

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 A.M., Monday, January 6, 1986.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Caletta Faulk, Chairperson

Ed Worley, Vice Chairman

Junior Dew

Lynwood Norris

Larry M. Buffkin

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Richard B. Self, Adm./Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson and the invocation was given by Reverend Neal Salter, Hallsboro United Methodist Church.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 16 and December 23, 1985 meetings were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT-SANITARIAN SALARY

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve a starting salary of \$15,148, Grade 66, Step 2B, for the current County Sanitarian vacancy.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - OB/GYN NURSE PRACTICIONER

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to approve a new position for an OB/GYN Nurse Practitioner which will be funded by State and Federal with no cost to the County.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - HOME HEALTH RATE INCREASE

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the Home Health Medical Social Worker's rate to be increased to \$72.00 per visit.

LAKE WACCAMAW BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appoint Phillip Ray to the Lake Waccamaw Board of Adjustments as the extra-territorial member.

WILMINGTON OFFENDER AID AND RESTORATION REQUEST

The Administrator presented a letter from the Wilmington Offender Aid and Restoration requesting funding in the amount of \$1,000 for administrative expenses.

The Board did not respond.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT - BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve a budget amendment for the Sheriff's Department as follows: Accept funds from Cigna Insurance Company (10-335-00) in the amount of \$3,358.00 to be expended in Maintenance and Repair Wrecked Vehicle (10-510-17).

LIBRARY - BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to approve the Library budget amendment as follows:

Accept	10-348-34	LSCA Title II Grant	\$221,413
Accept	10-336-03	Building Reserve Account/Contributions	42,896
Expend	10-630-7200	Capital Outlay - Library Building	264,309

MILLER BUILDING MAINTENANCE EMPLOYMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to promote Earl Suggs to Maintenance Supervisor Assistant, at an annual salary of \$11,400, Grade 61, Step 1.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to employ Russell Meares as Building and Grounds Keeper at an annual salary of \$9,024, Grade 56, Step 1.

CONCERNED CITIZENS PRESENTATION

Robert Inman, representing the Citizens for Tax Rate Reduction, addressed the Board again concerning the methods of acquiring property for a new landfill site and the status of the County's Fund Balance.

MILLER BUILDING THIRD FLOOR - AIR CONDITIONING BIDS

The Administrator presented three (3) informal bids for air conditioning the third floor of the Miller Building as follows:

Inman & Son, Whiteville, N.C.	\$9,234.00
Hinnant's, Incorporated, Whiteville, N.C.	9,000.00
Pridgen Brothers, Whiteville, N.C.	8,590.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to award the bid to the lowest bidder, Pridgen Brothers, in the amount of \$8,590.00.

THEATRE ASSOCIATION - REQUEST FOR USE OF COURTHOUSE

The Administrator presented a request from the Theatre Association requesting the use of the Columbus County Courthouse for the presentation of a play titled "Murder Trial" for 5 to 6 days from February 14th through February 22nd.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve the Theatre Association's request.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT - BALANCE SHEET REQUEST

The Chairperson requested the Board's support in instructing the Finance Officer prepare an accurate balance sheet and supply to the Board every third Monday in each month.

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to approve the Chairperson's request.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:25 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to adjourn into executive session.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 12:07 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to adjourn executive session and resume regular session. No action was taken.

