 for a total of \$23.52. The refund is due to a metal barn being listed that has been torn down.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Moore Wesley & Beatrice B. Davis, Western Prong Township, in the amount of \$6.02 for 1981 taxes paid on a 1963 Dodge Dart auto due to an error in valuation.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Ida Mae Spaulding, Welches Creek Township, in the amount of \$30.73 due to an error in listing the number of acres of land. 1979 taxes - \$6.00; 1980 taxes - \$6.50 and 1981 taxes - \$18.23

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to amend the Contract with Dr. Samuel Wheatly to cover 15 months so that the Contract will expire at the end of the fiscal year rather than March 31st. The Contract is to provide Mid-Wife Nurse services for Columbus County Health Department.

Funds are to be appropriated from Surplus to cover the additional quarter in the amount of \$3,750.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed that the petition requesting that the road known as the "J. A. Johnson Road", leading off SR 1149 be added to the State system for maintenance, be approved and forwarded to the Department of Transportation for consideration. The road is eight-tenths mile in length and has four occupied homes located on it.

A delegation of parents and friends of handicapped and autistic children met with the Board to request funding for a summer program for these children. Alexander Singleary was spokesman for the group. Their request for this summer is for \$5,000.00 which is an increase of \$1,000.00 over last year's appropriation. No commitment was made on the amount of funds the Board would appropriate but they assured them of support for the program and stated they would try to find help for them in the transportation area also.

There was a request by Mrs. Lois Smith that they be allowed to select the children that would be allowed to attend the summer program. The Board stated they would have an answer to both requests at their next meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to set the Equalization & Review meetings on April 20th and 21st at 9:00 a.m.

A delegation of residents who reside on SR 1158, met with the Board to ask assistance from the Board to get some improvements made on their road. There was a short discussion of the condition of the road and the hazards in wet weather.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed that the Board reaffirm their request that SR 1158 be put on top priority for improvements. Efforts have already been made by some Board members to get work done on the road.

A delegation of residents who reside on SR 1844 met with the Board to ask assistance in getting their road improved and paved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed that a letter be sent to District Engineer Mills and Transportation Board Member Lenwood Rich to request that they look into the problems on SR 1844 and assist in solving the problems as soon as possible.

Charles Thompson who met concerning SR 1844, also requested that the County place additional trash containers in their area of the County. He stated that the containers are not being emptied regularly causing citizens to dump their trash in the woods and fields. Commissioner Hinson assured him that this problem would be corrected.

The Energy Feasibility Study was presented to the Board by John McNeill of Energy Engineering, Inc. of Fayetteville.

He reviewed the recommendations contained in the Study by building, and gave an estimated cost of the installation of the recommendations. In the overall report it was estimated that if the County spent \$23,000.00 to \$27,000.00 to improve energy efficiency the cost would be recovered within 2½ to 3 years.

No action was taken by the Board but the recommendations will be studied further for future action.

Peggy Fields presented a report from the Tax Collector's office on collections for the 1981 tax levy and also read a letter from Mr. Enzor, Tax Collector, who is ill. The report stated that the present rate of collections is 86.86% which is slightly below last year's collections at the same month. In his letter to the Board Mr. Enzor stated that he was pleased with this year's collections due to economic conditions. He invited the Board to discuss any suggestions they may have on how he could improve his work as tax collector.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus, by and through its County Commissioners, were requested by certain landowners to pass a Preliminary Resolution setting forth a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the ninth day of March, 1982, at eight o'clock P.M., in the Superior Courtroom of Columbus County, North Carolina, and that notices were duly given as set forth in Article 9 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes of North

Carolina; and

WHEREAS, on the ninth day of March, 1982, the Board of County Commissioners heard from each interested person desiring to be heard and no one appeared in opposition to the said assessment; all being landowners along NC Secondary Road 1967 which is located between Dupree Landing and the Waccamaw River mouth;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, after the said public hearing and pursuant to NCGS 153A-192 by this Final Assessment Resolution that the project is to be undertaken. The general description of the work and the location of the project is the improvement and black topping of SR 1967 in Columbus County, North Carolina, between the Dupree Landing Road and the Waccamaw River mouth in Bogue Township. The nature of the project is participation by owners of the widening and paving of the said road pursuant to the General Statutes. The basis for making the assessments which shall include the general description of the property of the said project to be benefited is as follows:

(1) The area to be benefited is all adjacent property land-owners along SR 1967, which is located between Dupree Landing and Waccamaw River mouth.

(2) The rate of participation is two (\$2.00) dollars per lineal centerline foot of the secondary road.

(3) The entire cost of the project to the landowners is anticipated to be sixty-thousand, nine hundred, thirty-seven and 84/100 (\$60,937.84) dollars.

(4) A statement of the percentage of work to be done, that is specifically assessed for the entire project, and in addition thereto the corresponding share with respect to the Department of Transportation of the State of North Carolina is as follows:

1. State of North Carolina	\$ 90,000.00 = 60%
2. Property Owners	* \$ 60,937.84 = 40%
	\$ 150,937.84 = 100%

(5) The terms of payment, including conditions, if any, under which the assessments are to be made is a one time annual payment in full during the next tax year.

This the 15th day of March, 1982.

/s/ Junior Dew, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Columbus County, North Carolina

/s/ James E. Hill, Jr.
County Attorney

* See correction on page 535

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until April 5, 1982, which is regular meeting time.

Emogene W. Sugg Clerk

APPROVED:
Junior Dew Chairman