

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., January 3, 1983, it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

L. A. Hinson, Chairman

Junior W. Dew, Vice-Chairman

C. Waldo Marlowe

Lynwood Norris

Larry M. Buffkin

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Richard B. Self, County Administrator/
Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by Reverend Sam Whichard, Whiteville Penecostal Holiness Church.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 20th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Marlowe with the following change - Page 624, Paragraph 1 - to award the audit for fiscal year 82/83 to Moore & Price, CPA., at a cost of \$110.00 per accountant's day.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff William G. Rhodes met with the Board to discuss the State Jail Inspector's Report and repairs necessary for the Law Enforcement Center.

He also requested that Deputies who have accumulated over thirty days vacation be allowed to either take their extra time off or be paid for the time. The County Administrator explained the County policy on vacation leave, which states that any vacation accumulated over thirty days is lost. The Board concurred with the Administrator to uphold the County policy.

HAZARDOUS WASTE ORDINANCE

There was a discussion concerning the proposed Hazardous Waste Ordinance. The County Administrator advised the Board of the changes suggested by the State Crime and Public Safety Department.

Garland McCullen, Agriculture Extension Chairman, was present to advise the Board on behalf of the farmers in the area as to the effect the Ordinance would have on their disposal of pesticides.

Commissioner Dew requested that a public hearing be held before the adoption of the Ordinance. The County Administrator and County Attorney are to work together on the project to prepare the final draft of the Ordinance.

SIGNATORY AUTHORITY

There was a discussion on the purchase of a facsimile signature stamp to be used for signing checks. There was a general concensus of the Board that a stamp should not be used for signing checks.

However, upon motion of Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Buffkin, a stamp is to be purchased for which to sign purchase orders issued by all departments. The stamp will signify the authorization of the County Administrator.

RETIREMENT RESOLUTION

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

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, at a regular meeting on the 3rd day of January, 1983, adopted the following resolution with respect to the Local Government Retirement System:

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus, has been requested in the past to make voluntary contributions to the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System on behalf of present and newly hired employees of the said County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners are cognizant of the fact that they will, as a board, be requested in the future to contribute by resolution to the said retirement system on behalf of future employees who are eligible for past retirement credits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY that they shall not presently or in the future make any voluntary contributions for any employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY that any county employee, past, present or future may contribute of his or her private funds, any amount that they so elect and which is permissible by the retirement system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the North Carolina Department of the Treasurer, Local Governmental Retirement System Division.

This the 3rd day of January, 1983.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Richard B. Self, Clerk

BY: /s/ L. A. HINSON, Chairman

DRAWN BY:

/s/ JAMES E HILL, JR., County Attorney

FARM CENSUS PROCLAMATION

The following resolution was passed upon motion of Commissioner Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Dew: Voting against the resolution was Commissioner Buffkin.

A FARM CENSUS PROCLAMATION

Since the economy of Columbus County benefits in large measure from farming, the Columbus County Commissioners bring to the attention of all county residents the 1982 Census of Agriculture.

WHEREAS, the periodic farm census is the primary source of accurate information on the number of farms and farm operators in our county;

WHEREAS, it also provides accurate data on sales of farm products as well as production costs in our county;

AND WHEREAS, many business decisions affecting the county's farmers in today's

economy, depend upon accurate data from the Census of Agriculture;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Commissioners urge all farm and ranch operators to fill out and return promptly the farm census questionnaires they have received in the mail and thus help to make the 1982 census the most successful in a series of 22 farm census counts which began in 1840.

/s/ Richard B. Self, Clerk

/s/ L. A. Hinson, Chairman

BUDGET REVISION - HEALTH

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to make the following revision in the budget of the Health Department:

Add \$2,000.00 to Tuberculosis Operating Expense Account (Item 10-596-5700). Add \$2,000.00 to Revenue - Tuberculosis Clinics (Item 10-348-1500).

AMBULANCE CONTRACTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin and seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to renew the contracts with Brunswick Ambulance Service and J. L. Stanley, Columbus County Emergency Medical Services, under the same conditions as last year for a period of one year. Cost to the County is \$5,000.00 to each contractor.

