

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., March 19, 1979, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

C. Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

Junior W. Dew, Vice-Chairman

Edward W. Williamson

L. A. Hinson

David L. McPherson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney (Part-time)

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by Commissioner McPherson.

The following business was transacted:

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

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to allow the Department of Social Services to hire an additional worker in the Food Stamp Department due to the increase in case load as a result of new regulations issued by the Federal Government. No additional funds are needed this fiscal year as replacements for employees that have retired have been made at a lower pay scale resulting in funds available in the Social Services budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to approve the reclassification of a clerk employed at the Library due to a change in job description which will be sent to State Personnel Office for proper classification and pay scale.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to allow the Coroner to apply for a telephone credit card for his use while performing his duties as Coroner.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that the Whiteville Board of Education be allowed to apply for CBA Funds to purchase a film library to be used for juveniles who are status offenders or youth-at-risk juveniles. The Whiteville Board has agreed to pay the local matching funds.

A further motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to allow the Whiteville Board of Education to hire two persons in the recreation department as supervisors for a summer recreation program for status offenders and youths-at-risk from CBA Funds.

Both of the above motions are subject to clarification of the responsibilities that would be the County's as to the requirements of the contract before the Chairman signs the contract and a letter of declaration from the Whiteville Board of Education stating that they will furnish the necessary local matching funds.

Mr. Tom Cassell, with the Department of Natural Resources & Community Development, met with the Board to discuss and enlighten the Board on the regulations in relation to National Flood Insurance. After a presentation by Mr. Cassell the Board asked if he would meet with the lending agencies in the County that deal with loans in flood areas and discuss the matter with them. The Clerk was instructed to contact the lending agencies that would be involved and set a meeting time if they are interested and get input on the matter from the agencies before the Board proceeds any further in making application to participate in the Flood Insurance Program.

The resignation of Ronald Pearson, Associate Agriculture Agent, was presented to the Board by letter and was accepted.

The resignation of James Sessions, Grievance Committee Member, was presented to the Board by letter and was accepted but no replacement was appointed at this time. It was also discussed that persons serving on this Committee be compensated, at least, for mileage but no decision was made at this time.

Ray Hamilton, PE, with Moore & Gardner Associates, made a presentation to the Board concerning the 201 Wastewater Proposal and announced a public hearing on March 29th in Chadbourn on the wastewater planning which will be more detailed. He discussed the different types of disposing of wastewater and sewage and different methods of paying for the service.

At 1:30 p.m. the Board met jointly with officials from the Department of Transportation and about 25 citizens of the County. Due to the absence of Board of Transportation Member, A. W. Williamson, no decisions were made concerning the Secondary Roads Program for 1979-80 but each citizen present were given a chance to be heard concerning the particular road they were interested in getting improved. The request from those present for SR improvements were for road #1001, 1145, 1135, 1432, 1547, 1713, and 1726.

The Board adjourned to the Chadbourn area to visit the farms that have a drainage problem because of beavers building dams in the watershed areas causing the water table to rise causing damage to farmlands, roads and septic tanks.

The Board did not reconvene after the visit to Chadbourn but recessed until 9:00 a.m., March 22, 1979, to continue unfinished business and to meet with the Department of Transportation concerning the Secondary Roads Program for 1979-80.

APPROVED:

Emogene M. Soggs
Clerk

Waldo Marlowe
Chairman