TAX RELEASES AND REFUNDS

The following tax releases and refunds 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 Jack Saunders, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$8,500 due to failure in receiving the Senior Citizen's Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Harold and Dila Gore, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$9,160 due to the house valued for this amount burned prior to 1-1-85.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Wanda G. Ward, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,560 due to the 1985 Mobile Home was price incorrectly.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Mrs. Geneva D. Jones, Cerro Gordo Township, be released on the valuation of \$475 due to tractor was priced incorrectly.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of T. Wayne Miller, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$35,670 due to double-listing.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Wilson Thomas Harrelson, Jr., be released on the valuation of \$1,350 due to motor vehicle valued for this amount was listed in South Williams Township and Williams Township.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Samuel E. & Debra Wyatt, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$10,230 due to double-listing.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Edwin Delane & Nancy Skipper, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$9,320 due to personal property was key-in incorrectly. Billed with \$17,772 valuation; should have been \$8,452.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Paul Jernigan, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$8,188 due to failure in receiving the Senior-Citizen's Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of SouthernNational Leasing Corporation, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,600 due to double-listing.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Jeffery Lynn & Betsy W. Fisher, Sr. Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$10,190 due to billing error.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listings of John Dixon & Lillian Peterson, Bolton Township, be released on the valuations of \$31,400, \$430 and \$2,910 due to properties were sold by deed on 1-1-84 to F.H. Swain, Jr.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Lillian B. Peterson, Bolton Township, be released on the valuation of \$840 due to property valued at this amount was sold to F.H. Swain, Jr. by deed 1-1-84.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Waccamaw Lumber Corporation, Bolton Township, be released on the valuation of \$20,760 due to error in acreage.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of C.A. Neil, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,640 due to personal property valued for this amount was listed in error. Mr. Neil lives in Cleveland, Ohio and should have listed only real property.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of E.C. Sanders, Jr. Etals, Bolton Township, be released on the valuation of \$940 due to correction in acres from survey. Acres changed from 80.36 to 76.88.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Robert Leo and Sarah Blackwell, Cerro Gordo Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$32,620 due to name change only.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Harry Steward Etal, Williams Township be cancelled on the valuation of \$8,730 due to motor vehicle valued for this amount was already listed in Chadbourn Township.

Ordered: that the 1981 tax listings of Davis B. & Emily B. Pridgen, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuations of \$16,180 and \$3,090 due to properties for the listed amounts were sold to Clinton L. and Carolyn Grainger by deed of 11-24-80.

Ordered: that that a refund check in the amount of \$57.27 be issued to Fred and Emogene Suggs, Route 4, Box 302, Whiteville, NC 28472 due to acreage correction. Acreage was listed as 57; should be 49.61 acres.

Ordered: that a refund check in the amount of \$73.10 be issued to Mrs. Doretha A. Cox, Route 1, Box 184-K, Clarendon, NC 28432, Williams Township due to failure in receiving the Senior-Citizens Exemption on house and lot valued at \$8,500.

SOLID WASTE SUPERVISORY POSITION OFFERED TO WALTER BATTEN

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to offer the Solid Waste Supervisory position to Walter Batten as a new employee at the starting salary of \$16,596.

AYES: Commissioners Dew, Norris and Buffkin

NOES: Commissioners Faulk and Worley

BOARD UPDATE

The Administrator updated the Board on the following items:

1. Received a letter from the Adjutant General dealing with the Whiteville well site.
2. Received a letter from the Department of Transportation on Fire Ant Resolution.
3. County Government Week - N.C. Association of County Commissioners has requested Governor Martin to declare the week of February 23-28 as County Government Week.
4. Received an Ordinance adopted by Brunswick County which is designed to control hunting from the highway right-of-way.
5. Gordon Layton, Solid and Hazardous Waste, will be meeting with Garland Williamson on January 8, 1986 to examine the suitability of the land which Mr. Williamson has offered for sale to the County.
6. Columbus County enforces the State Building and Electrical Code. One of the Articles in the Code requires that temporary and construction poles be inspected prior to the Power Company providing service. A memo has been sent to all electrical contractors, inspectors and Carolina Power & Light Company and Brunswick Membership Corporation.
7. The Tabor City Town Board has requested the Roseland and Tabor City Fire Department Insurance Boundary Lines be delayed until the first meeting in February.
8. A time clock has been installed at the Solid Waste Department for a more accurate record keeping of hours as requested by employees.
9. Certified Public Accountant interviews are scheduled for Tuesday night at 7:00 P.M. All firms will be making presentations except Deloitte, Haskins and Sells and have requested to make a presentation at another date.

MEETING RECESSED

Upon motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously, the meeting recessed at 12:18 P.M. until 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 7, 1986.