

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, September 8, 1987, in accordance with a Resolution adopted August 17, 1987.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Worley, Chairman

Junior Dew, Vice-Chairman

Lynwood Norris

Samuel G. Koonce

Giles E. (Buddy) Byrd

James E. Hill, Jr.
Attorney

Roy L. Lowe
Adm./Clerk

Ida L. Smith
Deputy Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by the Reverend Elbert Waddell, South Whiteville Baptist Church.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to approve the August 17 and August 31, 1987 minutes, as recorded.

RESOLUTION - ASSOCIATION OF RETARDED CITIZENS

Ms. Mavis Carroll, President of the Columbus County Association of Retarded Citizens, requested the Board's support in applying for grant funds for a Group Home for mental retarded citizens.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The Association for Retarded Citizens/North Carolina, Inc. has received a \$350,000 grant from the Kate B. Reynolds Care Trust to provide community-based housing for 285 persons with mental retardation and other development disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Association of Retarded Citizens endeavors to build another Group Home in the County and the local Association of Retarded Citizens has played an active role in making the lives of the mentally retarded in Columbus County a more positive one; and

WHEREAS, we feel the local Association of Retarded Citizens of Columbus County could benefit from another Group Home to allow a more suitable and home like living environment for the mental handicapped in our community; and

WHEREAS, Housing Urban Development funding made it possible for Columbus County to have its current Group Home facility and as it stands now additional monies received from Housing Urban Development requires restricted criteria; and

WHEREAS, the local Association of Retarded Citizens are soliciting the State's support in considering an additional Group Home when other funding resources are made available to the State; and

WHEREAS, we are requesting that a portion of the Kate B. Reynolds Care Trust Fund for mental retardation development facilities be awarded to Columbus County for an additional Group Home.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners is requesting the State's support on any additional funding available from the Kate B. Reynolds Care Trust and any other funding resources that are made available to the State.

Unanimously adopted by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners this the 8th day of September, 1987.

ATTEST:

/s/ Ed Worley, Chairman
Columbus County Board of
Commissioners

/s/ Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

N.C. WILDLIKE RESOURCES COMMISSION - PRESENTATION

Mr. Randy Wilson, Furbearer Project Leader, with the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commissioner, made a presentation on technical guidance concerning the beaver infestation in Columbus County. Mr. Wilson stated that each landowner is responsible for beavers on their property. Anyone needing information on how to dispose of the animals may contact Garland McCullen locally at the Agriculture Extension Service.

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL - APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to appoint Mr. Pat Wooten to the Senior Citizens Advisory Council to replace Ms. Wanda Hardee, with term expiring June 20, 1988.

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL - REQUEST FOR VAN

Mr. Sam Jordan, representing the Senior Citizens, addressed the Board on the possibility of purchasing a sixteen passenger van for the use of transporting senior citizens to the Senior Center.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to advertise for bid prices for a 16 passenger van for the Senior Center.

SR 1557 - COMPLAINT

Mr. Davis Pridgen addressed the Board on the condition of State Road 1557 and requested the road be straightened out and paved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to contact Mr. Robert Crumpler, with the N.C. Department of Transportation for the possibility for rock and gravel to stabilize State Road 1557.

STATE ROAD 1547 - COMPLAINT

Mr. H. K. George addressed the Board on the condition of SR 1547 and was told by DOT officials that a hearing could be held if commissioners would change the priority list.

Commissioner Dew explained that DOT prepares the priority first and hands it down to the Board of Commissioners for the annual public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to request in writing from the DOT that the Board of Commissioners has the authority to change the priority list. Also, request what funds would be available to Columbus County if priorities were changed by the Commissioners.

PROCLAMATION - DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL TEAM

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adopt the following Proclamation:

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

WHEREAS, Baseball is an integral part of youth's development in Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, competition builds character and increases an individual's sense of values and sets a standard for development of citizenship in later life; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Dixie Youth Team achieved a high level of success in the competitive area of youth Baseball by being Runner Up in the Dixie Youth World Series.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County that the Dixie Youth Team be recognized for outstanding endeavors in the area of youth sports and CONGRATULATE them on this high level of achievement.

Adopted this 8th day of September, 1987

ATTEST:

/s/ Roy L. Lowe, Adm./Clerk

PROCLAMATION - VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adopt the following Proclamation:

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

WHEREAS, the Whiteville Unit Office of the North Carolina Division of Vocational Rehabilitation has provided high quality rehabilitation services to the handicapped citizens of Columbus County for over twenty (20) years; and

WHEREAS, various Vocational Rehabilitation services and programs have enabled hundreds of handicapped citizens to attain the highest possible physical, mental, social and vocational potential; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County taxpayers have saved thousands of dollars due to the rehabilitation and employment of the disable citizens; and

WHEREAS, the successful rehabilitation process depends upon the support and cooperation of the people of Columbus County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County that September 17, 1987, is hereby PROCLAIMED

REHABILITATION DAY

Unanimously adopted this 8th day of September, 1987.

ATTEST:

/s/ Roy L. Lowe, Adm./Clerk

/s/ Ed Worley, Chairman
Columbus County Board of
Commissioners

WILLIAMS VFD - ANNUAL CERTIFICATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to approve the annual certification of the Williams Volunteer Fire Department.

COLUMBUS COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL - APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to reappoint the following persons to serve on the Columbus Advisory Council.

Two year term:

Harvey Cross, Eunice Campbell, Clyde Gore and Maxine Hinson

Three year term:

Marian Holt, Thomas B. Lewis and Irene Young

SHERIFF - REQUEST FOR JAIL ADDITION

Sheriff Bill Rhodes presented the Board with a proposal for a 20 x 48 foot dorm-type jail extension and requested permission to get architectural plans drawn up.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to grant permission to the Sheriff to have an architect draw up plans as proposed by the Sheriff with no additional cost to the county.

