

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10 a.m.,  
February 20, 1967 it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

W. O. Johnson, Chairman

T. E. Burns

J. Roland Gore

H. J. Watts

Edward W. Williamson

Mazzalee T. Sanderford, Clerk

The following business was transacted:

Ordered: that the penalty on taxes listed in the name of W. F. Cox, Chadbourn Township, for the year 1941 be reduced in the amount of \$11.43 due to an error in calculation.

The following resolution, introduced by Comm. Burns who moved its adoption, was duly adopted:

A RESOLUTION CREATING JOINTLY WITH OTHER COUNTIES  
AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, while the Coastal Plains Region of the State of North Carolina is abundant in natural resources and rich in potential, its people lag behind certain other regions of the State of North Carolina and the Nation and have not shared properly in the Nation's prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the people of the region understand their problems and have worked and will continue to work purposefully toward the solution of their economic problems;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS County in conjunction with Boards of County Commissioners in other counties presently proposed and/or subsequently determined as comprising an Economic Development District THAT there is hereby created a regional Economic Development Commission, the purpose of which is to assist the region in meeting its special problems, to promote economic development, and to establish a framework for joint Federal and State efforts toward providing the basic facilities essential to its growth and attacking its common problems and meeting its common needs on a coordinated and concerted basis;

RESOLVED FURTHER that the membership of the Economic Development Commission shall be appointed as follows: Three members shall be appointed by each of the several Boards of County Commissioners. The original three members appointed by each Board of County Commissioners shall serve terms of one year, two years, and three years respectively. All subsequent appointments shall be for three years. It shall be permissible for the Board of County Commissioners to reappoint present members to succeed themselves.

RESOLVED FURTHER that compensation for the members shall be established by the Rules and Regulations of the Economic Development Commission which shall hereafter be promulgated;

RESOLVED FURTHER that the formula for financial support shall be determined on the basis of population, computed with respect to the latest decennial census, and shall be set forth specifically in the Rules and Regulations of the Economic Development Commission which shall hereafter be promulgated;

RESOLVED FURTHER that this Economic Development Commission is created pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 158 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED THIS THE 20th day of February 1967.

ATTEST:

/s/ Mazzalee T. Sanderford  
Clerk, Board of County Commissioners

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

The following persons were appointed to serve on the aforementioned Economic Development Commission for the terms indicated:

William Freeman, Whiteville	One Year Term
Hugh Williams, Clarendon	Two Year Term
James C. Rabon, Fair Bluff	Three Year Term

Ordered: that the Board of County Commissioners sit as a Board of Equalization and Review at 10 a.m., April 10th and April 17th and that hearings be reviewed at a meeting on April 24th.

A motion was made by Comm. Williamson, seconded by Comm. Burns and unanimously passed that the Board of Commissioners extend an invitation to the Employment Security Commission to come into Columbus County and conduct a SMALLER COMMUNITIES PROGRAM as presented to the Board by Richard P. Mauney, Executive Director of Columbus County Economic Development Commission, and that suitable space be provided for this program.

Upon motion made by Comm. Williamson, seconded by Comm. Watts, and carried, it was ordered that Workman's Compensation & Employer's Liability Insurance be given to Meares-Enzor of Fair Bluff.

- ROAD PETITIONS:
1. Williams Township. Secondary Road #1327 and #1322; two miles in length; eleven occupied homes located on it.
  2. Williams Township. Secondary Road #1318; 1.1 miles in length; seven occupied homes located on it.

The following orders were made upon the recommendation of the tax collector, J. Hubert Norris:

Ordered: that the late listing penalty on taxes charged in the name of John T. Manning, Whiteville Township, be released for the year 1966 due to an error in listing. (Receipt #3158).

Ordered: that taxes listed in the name of Mrs. Zemma Caines, South Williams Township, be cancelled for the year 1931 due to double listing.

Ordered: that taxes listed in the name of Ralph Bright, Whiteville Township, be cancelled for the year 1928 due to an error in listing.

Ordered: that the valuation of real property listed in the name of Mrs. Ronnie Jernigan Batten, Bogue Township, be reduced in the amount of \$300 for the years 1965 and 1966 and that credit be given to the 1966 taxes in the amount of \$9.54 due to the fact that the 1965 taxes have been paid. This was a double listing.

Ordered: that poll tax listed in the name of Willie Hinson, Fair Bluff Township, be released for the year 1966 due to the fact that Mr. Hinson was fifty-two years of age January 1, 1966. (Receipt #233)

Ordered: that taxes listed in the name of Grady Garrell Heirs, Bug Hill Township, be cancelled for the year 1962 due to double listing. (Receipt #714).

Ordered: that taxes listed in the name of Frank Green, Cerro Gordo Township, be cancelled for the year 1926 due to double listing. (Receipt #561).

Ordered: that taxes listed in the name of M. M. Canady Estate, Lees Township, be cancelled for the year 1930 due to double listing. (Receipt #1006).

Ordered: that taxes listed in the name of Dr. W. H. Crowell Heirs, Lees Township, be cancelled for the years 1939 and 1940 due to double listing. (Receipt #111, #115.)

Ordered: that taxes listed in the name of Leona L. Lennon Heirs, South Williams Township, be cancelled for the year 1964. This property was double listed as found by Southern Appraisal Company. (Receipt #671).

Ordered: that taxes listed in the name of Viola Carmichael, South Williams Township, be cancelled for the years 1926 through 1931 due to an error in listing.

Ordered: that taxes listed in the name of A. F. Carroll, Ransom Township, be cancelled for the years 1920, 1922 through 1938 due to double listing.

Ordered: that taxes listed in the name of M. O. Bullard and Clyde McInnis, Western Prong Township, be cancelled for the year 1961 due to double listing. (Receipt #48).

