

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 A.M., February 21, 1983, it being third 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, Administrator/
Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by Reverend Joe Forbes, Chadbourn United Methodist Church.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 7th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously.

At 10:05 A.M. the meeting was called to adjourn by the Chairman to hold a public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING - ABANDONMENT OF SR 1885

The hearing was called to order by the Chairman and he stated the purpose of the hearing was to consider the closing of SR 1885 in Ransom Township.

Reverend Robert Compton, Minister of Prosper Baptist Church, was present for the closing of SR 1885.

The Chairman asked if anyone had any objections to the closing of SR 1885. The Administrator stated that we have had no opposition to the closing of SR 1885.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris, passed unanimously and approved by the County Attorney, James E. Hill, Jr., that the following order be passed:

The Board of Commissioners finds as a fact that there was no opposition to the closing of State Road 1885 and that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners is satisfied that closing State Road 1885 is not contrary in the public interest and that no individual owning property in the vicinity of the road would thereby be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property and that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners by unanimous vote is of the opinion that the following Order is proper and should be made and that the same is made by it in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Columbus County, and the closing is not contrary to the public interest.

IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, ORDERED that State Road 1885 described below be and the same is hereby ordered closed permanently pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 153A-241 and the area permanently closed is described as follows:

All of State Road 1885 from State Road 1843 to State Road 1849, being located in Ransom Township, Columbus County, North Carolina.

Unanimously adopted, this 21st day of February, 1983.

/s/ L. A. Hinson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Columbus County

ATTEST:

/s/ Richard B. Self
Administrator/Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Columbus County

Upon motion made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously, the public hearing was adjourned at 10:15 A.M. and the Board continued in regular session.

PROCLAMATION - FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

The Future Farmers of America Proclamation was presented to the Board for adoption by Patrick Lovett, Tabor City Chapter and Julius Watts, Williams Township Chapter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to adopt the Future Farmers of America Proclamation as follows:

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the Future Farmers of America with vocational agriculture education is a strong force for America's agriculture; and

WHEREAS, members of the FFA are playing an outstanding role in assuring the future progress and prosperity of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the FFA motto — "Learning to do, doing to learn; earning to live, living to serve" — gives a direction of purpose to these future leaders for tomorrow's agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the FFA performs the valuable service of developing leadership, encouraging cooperation, promoting good citizenship, teaching modern agriculture information, and inspiring patriotism among its members,

THEREFORE, I, L. A. Hinson, Chairman of the Columbus County Commissioners do hereby designate the week of February 19-26, 1983 as FFA WEEK.

/s/ L. A. Hinson, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/ Richard B. Self
Administrator/Clerk

COLUMBUS COUNTY YOUTH TASK FORCE

Tommy Holmes, Mental Health Director, represented the Youth Task Force requesting approval of an In-School Suspension program with the budget totaling \$7,862.05 of unused funds in the County. No additional appropriation is being requested from the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adopt the In-School Suspension program.

ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CHILDREN - SUMMER PROGRAM

Lois Smith, Association for Retarded Children, requested that the Board contribute \$5,000.00 for the Summer Program for Autistic and other handicapped children.

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to amend the budget in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Contingencies (Item 10-999-0000) to ARC - Summer Handicapped Program (Item 10-690-9509).

CITIZENS FOR TAX RATE REDUCTION

Robert Inman, Chairman of the Citizens for Tax Rate Reduction, acted as spokesperson for the concerned citizens of the County concerning the changing of Board Meeting times; one meeting per month to be held in the evening/night and one meeting per month to be held in the morning.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed that the request be tabled and the Administrator is to research the request.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - PRE-NATAL PHYSICIAN SERVICES

Steve Smith, Columbus County Health Department Health Director, requested the Board to initiate a contract with Dr. Covie Stanley for pre-natal physician services for approximately \$5,000.00 from March 1, 1983 and terminate on June 30, 1983, and subject for renewal at that time. The contract with Dr. Stanley will replace the contract with Dr. Samuel Wheatley as of the end of February, 1983. Dr. Wheatley has agreed to return to the county a pro-rated share of the funds that will pay Dr. Stanley until June 30, 1983.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed unanimously to replace Dr. Samuel Wheatley with Dr. Covie Stanley for pre-natal physician services.

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH

The Administrator stated to the Board that he had been contacted by Don Stocks with Southeastern Regional Mental Health concerning the purchasing of one (1) acre of land on the Health Center Road to construct a home for mentally retarded children ("Willie M") under 18 years of age. The funds have been appropriated by the State for construction and will be funded by the state for operation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to have Attorney James E. Hill, Jr., and the Administrator to investigate the possibility of recovering the property if state funding ceases.

TAX RELEASES

The following tax releases were approved upon motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew, passed unanimously and recommended by the Tax Supervisor:

Ordered: that the 1980 tax listing of Kenneth Ray and Rhonda McPherson, Whiteville Township be released on the valuation of \$4,125.00 due to double listing on mobile home.

Ordered: that the 1981 and 1982 tax listing of James S. and Louise Sarvis, Lees Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,400.00 due to the 1.90 acres valued at this amount does not exist.

