

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., August 16, 1982, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Junior W. Dew, Chairman

Lynwood Norris, Vice-Chairman

C. Waldo Marlowe

L. A. Hinson

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

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

MEMBERS 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 29th adjourned meeting were approved as recorded and the meeting of August 2nd minutes were approved as recorded with the following change - Commissioner Hinson stated that he did agree with the decision of the Board not to change the boundary lines between Cerro Gordo and Klondyke Fire Departments.

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

WHEREAS, notice has been received, by letter, that the Department of Transportation recommends that Pineland Drive in Pineland Subdivision be placed on the State Secondary Roads System; and

WHEREAS, the above named road meets 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 road should be added to the Secondary Roads System, having met the requirements of the State;

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

/s/ Junior W. Dew, Chairman

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed that the budget for the Recreation Department be amended to include \$900.00 in donations to hire persons to call ball games.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed that the Chairman work with bidders on getting repairs made to the area back of the Administrative Building and to pave the parking lots on the Southeast and Southwest corners of the Courthouse Square. Also, include the driveway at the Law Enforcement Center. Bidders are to be secured through advertisement in the local paper.

Mr. Ray Floyd, from Ray's Nursery, and Mrs. Catherine Hilbourn, President, Garden Council, met with the Board to discuss the replacement of shrubbery around the Courthouse. There was a discussion concerning the work that needs to be done. Mr. Haywood McCoy with the Agriculture Extension Service, and Paul Hughes, County Custodian of Buildings, had also inspected the grounds and the shrubbery. The recommendation from the above was that the present shrubbery needs to be replaced and the grounds reshaped and fertilized.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to appropriate \$3,128.50 to contract with Ray's Nursery to complete the job beginning with removing the old shrubbery, spraying the grounds with "Roundup", reshaping the grounds, and set new shrubbery.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed that August 23rd at 7:30 p.m., be set as the time to discuss the responsibilities and duties of a county administrator and to review the applications for said position.

The Chairman stated that the meeting would be an executive session due to the nature of the business to be discussed which is personnel.

Frank Lewis, Consultant on Management, was present at the meeting and he was asked to assist the County in reviewing the applications and other matters necessary to decide when selecting an administrator.

The regular Department Heads' Meeting convened at 11:30 a.m. and the following persons were present:

Otis Collins, Annie R. Strickland, Ila Penny, Junior Babson, Tracy Floyd, Stuart Sasser, Garland McCullen, S. T. Enzor, Roscoe Enzor, Hobson Ivey, Ralph Jolly, and Emogene Suggs.

The Finance Officer discussed the tax shelter that is offered to local government employees who are covered by the local governments' retirement system. The Department Heads were asked to take a copy of the information and discuss it with their employees and report back to the Board by the next meeting the feelings of the employees and the Board will take action at that time.

Stuart Sasser, Chief Deputy, asked the Board to pay for 14 years of time he worked with the City of Whiteville as a policeman. He stated that the employees of the County Police System had back time paid for them and he felt he should have his time picked up also.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson to pick up the back time for Mr. Sasser. There was no second to the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed that Columbus County Department of Social Services participate in the distribution of surplus butter and that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Agreement for Distribution with the Department of Agriculture.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed that the Register of Deeds continue to rent the copier that she now has and not accept either of the bids received to purchase a copier. This was upon the recommendation of Mrs. Penny, Register of Deeds.

Commissioner Dew discussed the resolution presented at the August 2nd meeting from Buncombe County regarding salaries of state and federal employees, and asked that counties support their efforts to get those salaries frozen as they are much above county salaries in North Carolina. Commissioner Dew stated that the resolution was discussed at the Association meeting in Raleigh and that the Association endorsed the resolution and that he voted in support of it for Columbus County.

The following tax releases were approved upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Norris, and upon the recommendation of the Tax Supervisor:

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Harvey Elmer Etheridge, Lees Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,790.00 for a house listed in error.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Dennis & Janice Blackwell, Cerro Gordo Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,360.00 due to an error in listing the correct number of acres of land.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Henrietta G. Long, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$400.00 due to error in listing metal building and a hook-up that should be listed to Boyd Register.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Alice Faye P. Butler, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,480.00 for four acres of land that is double listed.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Edward M. and Carrie Lee Lennon, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,170.00 due to double listing 11.5 acres of land.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Georgia-Pacific Investment Company, Bogue Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,250.00 due to double listing .47 acres of land.

Ordered: that the 1978 and 1981 taxes listed in the name of Pearly Mitchell Peterson, Waccamaw Township, be cancelled due to an error in transferring property valued as follows: 1978 \$1,550 and 1981 \$2,400.00. This property was sold to Rebecca Howard and is listed to her.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Gorum Anderson Heirs and Lina Anderson, Lees Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,360.00 as 2.1 acres of land was sold to John K. and Barbara Ann Gore.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Robert Edwards, Chadbourn

Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,000.00 due to double listing .50 acres of land.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Bobby Jean Sellers, Whiteville Township, in the amount of \$4.47 for 1981 taxes due to error in listing two bath rooms and there is only one.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Bruce Sellers, Williams Township, in the amount of \$107.50 for 1981 taxes due to double listing a house and bulk barn.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Dewey Hill and J. A. & Myrtle Cartrette, Waccamaw Township, for 1981 taxes because of error in appraisal of property at the Lake.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Gorum Anderson Heirs and Lina Anderson, Lees Township, in the amount of \$3.48 for 1979 and \$3.48 for 1980, total of \$6.96.

Upon motion the meeting recessed until August 23, 1982, at 7:30 p.m.

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

APPROVED:

Junior D. D...
Chairman