

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., August 2, 1982, it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Junior W. Dew, Chairman

Lynwood Norris, Vice-Chairman

C. Waldo Marlowe (Part-time)

L. A. Hinson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney (Part-time)

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

ABSENT:

Edward W. Williamson

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 July 19th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Norris.

Mr. & Mrs. James Franklin Benton and J. Fred Collier met with the Board and Mrs. Benton complained that the Trustee for her husband, Mr. James Franklin Benton, would not provide funds from his trust account for their necessities as specified in his Father's will and asked for assistance from the Board. The Chairman stated that this is not a matter to be decided by the Board of Commissioners and stated that she would have to get an attorney to assist her. She was given the address of an agency in Wilmington that may assist her as she stated that she could not get an attorney to take her case. The agency referred to was Legal Services of the Lower Cape Fear.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the County appropriate funds to pay a repair bill on an oxygen pump that is used by the Association of Fire & Rescue Squads of Columbus County. The amount to be appropriated is \$350.00.

Commissioner Marlowe came to the meeting at 10:15.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed that Harold Stephens be appointed to serve out the unexpired term of C. M. Lee on the Riegelwood Sanitary District Commission. Mr. Lee has resigned for personal reasons.

The following resolution was duly passed upon motion by Commissioner Norris and seconded by Commissioner Marlowe:

WHEREAS, notice has been received, by letter, that the Department of Transportation recommends that Bish Ford Drive and Davis Drive in Cherry Acres Subdivision and Miriam Lane in Shelly Subdivision be placed on the State Secondary Roads System; and

WHEREAS, the above named roads meet the requirements of the State to be maintained by the Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that the above named roads should be added to the Secondary Roads System, having met the requirements of the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County that the Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, is requested to add the above named roads to the System for maintenance.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

It was also noted that there is a right-of-way problem on SR #1307 which is located in Commissioner Norris' zone and he will contact Mr. Yancie Nobles concerning the problem.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed that the Finance Office be allowed to reappropriate funds from Surplus to cover the payroll for precinct officials who held the election on June 29th which is approximately \$12,000.00. Payroll information was not received until July.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to amend the Social Services budget for 1981-82 to decrease Permanency Planning to \$3,497.00 and Title XX Transportation to \$52,296.00 which is the amount actually used by the County. Funds in Title XX are to be reduced in the same amount.

The Jail Inspection Report from the Department of Human Resources was reviewed by the Board. No action was taken.

A resolution was presented to the Board by the Chairman from Buncombe County requesting the support of Columbus County in urging the United States Congress to freeze federal salaries and pensions. The request was based on a Washington Letter stating that federal workers already receive 35.5% higher salaries than private sector employees, 42% higher than State and local government employees and 52% higher than manufacturing employees. No action was taken at this time but the Chairman was asked to discuss the resolution when he is at the Association meeting next week in Raleigh.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to allow the following records to be destroyed by the Finance Department:

General Fund Bank Statements
General Fund Supporting Data (Invoices) Check #s 293-1832
Various Bank Statements
Bank Statements for Aid to the Aged
Bank Statements for Aid to Dependent Children
Undistributed Tax Account Bank Statements
Salary Warrants #s 3974 through 5643
Check Copies for Library Fund, Schools Undistributed Tax Account, Cooperative Health, Economic Development Commission, Schools ABC Fund, Mental Health & Day Care Center,

ESEA Fund Expense Check #s 1561 through 2305, Schools General Fund #s 4730 through 6674, General Fund Expense Checks, Health Levy, Southeastern Community College Capital Outlay, Current Expense and Building Fund, Undistributed Tax Account, Returned Checks - All Accounts, Debt Service and Schools Capital Outlay #s 4102 through 6671.
Deposit copies made by County Accountant, Economic Development, Health Department, Drainage Districts, Riegelwood Sanitary District, Tax Collector, Tax Distribution, College - All Funds, Board of Education and Register of Deeds.

All of the above records are for the fiscal year 1971-1972 and are no longer required to be kept in the Finance Department as set out by the Department of Archives & History of North Carolina.

At 11:00 a.m. bids were opened by the Chairman, to consider the purchase of a copier for the Office of the Register of Deeds.

The following bids were received:

Xerox Corporation	Per bid specifications	\$19,945.00
	Less rental allowance	<u>3,989.00</u>
		\$15,956.00
IBM Corporation		\$21,590.00

No decision was made at this time but will discuss bids with Mrs. Penny, Register of Deeds, when she is able to return to work.

Mr. Tony Nance, Cerro Gordo Fire Department and Mr. Ed Nance, Chadbourn Fire Department, met with the Board to discuss the boundary line between the two departments. No action was taken by the Board as they decided that the line would remain as is, i.e., follow the townships' lines, as this is suitable between both departments represented at the meeting. Commissioner Hinson did not agree with the decision as he suggested that the sign for Cerro Gordo be moved to Piney Forest Church which is now within the Klondyke Fire District.

The Board asked that the Chairman get some information on furniture for the conference room in the Administrative Building and the Board would discuss the purchase when the information is available.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to give Mrs. Ralph Stephens, Whiteville area, a check in the amount of \$50.00 for immediate relief.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until August 16, 1982, at 10:00 a.m.

Ernoque W. Suggs
 Clerk

APPROVED:
Junior Dew
 Chairman

See minutes of 8-16-82