Ordered: that the 1981 tax listing of Consolidated Energy Products, Bogue Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$7,500.00 due to Bulk Barns being moved in 1976.

Ordered: that the 1982 tax listing of Tabor Furniture Company, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,000.00 due to the inventory listed should have been listed for the town of Tabor City only. The inventory was listed with Chadbourn Furniture for the County.

Ordered: that the 1982 tax listing of Janice W. Clewis, Lees Township, be released on the valuation of \$8,500.00 due to not receiving the Disability Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1982 tax listing of Garland Simmons, Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$705.00 due to not receiving the Senior-Citizen Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1981 and 1982 tax listings of Trustees of Rising Sun Lodge #5, Welches Creek Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$12,540.00 due to the .65 acres and building being Tax Exempt.

Ordered: that the 1981 tax listing of William F. Jr. and Elizabeth B. Ehlers, Bogue Township, be cancelled in the valuation of \$2,050.00 due to land does not exist. The same land listed to William F., Jr. and Elizabeth B. Ehlers, in Welches Creek Township.

Ordered: that the 1978-1982 tax listings of Muriel H. Smarge, Whiteville Township, be cancelled due to error in transfer. Should have been transferred to Dass Investors 1978-1982. 1978 valued \$1,000.00, 1979 valued \$1,000.00, 1980 valued \$1,000.00, 1981 valued \$1,700.00 and 1982 valued \$1,700.00.

Ordered: that the 1982 tax listing of Richard Jerome George, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$17,220.00 due to house burned October, 1981.

Ordered: that the 1982 tax listing of Hubert L. and Thelma McCargo, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$20,380.00 due to the lot and house was sold to William E. and Jennifer L. Smith on July 17, 1981.

Ordered: that the 1982 tax listing of Jack D. Strickland, Cerro Gordo Township be cancelled of \$2.88 Late List Penalty due to error in keying Late List in the terminal.

Ordered: that the 1982 tax listing of J. B. Simpson, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,550.00 due to property card showing 11.81 acres (cleared land), valued at \$7,090.00, should be 11.81 (woods land) valued \$3,540.00.

Ordered: that the 1982 tax listing of Dock Heirs and Martha Shaw, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$250.00 due to packhouse and tobacco barn is no longer there.

Ordered: that the 1982 tax listing of Sarah Grange Heirs, c/o Martha Shaw,

Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$250.00 due to the hookup valued at \$250.00 has been gone for years.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Cecil Hugh Jones, South Williams Township, 220 Burns Street, Tabor City, N.C. 28463, in the amount of \$69.66 for the year of 1982 due to error in transfer.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to J. Ezelle and Margaret Smith, Bolton Township, Route 1, Box 163, Bolton, N. C. 28423, in the amount of \$6.71 for the year 1982 due to purchasing 7 acres of land valued at \$2,800.00 from Roy Ganeous and in transferring, the 9.5 acre tract was transferred valued at \$3,580.00.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Doris Wagner, P. O. Box 254, Bolton, N. C. 28423, Bolton Township, in the amount of \$6.28 for the year 1982 due to no building site on the 2.6 acres.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Marie P. Gladin, Route 1, Hallsboro, N. C. 28442, Bogue Township, in the amount of \$15.17 due to the packhouse valued \$150.00 in 1980 (\$1.95), \$400.00 in 1981 (\$3.44) and \$400.00 in 1982 (\$3.44) was sold to James Allen Bright. Also, for the years 1981 and 1982 the property card showed a fireplace valued at \$380.00 (\$3.27) and Mrs. Gladin does not have a fireplace.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Frederick A. Tedder, Route 1, Box 488, Hallsboro, N. C. 28442, Bogue Township, in the amount of \$73.62, paid in the name of Julius S. Tedder Heirs, for the years 1981 and 1982. The house valued \$4,280.00 is double-listed with Bonnie T. and Lealon C. Ward.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Administrator updated the Board on the following issues:

- 1. NACo meeting on March 2, 1983.
- 2. Senior Citizens Center meeting on February 28, 1983.
- 3. Volunteer Fire Department Insurance.
- 4. Tobacco Allotment published in County Newspapers.
- 5. Hazardous Waste Proposed Ordinance hearing on February 21st. None of the existing industries had any complaints on the ordinance. The ordinance is being revised.
- 6. The Administrator requested a change in the County Commissioners meeting date, due to the election, from March 21st to March 28th.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to change the County Commissioners meeting date from March 21st to March 28th.

- 7. HOSPICE Program had been presented to the Administrator by Steve Smith who stated that he had received strong interest from several people as this is a program for families with terminal ill members. It will be a volunteer program and is highly recommended by Cardinal Health.
- 8. Dog rabies vaccination beginning on March 5th through March 26th.
- 9. East Lees' Voting Precinct will be using the Whiteville Chamber of Commerce Santa-Claus trailer for voting as the old precinct has been condemned.


10. Commissioner Lynwood Norris has been unanimously elected Chairman by the Cape Fear Council of Governments.

Upon motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

APPROVED:



Administrator/Clerk



Chairman