

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 A.M., April 2, 1984, it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Lynwood Norris, Chairman

Junior W. Dew, Vice-Chairman

L. A. Hinson

Larry Buffkin

Caletta Faulk

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney (Arrived at 10:50 A.M.)

Richard B. Self, Adm./Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by Dr. John Paschal, Minister of Whiteville United Methodist Church.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 5th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously.

TORNADO DAMAGES IN TABOR CITY

Howard Stanley, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported on tornado damages in Tabor City on March 28th. Damages includes 36 homes, 2 mobile homes and 44 businesses, for a total of \$1,172,000.

Mr. Stanley stated that our local fire and rescue squads are to be commended for their assistance in the disaster.

Mr. Stanley also announced a "table top" workshop will be held on May 31st at the ASCS Office for the Commissioners, Mayors, County Administrator, and others who would be involved in a disaster.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Stanley for his prompt handling of the emergency and instructed the Administrator to write letters of appreciation to the following organizations:

Lake Waccamaw Fire and Rescue Squads
Roseland Fire Department
Williams Township Fire Department
Tabor City Fire and Rescue Squads

SURPLUS PROPERTY - RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed unanimously to advertise to sell two boilers in the Miller Building on April 16, 1984 by Public Auction with bidders providing insurance or bond to prevent structural damage to the building when removing the boilers. Resolution is as follows:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Columbus County is desirous of selling certain surplus boilers previously used in Columbus County Hospital; and

WHEREAS, this equipment is now surplus equipment; and

WHEREAS, the value of the equipment is depreciating tremendously through the lack of use; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 160A-270(b) allows the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, to adopt a resolution authorizing the appropriate county official to dispose of the equipment at public auction; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, have elected to dispose of the said boilers by public auction on the 16th day of April, 1984, at 12:00 o'clock noon, upon the sale being confirmed by the entire Board of County Commissioners, and the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners is the appropriate County Official to dispose of the said property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that L. LYNWOOD NORRIS is selected as the appropriate County Official who will direct the disposal of certain equipment as listed below on the 16th day of April, 1984, at 12:00 o'clock noon by public auction at the West side of the Miller Building on North Thompson Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to the highest bidder for cash:

2 Bulk Water Boilers, including but not limited to water conditioning tanks, and appropriate equipment which is attached thereto.

The Board of County Commissioners must be furnished, prior to the moving of the said equipment, an adequate insurance policy or appropriate bond against building damage for the removal of the said boilers and their accompanying equipment.

All bids are subject to confirmation by the entire Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County and any and all bids may be rejected or accepted by the entire Board. Within ten (10) days from the date of confirmation by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, all successful bidders must furnish the said insurance as previously set forth. That the bidders also must within ten (10) days from the date of confirmation deposit the entire bid amount with the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, at the Columbus County Administration Building, Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, during regular business hours (9:00 o'clock a.m. through 5:00 o'clock p.m., Monday through Friday).

Any questions concerning the said boilers may be directed to the County Administrator's Office, Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina.

All boilers and accompanying equipment may be viewed and examined at the said location in the boiler room of the W.E. Miller Building (old Columbus County Hospital) during normal business hours by making arrangements through the maintenance staff at the W.E. Miller Memorial Building.

/s/ L. Lynwood Norris, Chairman

Attested By:

/s/ Richard B. Self, Adm./Clerk

/s/ James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

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ASSOCIATION OF RETARDED CITIZENS - HOPE HIKE

Mrs. Mavis Carroll, spokesperson for the Association of Retarded Citizens invited the Board to participate in "Hope Hike" an April 14th Walkathon to benefit

ARC's Summer Program. Mrs. Carroll thanked the Board for their past support and stated that many retarded citizens have benefited from their help.

Mrs. Carroll also invited the Board to attend the ARC picnic to be held May 16th at Boys' Home at Lake Waccamaw.

ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Administrator advised the Board that Columbus County has received its first quarterly check for the one-half percent sales and use tax of which forty percent will be distributed to the schools.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to receipt the County and City Schools 40% share of sales tax through accounts payable and given directly to the schools to be used for Capital Outlay - Buildings. The City Schools has requested that the County hold the funds with interest accruing to the City Schools.

LOWER CAPE FEAR WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

Jack Ervin, Director of the Economic Development Commission, requested the County participate in matching a grant in the amount of \$1,354.17 for a Target Industries Analysis and Marketing Study of the Region which includes 15 counties.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to approve Mr. Ervin's request and amend the budget for \$1,355.00 to be appropriated from Contingencies (10-660-9999) and expended in Economic Development-Contract Service (10-495-45).

