

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10 a.m., May 24, 1966 in a special called meeting.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

W. O. Johnson, Chairman

T. E. Burns

J. Roland Gore

Lacy R. Thompson

H. J. Watts

Mazzalee T. Sanderford, Clerk

Business transacted:

The following persons appeared before the Board to present and defend their budget requests for the fiscal year 1966-67 which were submitted to the auditor on or before May 3rd:

Dr. Warren Land & William Eddins of Southeastern Community College

C. D. Raper, Extension Chairman

Rev. Leo Hawkins and Advisory Board Members of the Mental Health Association

Sankey W. Robinson, Board Member, Attorney Jack Hooks, and Supt. C. W. Duggins of the Whiteville City Schools.

Mrs. Alice S. Wright, Welfare Director

Richard P. Mauney, Executive Director of the Economic Development Commission.

No action was taken on said budget requests at this time.

Upon motion of Commissioner Watts, seconded by Commissioner Gore and duly carried, the following ordinance to establish a planning board for Columbus County was adopted:

WHEREAS, The General Statutes of North Carolina, Chapter 153, Section 9 (40) provides for the establishment and operation of County Planning Boards; and

WHEREAS, It appears that there is a need in Columbus County for a comprehensive planning program and a specific need at this time for a comprehensive plan for water and sewer along with other needs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners needs the active assistance and constant co-operation of many civic-minded, far-seeing citizens in their efforts to serve the best interests of the people and to direct the county's physical growth along good civic lines; Now, Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of County Commissioners hereby establish THE COLUMBUS COUNTY PLANNING BOARD hereinafter referred to as the "Planning Board," and ordain that it be governed by the following provisions:

Section 1. Membership and Vacancies. The Planning Board shall consist of fifteen (15) members, the present members of the Columbus County Planning Board heretofore established are hereby appointed as the Planning Board. The terms of the members of the Planning Board shall be at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 2. Organization, Rules, Meetings and Records. The Planning Board shall organize itself by electing a chairman, vice chairman, secretary, and treasurer, and shall adopt such rules as the members deem appropriate and necessary for the orderly conduct of business of said Planning Board, and the Planning Board shall hold regular meetings and keep sufficient and appropriate records.

Section 3. General Powers and Duties. It shall be the duty of the Planning Board in general:

- (1) To acquire and maintain in current form such basic information and materials as are necessary to an understanding of past trends, present conditions, and forces at work to cause changes in these conditions.

- (2) To prepare and from time to time amend and revise a comprehensive and co-ordinated plan for the physical development of the area.
- (3) To establish principles and policies for guiding action in the development of the area.
- (4) To prepare and recommend to the Board of County Commissioners ordinances promoting orderly development along the lines indicated in the comprehensive plan.
- (5) To determine whether specific proposed developments conform to the principles and requirements of the comprehensive plan for the growth and improvement of the area.
- (6) To act as a water and sewer Planning Board and conduct a comprehensive water and sewer service in the entire county.
- (7) To contract for financial help in conducting a comprehensive water and sewer service.
- (8) To enter into and carry out contracts with the state or federal government or any agency thereof under which said government or agency grant financial or other assistance to said Planning Board.
- (9) To accept such assistance or funds as may be granted by the state or federal government with or without such a contract.
- (10) To agree to and comply with any reasonable conditions which are imposed upon such grants.
- (11) To enter into the above agreements jointly with the Board of County Commissioners.
- (12) To make expenditures from any funds so granted jointly with the County Commissioners.
- (13) To enter into and carry out contracts with any other city, county, or joint planning board or boards under which it agrees to furnish technical planning assistance to such other planning board or boards, and enter into and carry out contracts with any other city, county, or joint planning board or boards under which it agrees to pay such other planning board or boards for technical planning assistance to be furnished by the staff of such other board or boards.
- (14) To keep the Board of County Commissioners and the general public informed on these matters.
- (15) To perform any of the duties which may be lawfully assigned to it.

Section 4. Miscellaneous Powers and Duties. The Planning Board may conduct such public hearings as may be required to gather information necessary for the drafting, establishment, and maintenance of the comprehensive plan. Before adopting any such plan it shall hold at least one public hearing thereon.

The Planning Board shall have power to promote public interest in an understanding of its recommendations, and to that end it may publish and distribute copies of its recommendations and may employ such other means of publicity and education as it may determine.

Members or employees of the Planning Board, when duly authorized by the Planning Board, may attend conferences or meetings of planning institutes or hearings upon pending planning legislation and the Planning Board may, by formal and affirmative vote, pay within the Planning Board's budget, the reasonable travelling expenses incident to such attendance.

Section 5. Annual Report of Expenditures. The Planning Board shall, in May of each year, submit in writing to the Board of County Commissioners, a written report of its activities, an analysis of the expenditures to date for the current fiscal year. The Planning Board is authorized to receive contributions from private agencies and organizations or from individuals, and from the federal, state, or local government in addition to any sums which may be appropriated for its use by the Board of County Commissioners. It may accept and disburse such contributions for special purposes or projects, subject to any specific conditions included in the approved budget. The Planning Board is authorized to appoint such committees and employees, and to authorize such expenditures as it may see fit, subject to limitations of funds provided for the Planning Board by the Board of County Commissioners in the county's annual report.

Section 6. Repeal and Date of Effect. Any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this resolution and ordinance are hereby repealed, and this resolution and ordinance shall be in full force and effect as an ordinance of Columbus County from and after the date of its adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 7. Validity. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution and ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of the resolution and ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

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A motion was made by Com. Thompson, seconded by Com. Burns, and duly carried, to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Columbus County Planning Board to conduct a comprehensive survey for water and sewer development in Columbus County:

WHEREAS, Columbus County is in great need of a comprehensive plan for developing water and sewer systems for the future orderly growth and development of its rural communities, and

WHEREAS, Columbus County is unable to finance the expense for such a survey, and

WHEREAS, the federal government, through its agency, The Farmers Home Administration, has made funds available to qualified areas,

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Columbus County Planning Board be authorized to conduct such a comprehensive survey, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Columbus County Planning Board is hereby authorized to make application to the Farmers Home Administration for a grant of Fifteen Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$15,000.00), said amount to represent the cost of said survey, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners shall request the Columbus County Economic Development Commission to appropriate at least Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$500.00) or more to assist in meeting the overall cost of said survey, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event such a claim is approved and the above sums are made available, the contract for conducting the survey shall be awarded to Harwood Beebe Company of Spartanburg, South Carolina, in accordance with the proposal made by said firm.

This 24th day of May, 1966.

/s/ W. O. Johnson  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest:

/s/ Mazzalee T. Sanderford  
Secretary to the Board

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 8 p.m., May 31, 1966.

APPROVED:

Mazzalee T. Sanderford  
Clerk

W. O. Johnson  
Chairman