

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., April 5, 1982, it being first 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 Roy Walker, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Whiteville.

The minutes of the March 15th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Marlowe.

Susan Harmuth, Director, RSVP, met with the Board to present their budget request for 1982-83 which is the same as the current year, \$10,000.00. She reviewed the programs that are now being operated by RSVP. The Board agreed to consider the request at budget sessions. Ms. Harmuth was accompanied by Sara Stroud, Secy., RSVP, Goldie Johnson, and Myrtis Milligan.

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

Ordered: that a refund be given to Sarah Jenkins Battle, Cerro Gordo Township, in the amount of \$6.45 due to taxes paid in error for Mary F. Graham, for 1981 taxes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to sign a contract with Don Viets to act as 4-D attorney for the Department of Social Services. Mr. Viets replaces Mr. Allen Maxwell who has resigned.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to amend the budget for the Recreation Department in the amount of \$173.00 for services to "call" ball games - 620-45; the funds are from donations.

It was further ordered that the Health Department budget be amended in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the Tuberculosis Clinic Operating Expenses and the funds are totally State funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to hire an additional Eligibility Specialist at the Department of Social Services due to the increase in food stamp applicants.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to accept the HUD Section Eight Rental Assistance Budget Estimate to be reviewed in detail at the time the total county budget is processed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to hire a general laborer at the Landfill to be paid at the minimum wage.

The following resolution was passed upon motion by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and approved by the County Attorney:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING AND APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY IN THE FINANCING OF AND ADMINISTRATION OF SECTION 8 FEDERAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE WITH RESPECT TO, A HOUSING PROJECT TO BE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WHITEVILLE, N.C.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS;

Section 1. The participation of the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency in the financing of, and administration of Section 8 Federal Housing Assistance with respect to the proposed housing project for occupancy by persons and families of lower income (as defined by the Agency) described below and located at Nolan Road next to the City Park in the City of Whiteville, is hereby requested and approved pursuant to G. S. 122A-5(1):

Description of Proposed Project:

An apartment complex consisting of 26 units in five buildings primarily for residence by families.

Section 2.

This resolution will take effect upon its passage.

Thereupon motion of L. A. Hinson, seconded by C. Waldo Marlowe, the foregoing resolution was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Junior W. Dew, Lynwood Norris, Edward W. Williamson, L. A. Hinson,  
and C. Waldo Marlowe.

NOES: NONE

Witness my hand and corporate SEAL of said County, this the 5th day of April, 1982.

ATTEST: /s/ Emogene W. Suggs  
Clerk to County Commissioners

/s/ Junior Dew, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

The above resolution was presented to the Board by Pat Burns, representing Phoenix Development Associates, Inc., Raleigh, NC.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed that upon the signing of the PROMISSORY NOTE for \$1,500.00 by LAKE WACCAMAW DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION's President, the funds be forwarded to the Department of Transportation in the amount of \$58,716.44 for participation in paving the Waccamaw Shores Road. The above amount is a correction of the amount stated in the resolution of the March 15th meeting page 533 of Minute Book XVIII. Also the amount of the rate of participation stated in the resolution as two dollars per lineal centerline foot should be four dollars per lineal centerline foot. This action was taken upon the advice of the County Attorney to proceed with the Waccamaw Shores Road Project and to account for the funds that will be payable to the County for the advancement of the funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to appropriate \$1,385.00 from Surplus to purchase a radio for North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department from the General Electric Company.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to appropriate \$1,325.00 from Surplus to purchase a radio for the N. C. Forest Service, in Columbus County, from the General Electric Company.

The above requests were presented to the Board by Howard Stanley, Ed Worley, Arthur Horton and Melvin Brown. Informal bids were presented from General Electric, Regency, and Motorola.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that Howard Stanley be delegated to respond to the finding by the Aetna Insurance Company and make the necessary safety improvement at the repeater station at a cost of approximately \$150.00 to be charged to the Emergency Management budget.

Mr. Stanley discussed the matter of workers' compensation for volunteer firemen in the County and asked that the Board check to find out which units have their own insurance policy so that we can report to the County's carrier.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that each department head be asked to do a monthly safety inspection of their respective department. The guidelines will be furnished by Howard Stanley.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed that the following proclamation be adopted:

WHEREAS, our emergency medical services system provides life-saving care to the citizens of Columbus and surrounding Counties; and

WHEREAS, numerous emergency medical technicians, emergency department physicians, paramedics, and nurses are trained in a variety of emergency medical techniques; and

WHEREAS, a great number of our citizens have been trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation so that they may help their fellow citizens in time of need; and

WHEREAS, a large number of citizens unselfishly volunteer their time to provide valuable service to their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, recognition is due these volunteers who serve on behalf of the citizens of Columbus and surrounding Counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, join with the State of North Carolina and other Counties, and do hereby proclaim the week of April 25 through May 1, 1982, as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK in Columbus County and commend this observance to our citizens.

/s/ Junior Dew, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed that the 4½ acres of County property that joins Legion Stadium be transferred, by deed, to the Whiteville Board of Education for development by the City Schools for recreational purposes. The request was made by Supt. Paschal, Clyde Williams and David McPherson on behalf of the Schools. (RECORDED IN BOOK 340, PAGE 631)

It was stipulated that any funds received from the timber on the above be deposited in the County's General Fund.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that Commissioner Williamson attend the meeting in Winston-Salem, as requested by the School officials, concerning some of the school programs. Members of the schools' administration will also attend.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that the County purchase maintenance agreements for automobile repairs on 17 vehicles at the Sheriff's Department beginning with 1981 models. The plan agreed on for purchase is the Power Train Plan; 5 year/50,000/<sup>miles</sup>with \$50.00 deductible. Funds are to be appropriated from Surplus for this expense.