APPOINTMENTS - LAKE WACCAMAW PLANNING BOARD & BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to appoint Larry Williamson to the Lake Waccamaw Planning Board with a three year term expiring April 2, 1987 and Patricia Benton as alternate member to the Lake Waccamaw Board of Adjustments with a three year term expiring April 2, 1987.

N.C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REQUEST

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to approve a request from Robert Crumpler with the Department of Transportation to transfer unallocated funds in the amount of \$50,000 to stone stabilization. Resolution is as follows:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation provides road maintenance on the roads in Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has requested a Resolution to approve the useage of 1983-84 Unallocated Secondary Road Construction Funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 to continue the stone stabilization program in Columbus County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners supports the request of the North Carolina Department of Transportation to use the Unallocated Secondary Road Construction Funds in the amount requested to

continue the stone stabilization program in Columbus County.

Adopted this 2nd day of April, 1984.

/s/ Richard B. Self, Adm./Clerk

/s/ Lynwood Norris, Chairman

BUDGET AMENDMENTS - AGRICULTURE EXTENSION, SHERIFF'S DEPT., HUD, HEALTH DEPT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Faulk, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendments:

Agriculture Extension - Accept Miscellaneous funds (10-335-00) in the amount of \$345.00 to be expended in IPM Aid-Contract (10-605-45).

Sheriff's Department - Transfer from Fund Balance (10-399-00) \$24,000 to be expended in Sheriff Capital Outlay (10-510-74) for three cars.

HUD - Accept Appropriation of Operating Reserve in the amount of \$13,863.00. Decrease Sundry-Administrative Expense (50-410-4190) in the amount of \$6,000. Increase Indirect Cost (50-410-4160) in the amount of \$19,863.00.

Health Department - Accept Supplemental State Funds for Home Health Services (10-348-09) in the amount of \$2,500 to be expended in Contracted Services (10-593-45).

PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK - PROCLAMATION

Marian Duncan, Acting Health Director, requested the Board proclaim the week of April 8-14, 1984 as Public Health Week. Ms. Duncan presented the Board and Administrator hats symbolizing public health and invited the Board to a breakfast April 9th at the First Presbyterian Church.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to proclaim the week of April 8-14, 1984 as Public Health Week. Proclamation is as follows:

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

WHEREAS, a comprehensive public health system is the most effective method for preventing disease and promoting good health; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County's public health programs provide health care to numerous adults and children; and

WHEREAS, the people of Columbus County rely on our public health system to assure a clean, safe and wholesome environment to live in; and

WHEREAS, good health habits are a major defense against personal and financial burdens caused by disease and chronic illness; and

WHEREAS, public health has protected Columbus County citizens from many crippling and fatal diseases; and

WHEREAS, informed, concerned and active citizens can make Columbus County a healthier county in which to live; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County do hereby proclaim the Week of April 8-14, 1984 to be PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK in Columbus County.

Adopted this 2nd day of April, 1984

/s/ Richard B. Self, Clerk

/s/ Lynwood Norris, Chairman

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK - PROCLAMATION

Amanda Bible, Library Director, requested the Board proclaim the week of April 8-14, 1984 as National Library Week. Ms. Bible presented the Board and Administrator mugs with the National Library Logo and extended invitations for the Board to attend a dinner at the Library on April 16th at 6:00 P.M. and open house at the Riegelwood Library Branch on April 15th from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. Proclamation is as follows:

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

WHEREAS, libraries are one of our county's most valuable resources, providing information, education, and enjoyment to many Columbus County residents;

WHEREAS, libraries are one of the few institutions that serve people of all ages from every economic and ethnic background;

WHEREAS, the libraries serving Columbus County - Columbus County Public Library and its branches in Fair Bluff, Riegelwood, and Tabor City, Columbus County Public School and Whiteville Public School Libraries, and Southeastern Community College Learning Resource Center - contribute to our county's growth and vitality.

WE HEREBY RESOLVE that Columbus County observes the week of April 8-14, 1984 as National Library Week and recognizes the libraries' outstanding contribution to everyone, from the preschooler to the professional, all year long.

/s/ Lynwood Norris, Chairman
Columbus County Board of
Commissioners

Attest:

/s/ Richard B. Self, Adm./Clerk

CONSULTANT FOR THE LANDFILL ACQUISITION

The Administrator requested the Board to allow him to seek three qualified professional consultants to assist in the acquisition of a landfill site to be presented to the Board for their selection.

A motion was made by Commissioner Faulk, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed unanimously to allow the Administrator to seek three professional consultants with the state's assistance for their final approval.

LIBRARY - ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR STATION WAGONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Faulk, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed unanimously to advertise for bids for two compact station wagons for the Library that was budgeted for Fiscal Year 83-84.

