

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 7:30 P.M., September 16, 1985, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Caletta Faulk, Vice Chairperson

Junior Dew

Lynwood Norris

Ed Worley

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Richard B. Self, Adm./Clerk

ABSENT:

Larry M. Buffkin, Chairman

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairperson and the invocation was given by Father John Richardson, Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO SUPERIOR COURTROOM

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting to the Superior Courtroom due to the number of persons in attendance.

MEETING RESUMED

The Board meeting resumed at the Columbus County Courthouse in the Superior Courtroom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve the September 3, 1985 minutes as recorded.

HOSPICE PRESENTATION

Mr. Reed Allen, representing HOSPICE, addressed the Board again requesting the Board fund the HOSPICE program in the amount of \$9,000 for fiscal year 1985-86.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to allocate funds, on a one time basis only, in the amount of \$1,500 immediately and the balance of \$7,500 contingent upon receiving Revenue Sharing Funds. HOSPICE will not be considered in future budgeting and will be expected to operate solely on their own, independent of the County. Budget amendment is as follows:

10-590-40	HOSPICE - Public Assistance	\$1,500.00
10-660-9999	Contingencies	(\$1,500.00)

PROCLAMATION - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE WEEK

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to proclaim the week of September 29 - October 5, 1985 as Emergency Medical Service Week in Columbus County. Proclamation is as follows:

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

WHREAS, the Emergency Medical Service Act was passed twelve years ago by the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, this program has resulted in significant progress in our County and State, such as better equipped and designed ambulances, improved personnel training, more efficiently staffed emergency departments and simplified public access into the system; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services provided in Columbus County is coordinated and staffed by a vast number of individual volunteers and have shown extreme amounts of dedication to saving lives in Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, without the efforts of these volunteers, the level of service currently enjoyed by the citizens of Columbus County could not be duplicated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County that Emergency Medical Service Week is hereby proclaimed as the week of

September 29, 1985 - October 5, 1985

Adopted this 16th day of September, 1985.

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Larry M. Buffkin, Chairman
Columbus County Board of
Commissioners

/s/ Richard B. Self, Clerk

HOME HEALTH AGENCY - ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR COMPUTERS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to authorize the Administrator to advertise for bids for computers for the Home Health Agency.

HOME HEALTH AGENCY - CONTRACTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve Home Health Agency Contracts on the following persons:

Judith Tyree, LPN - \$6.12/hour, plus 25¢/mile
Annie V. McKvian, Home Health Aide - \$13.00/visit
Geneva Jeffries, Home Health Aide - \$13.00/visit
Dorothy Barbee, Home Health Aide - \$13.00/visit

HEALTH CONTRACTS TABLED

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to table contracts on the following:

Susan Pitts, M.D.
Norene S. Flemming, M.D.
Mike Asseverp, M.D.

HEALTH CONTRACT - DAVID GARCES, M.D.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve a contract with David Garces, M.D., for a period of three (3) days (September 17-19) to provide needed services during Dr. Holbrook's absence to attend a seminar. The contract will be reviewed at the next Board meeting to consider Dr. Garces' services as a back-up physician in the Health Department.

H.U.D. - BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to approve the revised H.U.D. budget as received from the Greensboro office as follows:

Increase	50-401-4110	Salaries	\$1,418.00
Increase	50-401-4150	Travel	187.00
Increase	50-401-4160	Indirect Cost	1,163.00
Increase	50-401-4180	Rent	50.00
Increase	50-401-4190	Sundry - Adm.	200.00
Increase	50-401-4400	M & R Equipment	70.00
Increase	50-401-4510	Insurance	10.00
Increase	50-401-4540	Employee Benefits	335.00
Increase	50-401-7520	Non-Exp. Equipment	250.00
Increase	50-410-4190	Sundry	250.00
Decrease	50-410-4110	Salaries	(813.00)
Decrease	50-410-4160	Indirect Cost	(1,163.00)
Decrease	50-410-4180	Rent	(50.00)
Decrease	50-410-4400	M & R Equipment	(70.00)
Decrease	50-410-4510	Insurance	(10.00)
Decrease	50-410-4540	Employee Benefits	(335.00)
Decrease	50-410-7520	Non-Exp. Equipment	(250.00)
Decrease	50-410-7600	Carry Over	(4,491.00)
Decrease	50-410-7540	Betterments	(400.00)
Increase	50-300-2826	App. of Operating Reserve	6,953.00
Increase	50-300-8026	To Add Preliminary Funds	3,683.00
Decrease	50-300-8026	To Decrease Est. Ongo. Funds	(14,285.00)

RIEGELWOOD SANITARY DISTRICT - REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Several members of the Riegelwood Sanitary District made comments to the Board requesting that they reconsider funding the Riegelwood Sanitary District in the amount of \$4,900.

The Board advised the County Attorney to check on contracts in conjunction with the guidelines and services rendered within the area they are serving and present to the Board before the next Board meeting in order for them to review and give Riegelwood Sanitary District an answer as to whether they are eligible to receive funding.

TAX RELEASES

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

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Solomon Cribb, Chadbourn Township be release on the valuation of \$8,500 due to not receiving the Senior Citizen's discount.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Mrs. Geneva Ward, Chadbourn Township be released on the valuation of \$8,050 due to not receiving the Senior Citizen's discount.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Frederick Bryan Yates, Jr. and Rebecca, Chadbourn Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$7,330 due to name change only.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Mrs. Beatric Moore Yates, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$8,450 due to the property was sold to Frederick Yates, Jr. and Rebecca Yates.