A letter was read to the Board from the Library Board of Trustees, requesting an additional position to assist the children's librarian to maintain the present level of services to the children in the County.

No action was taken at this time but will be considered at budget time.

A letter was read to the Board from Garland McCullen, Extension Chairman, requesting that he be allowed to use funds he has in his budget, because of the vacancy from John Spaulding's retirement, to increase the salaries of Linda Brulet, Linda Lee, Dorothy Reaves and James Norris in the amount of \$75.00 per month each.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson to grant the request. There was no second to the motion and no vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to allow the Finance Office to purchase a calculator and to amend the budget to cover the cost. This calculator is to replace one that belonged to CETA and has been picked up by the CETA office.

The Board discussed re-roofing the Law Enforcement Center which has been patched during the winter. The Clerk was asked to contact Sunbelt Roofing Service, Inc., Marion, S. C. to get a bid on the roofing that had been discussed earlier in this meeting by Randy Wesley, Salesman. There was also a bid from E. L. Hawks Roofing in Whiteville. The Attorney also requested a copy of the warranty from Sunbelt Roofing.

The Tax Collector's Report for the month of March was presented to the Board. The collection rate for 1981 taxes is now 89.29%.

Commissioner Hinson was asked to attend the Hazardous Waste meeting in Greenville, N. C. to represent Columbus County.

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

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of J. B. Stephens, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,540.00 due to an error in listing a lot. Mr. Stephens was billed for entire lot, but did not own entire lot.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Joe Brown Reaves, Jr., Bug Hill Township be cancelled on the valuation of \$2,000.00 due to double listing. Property was sold.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Betty Sibbett, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$750.00 due to the listing of an air conditioner which is not owned.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Clempson Green, Cerro Gordo Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,700.00 due to the listing of bulk barns and loop shed which he does not own.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Julius Robert Smith, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$9,760.00 for a house and lot which were sold.

Ordered: that the 1980 and 1981 taxes listed in the name of Ronald and Patsy Jackson, Bug Hill Township, be released due to double listing of a house.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Ida M. Graham, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$14,400.00 due to an error in listing a mobile home in Personal Property. The mobile home was already listed in Real Estate.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Ida M. Graham, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$9,173.00 due to an error in listing a mobile home in Personal Property. The mobile home was already listed in Real Estate.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Automotive Rentals, Inc., Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$111,788.00 due to an error in listing of heavy equipment which was already listed in Duplin County.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of John Babson, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$10,255.00 due to an error in listing of personal property to wrong person.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of A.L. Shaw & Sons Trucking Co., Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,275.00 due to an error in pricing of truck.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Bryan and Sherri Gore, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$8,335.00 due to an error in listing a car which was not purchased and the wrong model mobile home.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Rayford Mills, Bolton Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,675.00 due to an error in listing of cars which were already listed in New Hanover County.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Joseph Phillips, South Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$2,575.00 due to a truck which was already listed in Williams Township.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Milton Watts Heirs, South Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$990.00 due to an error of appraiser picking up lot which had been sold to Town of Tabor City.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Elvie Formy Duval Rockwell, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$430.00 due to double listing of property.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Mattie Spaulding, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,900.00 due to an error in listing of property. Property was included in the Simon George Heirs Estate.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Hubert J. & Jolly Shaw, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,180.00 due to an error in the amount of land shown listed to him.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Hilda C. Wright, South Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$4,250.00 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Doris M. Pridgen, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,650.00 due to a lot being sold to Chaundey-Ray Construction Co.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Albert C. Wright, Sr., South Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,490.00 due to double listing. Property was included in a larger tract of land.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Lee John McGee, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,580.00 due to double listing of lot to him.

Ordered: that a refund be issued to James E. Pope, Whiteville Township, in the amount of \$213.05 for taxes paid in error. 1979 taxes - \$69.24; 1980 taxes - \$75.01; 1981 taxes - \$68.80.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Jimmy Oliver Bellamy, Whiteville Township, in the amount of \$168.13 for the year 1981 due to double listing of house and lot.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Maggie C. Brown, Cerro Gordo Township, in the amount of \$33.35 for the year 1981 taxes due to double listing of car.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Ida M. Graham, Ransom Township, for the year 1981 in the amount of \$41.17 due to error in listing of mobile home. Mobile home was listed in personal property and also in real estate.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to United Carolina Bank, Whiteville Township, in the amount of \$166.00 for the years 1979 and 1980 due to a house and lot being sold by Julius Robert Smith. 1979 taxes - \$79.68 1980 taxes - 86.32.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Charlie M. Martin and Patricia M. Davis, Cerro Gordo Township, in the amount of \$12.90 for the year 1981 due to error in listing hookup and addition to trailer, and also a tobacco barn which were not supposed to be billed to them.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to W. W. Marlowe, Whiteville Township, in the amount of \$111.80 for the year 1981. There were no buildings or grain bins on property. Buildings that were listed to Mr. Marlowe belonged to someone else.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to James O'Neil and Louise J. Watts, South Williams Township, in the amount of \$10.41, due to an error in charging Mr. Watts with a Late List Penalty.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Jesse V. Graham, South Williams Township, in the amount of \$6.02 for the year 1981, due to a lot being double listed.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Donald L. & Arlenda Bowens, Ransom Township, in the amount of \$4.13, for the year 1980. They paid on a lot valued \$300.00 which they did not own.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until April 19, 1982, which is regular meeting time.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Seeger  
Clerk

Arnold Dew  
Chairman