UPDATE BOARD

The Administrator updated the Board on the following items:

1. Secondary Road Construction Program Hearing for Columbus County for 1984-85 will be held April 17, 1984 at 7:00 P.M. in the Superior Court Room of the Columbus County Courthouse.
2. Read letter from Buckhead Volunteer Fire Department who plans to start a Rescue Squad in the area and is asking for the assistance and support of the Board.

3. Invitation to the 52nd Annual Chadbourn Strawberry Festival Thursday, May 3, 1984.
4. Chadbourn's Sewer Grant for \$450,000 has been approved.
5. Garbage truck is due in today.
6. Letter of appreciation from the Science Department of Southeastern Community College for assistance in the Hazardous Waste Workshop.
7. Need Board to sign the bond of Mitchell Stephens, Assistant Coroner.
8. Clean-up Litter Week has been designated April 8-14 and Sept. 16-22. The Department of Transportation will again furnish three pick up crews and will provide litter bags and truck pick up support for all outside organizations that wish to participate. Bumper stickers, lapel pins and posters are also available at the North Carolina Department of Transportation.
9. Effective April 7, 1984, The Department of Transportation will begin a four day work week.
10. Steve Smith has sent a letter to each of you expressing his gratitude while he was an employee with the County.
11. Accounting of active Industrial Revenue Bond Projects. Copies enclosed.
12. Whiteville School Capital Projects.
13. Dr. Robert H. Holbrook has been employed as the new Health Director. He will assume duties on June 1, 1984.
14. The Senior Citizen's Director funding has been appropriated through June 30, 1985, plus an additional \$7,000 construction money.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - HEALTH DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to amend the Health Department budget. Accept Home Health-3rd Party Reimbursement (10-348-10) in the amount of \$90,000 to be expended as follows:

10-593-04	Other Professional Services	\$ 2,525.00
10-593-21	Equipment Rent	300.00
10-593-32	Office Supplies	1,000.00
10-593-33	Departmental Supplies	500.00
10-593-45	Contracted Services	85,675.00

TAX RELEASES

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

Ordered: that the 1982 tax listing of Jerry Williams, Bogue Township be cancelled on the valuation of \$6,250.00 due to error in transfer.

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listing of Bowen & Nealy Construction Company, Waccamaw Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,820.00 due to the house is not 100% complete. The value will decrease from \$24,080 to \$19,260.

Ordered: that the 1981 tax listing of Eunice C. Suggs, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,450 due to vehicles are double-listed with Ray and Eunice Suggs.

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listing of Ray & Eunice C. Suggs, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$650.00 due to a deed correction. The 1.13 acres valued at \$2,050 should have been 1 acre valued at \$1,400.

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listing of Betty F. Strickland, South Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$800.00 due to the 1974 car valued at this amount is double-listed to her in Bug Hill Township.

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listing of Mary W. Bowen, on the Late List, Ransom Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$4,675.00 due to mobile home is double-listed on the Regular List under the name of James Lenwood Bowen Heirs, % Mary Bowen.

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listing of Nellie M. Freeman, Bogue Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$200 due to the 1968 car valued at \$200 is double-listed to her in Waccamaw Township.

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listing of Vernis Ann Collins, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$400. due to the lot is double-listed with Earlie & Lula Mae Baldwin.

Ordered: that the 1980, 1981, 1982 and 1983 tax listings of Homer Lee and Evelyn Edwards, Whiteville Township, be released due to house and lot was sold to Mary Edwards Covington in 1979. 1980 valuation \$5,960; 1981, 1982, 1983 valuation \$8,030.

Ordered: that the 1976-1983 tax listings of Robert E. and Shelby Benton Chadbourn Township, be released due to incorrect listing. Mr. Benton has been listed for 10 acres since 1976; should have been 9.1 acres. 1976-1980 valuation \$170.00; 1981-1983 valuation \$540.00.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to D.W. Ammons, Route 1, Box 132, Tabor City, N.C. 28463, Williams Township, in the amount of \$70.52, for the year 1983, due to not giving Mr. Ammons the Senior-Citizen Exemption.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to A.T. Spaulding, Sr., 1608 Lincoln Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701, Welches Creek Township, in the amount of \$110.71 for the year 1983 due to Mr. Spaulding was billed twice for 20 acres valued at \$12,530.

MEETING ADJOURNED & RECONVENED

At 11:00 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Faulk, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Immediately, a motion was made by Commissioner Faulk, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to resume regular session.

MILLER BUILDING MAINTENANCE HELPER EMPLOYED

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to hire Earl S. Suggs (Tracy Floyd's recommendation) as Maintenance Helper at an hourly rate of \$3.43 an hour with the stipulation of an increase to \$3.95 an hour at the end of thirty days if proven to be a satisfactory employee.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M. APPROVED:


Administrator/Clerk


Chairman