The Sheriff also reported that Sgt. Keith Ward, who was recently appointed to serve as an arson investigator for Columbus County, has started training courses and should be certified by the end of March, 1988.

SHERIFF - INSTALLATION OF POSTS APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and approved to permit the Sheriff's Department install posts encompassing the lawn to prevent the public from driving on the lawn with the stipulation that posts must be tall enough for complete visibility while seated in an automobile.

AYES: Commissioners Norris, Koonce and Worley

NOES: Commissioners Dew and Byrd

LIBRARY - STATE FUNDS INCREASED

Amanda Bible, Library Director, advised the Board that additional funding will be received from the State in the amount of \$6,626.00. Ms. Bible requested that a portion of these funds be used to upgrade the salary of the reference librarian position from \$16,992.00 to \$17,388; and to increase the 26 hour part-time library assistant position at East Columbus branch to a full time position (35 hours).

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve Ms. Bible's request.

LIBRARY - SALE OF BOOK

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to allow the Library to sell 1,600 copies of the book, COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA: RECOLLECTIONS AND RECORDS, at the original pre-publication price of \$10.00 each, plus 50¢ tax.

HEALTH DEPT. - CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the following contracts and agreements for the Health Department.

1. Agreement between Home Health Agency Participation between Physicians Health Plan of North Carolina, Inc. and Columbus County Home Health Agency.

2. Contract with Dr. Regina Rabinovich, Pediatrician related services, not to exceed no more than 20 days per year at the rate of \$40.00 per hour.

3. Contract with Dr. David G. Bunn and Associates of Carolina OB/GYN to provide OB/GYN related services for 10 hours per week at the rate of \$60.00 per hour; not to exceed \$600.00 per week.

4. Contract with Dr. Ronald Mukamal to provide professional services for four (4) hours per week at the rate of \$40.00 per hour and \$200.00 per month for primary back-up and medical consultation services from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. each day.

5. Contract with Marvaneen Davis, Registered Nurse, at the rate of \$9.24 per hour, plus 25¢ per mile for necessary travel.

6. Contract with Laura Hinson, Registered Nurse, at the rate of \$9.24 per hour, plus 25¢ per mile for necessary travel.

Copies of contracts and agreements are on file at the Clerk to Board's office and the Department of Health.

CONTRACT - DR. SAMUEL WHEATLEY

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to revise the contract with Dr. Samuel Wheatley and Columbus County to supplement insurance premiums for providing services for indigent birthing in Columbus County to read Samuel Wheatley, M.D./P.A. Contract is on file at the Clerk to Board's office.

COUNTY BANK PROPOSALS

The Board reached a general concensus to allow the Administrator additional time on the bank proposals analysis.

PROCLAMATION - LITERACY WEEK

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to adopt the following Proclamation:

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

WHEREAS, illiteracy is a serious world problem, hampering at least 810 million people - one-third of the human race - in their attempt to gain an adequate modern standard of living; and

WHEREAS, citizens of our own city and county suffer this handicap, along with more than 960,000 other North Carolinians, which prevents their full participation in our civic, social and economic life; and

WHEREAS, we desire that all citizens of this area have the basic education necessary for a productive and satisfying life; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Literacy Council, a 100 percent voluntary group, is engaged in the training of tutors to teach adults on a Each One Teach One basis to read and write; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Literacy Council, as a member of Laubach Literacy's national Affiliation for Literacy Advance, through which they cooperate with fellow members in 50 states and three provinces of Canada is engaged in teaching the under-educated of our area; and

WHEREAS, many of these public-spirited citizens support the self-help teaching programs of Laubach Literacy International in eight developing nations; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Literacy Council is participating in commemorating the life of one who, between 1930 and 1970, developed this system of easy-to-read lessons in 103 countries and 313 different languages, and expanded the international programming of Laubach Literacy in the face of booming world population; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to encourage all citizens to involve themselves in this important effort as tutors or learners, leaders or donors, and it is desired to commend the Columbus County Literacy Council for voluntary efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim that Tuesday, September 8, be designated as WORLD LITERACY DAY in Columbus County, and that the week of September 8 through September 14 be designated a LITERACY WEEK.

Adopted this 8th day of September, 1987.

ATTEST:

Roy L. Lowe, Adm./Clerk

/s/ Ed Worley, Chairman
Columbus County Board of
Commissioners

TAX RELEASES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to approve the following tax releases as recommended by the Tax Supervisor.

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of Leo and Nettie Lee Gore, Fair Bluff Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$4,610. This tract is property of Ollie Pinkney Hammond.

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of H.K. & Lorraine George, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$900 due to property was double-listed to Raymond Best.

Ordered: that the 1976 through 1986 tax listings of Blanche Johnson, Bogue Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,000 due to the property was listed to Andrew & Louise Johnson.

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of Linda Smith, Township #99, Discoveries, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,200 due to Ms. Smith is a resident of Bladen County.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued in the amount of \$18.60 to Eva Smith, Route 5, Box 318-A, Whiteville, NC 28472. Ms. Smith paid this tax through error.

DOT - REQUEST FOR OVER-PASS INTERSECTION OF N.C. 211 AND U.S. 74-76


A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to direct the Administrator to write a letter requesting consideration from the Department of Transportation to construct an over-pass on N.C. 211 and U.S. 74-76, near Bolton.

MEETING ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M.

APPROVED:


Administrator/Clerk


Chairman

APPROVED
Columbus County Board
of Commissioners

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