TAX RELEASES

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

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Bronnie Worley, Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$8,080.00 due to an error in billing property.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Ernest Rhodes, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$8,500.00 due to error in not giving him the Senior-Citizen Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of S. J. Fisher, Bogue Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$9,500.00 due to an error in billing him for land sold.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Sim C. Mitchell Heirs, Bogue Township, be released on the valuation of \$8,500.00 due to failure to give the Senior-Citizen Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Alexander Strickland Heirs, Ransom Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$700.00 due to an error in billing him for a lot which was included in their other property when surveyed.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed to Columbus Sites Developers, Inc., Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$450.00 due to billing for land which does not exist.

Ordered: that the 1975 - 1980 taxes listed in the name of Norman Sellers, Lees Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$350.00 due to double listing of the property to Norman & Bennie Sellers.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Ernest C. Sanders, Jr., South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,925.00 due to error in listing a car which had been wrecked.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Willa Mae Webster, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,000.00 due to an error in listing personal property to Ms. Webster, when in fact it should have went to Mark L. Weeks.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Automotive Rentals, Inc., Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$20,959.00 due to an error in listing a 1976 Autocar, which was already listed in Duplin County.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Bonnie Kay Prince, Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$14,800.00 due to an error in listing 5.24 acres of land.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Danny Russell Buffkin, South Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$500.00 due to double listing of lot.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of W. C. Fowler, Bug Hill Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$2,950.00 due to an error in listing property to him, when in fact it should go to William C. & Sylvia S. Searson. Rebilled on late list.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of William C. Searson, Bug Hill Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$21,020.00 due to an error in mapping of property.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Roger D. & Wanda G. Singletary, Bug Hill Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$48,950.00 due to an error in billing him for incorrect acres of land, and also his property was mapped wrong.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Norman Sellers, Lees Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,150.00 due to an error in billing him for 7.7 acres of land which was included in another tract.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Norman & Bennie Sellers, Lees Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$5,000.00 due to an error in billing of land.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Norman & Bennie Sellers, Lees Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$10,090.00 due to an error in billing of land.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of William Floyd & Leatha Ray, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,970.00 due to house being torn down.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Kenneth & Elderca Gore, Bug Hill Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,400.00 due to appraiser picking up one acre of land which does not exist.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Bronnie Worley, Route 1, Box 19, Clarendon, N. C., Williams Township, in the amount of \$45.72 for the years 1980 and 1981. The amount for 1980 is \$7.28; the amount for 1981 is \$38.44. A new survey showed a difference in the valuation of property and also 2.65 acres was sold.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Willie G. Bland, P. O. Box 203, Bolton, N. C., Bolton Township, in the amount of \$4.30 for the year 1982. A farm trailer was listed on the abstract which he has never owned.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Etta Newell Goins, Route 2, Box 225, Clarkton, N. C., Welches Creek Township, in the amount of \$3.25 for the year 1980 and \$6.45

for the year 1981 due to 5 acres of land being double listed to her.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Kenneth & Elderca Gore, Route 1, Nakina, N. C., Bug Hill Township, in the amount of \$12.04 for the year 1981, due to the appraiser picking up one acre of land which does not exist.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Norman and Bennie Sellers, Route 3, Box 196, Whiteville, N. C., Lees Township, in the amount of \$18.00 for the year 1979; \$19.50 for the year 1980; \$11.18 for the year 1981; \$25.71 for the year 1981. An error was made in billing of property. 7.7 acres were listed twice. It was contained in another tract.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

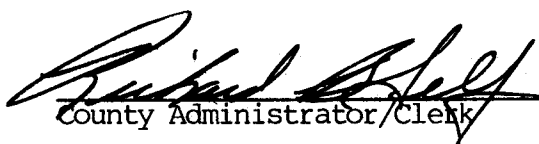
There was a general concensus among the Commissioners to put Ralph Jolly in charge of both the Tax Supervisor's and the Tax Collector's Offices effective January 1, 1983. A salary adjustment was also approved in the amount of \$876.00 yearly, effective January 1, 1983, and an additional increase July 1, 1983.


Jim Hill, County Attorney, briefed the Board on pending lawsuits.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Norris, the Board resumed their regular meeting.

Upon motion, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:


County Administrator/Clerk


Chairman