Ordered: that the 1984 tax listing of United Carolina Bank & Russell Gaskins, Bogue Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$28,878 due to name change.

The lot and house was sold to Herbert A. & Sheldia Henderson by deed of 4-26-83 and should have been billed to them for year 1984.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Mamie Lene Davis, Cerro Gordo Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,690 due to the house was only 70% complete as of 1-1-85. The house was billed valued at \$20,920; should have been \$17,230.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Van Sellers, Lees Township, be released on the valuation of \$45,000. Mr. Sellers was billed with personal property (Inventory) valued for this amount; should have been billed to Service Homes.

Ordered: that the 1980 tax listing of James S. Hobbs, Ronnie T. & Michael L. Hobbs, Waccamaw Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,430 due to house valued for this amount was gone prior to 1-1-80.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Horace J. & Alene Worley, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$154,710 due to error in billing. Personal property billed with a valuation of \$171,900; should have been \$17,190.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Raymond D. & Betty Paul, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$21,840 due to double-listing.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Wilmington Fertilizer Company Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,000 due to name change. The Nitrogen tank, valued at this amount is property of Kaiser International Corporation and should have been billed to them.

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listings of Strange R. & Cristabel T. Britt, Tatum Township, be cancelled as follows due to double listings. The 12 acre-tract, valued at \$10,810 was sold to Christopher Britt and the 2½ acre tract, valued at \$1,300, was keyed in twice.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of J.D. & Vera Hinson, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$8,500 due to not receiving the Senior Citizen's Exemption.

NCAAP PRESENTATION - BISHOP JONES

Bishop Jones, NCAAP President, addressed the Board requesting the number of employees hired in County offices subject to the Commissioners from January 1, 1985 to the present and their race. He also requested a copy of the Columbus County Personnel Administration Policy.

The Board advised Mr. Jones that the list is being prepared and should be ready within the next thirty (30) days and approved the Administrator give him a copy of the County Personnel Administration Policy.

BOARD UPDATE

The Administrator updated the Board on the following items:

1. Dinner for Vocational Rehabilitation Tuesday night, September 17th.
2. The County School has invited the Commissioners to dinner and their mid-monthly meeting, Wednesday night, September 18th.
3. The County and Whiteville School Board's have written letters requesting additional Revenue Sharing funds when it has been authorized by Congress.

4. The auction on surplus property was successful and netted over \$1,200.00.
5. Copies of Personnel Study Proposals from two firms in North Carolina have been given to the Board.
6. Public Hearing on Child Victimization on September 26, 1985 from 1 - 4 P.M. at the New Hanover County Public Library, Wilmington, N.C.
7. The Administrator commended Walter Batten, Solid Waste Supervisor, on the job he is performing; 100 additional green boxes have been placed within the county and all site areas have been cleaned and made more presentable.

SHERIFF - MINORS LOITERING IN COUNTY PARKING LOTS

James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, addressed the Board concerning teenagers loitering in County parking lots in the courthouse area. Also, vandalism has occurred several times to offices in the area.

Sheriff Bill Rhodes requested the Board give him a chance to work with the teenagers to see if the situation can be resolved before any action is taken by the Board.

The Board reached a general concensus to allow the Sheriff to work with the City Police on the issue and report back to the Board within 30 days.

PURCHASING POLICY

Walter Batten, Solid Waste Supervisor, addressed the Board concerning the purchasing policy of the County.

The Board confirmed the existing purchasing policy which is as follows:

1. The Department Head/Supervisor initiates the purchase order which is presented to the Finance Officer for checking to see if funds are in their budget to cover said purchase. After the Finance Officer approves the purchase order it is presented to the County Administrator for final approval. All purchases are to be accompanied by a purchase order unless it is less than \$50.00 or an extreme emergency.
2. Capital Outlay Equipment - The Supervisor must get three (3) informal bids from suppliers and purchase from the lowest responsible bidder.
3. Any item \$10,000 or over must be advertised in local newspapers for formal sealed bids and the Board of Commissioners must approve the purchase.

RESOLUTION - SUPPORT FARMING

Commissioner Worley read a statement in support of the Columbus County Farmer and requested the Administrator explore the farm program and report back to the Board within 30 days.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adopt a Resolution in support of the farmer and mail to Congress.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the plight of the farmers in Columbus County is in a depressed state; and

WHEREAS, farmers contribute heavily to the local economy and through their business, enrich the lives of all the people of Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, the farm families need support and aid of the citizens of the County as well as from all levels of government and business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners calls upon the state and federal government to focus their attention on this vital link in our economy -- the farmer -- and assist in helping the farm survive the economic crisis. Our country aids farmers in depressed countries overseas and is turning a blind eye to the farmers in our own country.

Adopted this 16th day of September, 1985.

ATTESTED BY:

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

/s/ Caletta Faulk, Vice Chairperson
Columbus County Board of
Commissioners

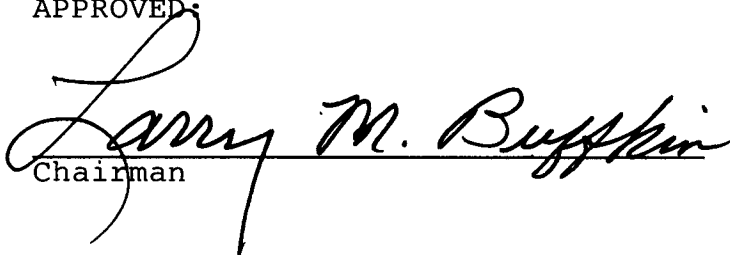
MEETING ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

APPROVED:



Administrator/Clerk



Chairman