Ordered: that taxes listed in the name of O. G. Calhoun Estate, Williams Township, be cancelled for the year 1935 due to double listing. (Receipt #2502).

Ordered: that taxes listed in the name of J. B. Davis, Whiteville Township, be cancelled for the year 1960 due to double listing. (Receipt #546).

Ordered: that one acre be segregated from the property of Jay Brown, Tatum Township, for the years 1957 through 1966 so that Lamar Simmons may pay the prior years' taxes on this acre. A proportionate part of the personal property is included in this segregation.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 10 a.m., March 6, 1967.

APPROVED:

Myrtle J. Paulsen  
Clerk

W. O. Johnson  
Chairman

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Upon motion of Comm. T. E. Burns, seconded by Comm. H. J. Watts, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Whiteville City Board of Education has submitted to this Board a Petition, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 115, Article 14 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, requesting the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus to call an election in the area comprising the Whiteville City School Administrative Unit, which area is described in said Petition as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the County line between Columbus and Bladen Counties, said point being about one mile Eastwardly from Highway 410 and on the Western boundary of the farm belonging to Arthur Collier, and runs thence a direct line in a Southerly direction about 1.8 miles to the head of a branch at a point about one mile East of Highway 410 and one mile North of the road leading from Highway 410 to Wooten's Store; thence down the run of said branch to its junction with West Prong Creek; then up West Prong Creek to its fork about 3/10 miles South of the road leading from Highway 701 to Highway 410; thence up the East fork of West Prong Creek to its head; thence a direct line in a Southeasterly direction to the head of the West fork of Gray Branch; thence down the West fork of Gray Branch to its junction with the East fork of said branch; thence a direct line in a Southerly direction to the intersection of a road with Highway 74-76, said road intersection being 2.1 miles Eastwardly from the intersection of Peacock Road and Highway 74-76; thence a direct line in a Southwesterly direction to the head of the Northeast fork of Cedar Branch; thence down Cedar Branch to the junction of the North and South forks of said branch; thence up the run of the South fork of Cedar Branch to its junction with Five Mile Branch; thence up Five Mile Branch to its fork about 4/10 miles North of the road leading from Wards to Highway 701; thence a direct line in a Southerly direction to the forks of Beaver Dam Swamp about 1.8 miles Westwardly from Highway 701; thence down Beaver Dam Swamp to Highway 701; thence a direct line in an Eastwardly direction to Highway 130 at Pleasant Plain Church; thence a direct line about North 30 degrees East to White Marsh; thence up White Marsh to Red Hill Swamp; thence up Red Hill Swamp to the Bladen County line; thence with Bladen County line Westward to the beginning. The same description is the one made by E. M. Eutsler, Registered Engineer, on January 5, 1946, and the correction as made by him on February 7, 1947.

on the question of whether there shall be levied and collected a special tax not to exceed twenty-five cents (25¢) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property, real and personal, within the area of the Whiteville City School Administrative Unit to supplement the current <sup>expense</sup> funds from State and County allotments and thereby operate schools of a higher standard by supplementing any items of expenditure in the Whiteville City School Administrative Unit's Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED AND RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners for the County of Columbus:

1. That, pursuant to Chapter 115, Article 14 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, an election be held within the area as described in the Petition of the Whiteville City School Administrative Unit, and hereinabove set forth, on April 11, 1967, on the question of whether there shall be levied and collected a special tax not to exceed twenty-five cents (25¢) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property, real and personal, within the area of the Whiteville City School Administrative Unit to supplement the current expense funds from State and County allotments and thereby operate schools of a higher standard by supplementing any items of expenditure in the Whiteville City School Administrative Unit's Budget;
2. That there shall be a new registration of the qualified voters of those residing in the area of the Whiteville City School Administrative Unit as above described;
3. For said election and registration the polling places, the Registrars and Judges are designated and appointed as follows:

<u>PRECINCTS</u>	<u>POLLING PLACES</u>	<u>REGISTRARS</u>	<u>JUDGES</u>
N. Whiteville	Community Club House	Joe White -----	J. F. Callihan Delmas Hooks
Whiteville #1	Courthouse	Edna E. Ripple -----	Frances Hooks John E. Thompson, Jr.
Whiteville #2	Town Hall	Mrs. Carl Lennon-----	Barcie E. Fowler John Bennett
Whiteville #3	Central High School	Harry Lee Simmons-----	Madge Ellis Wilbur B. Davis
S. Whiteville	New Hope School	E. L. White, Jr.-----	C. G. Tedder Eugene Thompson
North Lees	Graham Harrelson's Home Rt. 4	Mrs. J. L. Harrelson---	Palmer Jolly Mrs. W. T. Vance

<u>PRECINCTS</u>	<u>POLLING PLACES</u>	<u>REGISTRARS</u>	<u>JUDGES</u>
South Lees	<del>Alma Ward's Home</del> Highway 130	<del>Alma Ward</del> -----	<del>Tom Sarvis</del> <i>DeLata</i> <del>Mrs. Mary L. Ross</del>
Western Prong	Community Club House	W. A. Baldwin-----	Bobby Jordan Currie Wooten

4. For said election the new registration books for elections in the Whiteville City School Administrative Unit will be used and such books will be open for the registration of all voters from 9:00 A.M. until sunset on each day, beginning Saturday, March 18, 1967, and closing Saturday, April 1, 1967. On each Saturday during said period said new registration books will be open at the polling places hereinabove set out. Saturday, April 8, 1967 ~~shall be~~/challenge day. *is designated as*

5. The ballots to be used in said election shall include, among other matter written or printed thereon, the words "For Local Tax" "Against Local Tax".

6. That returns of said election shall be certified and filed by the Officers herein appointed for the purpose of holding the election to this Board of County Commissioners so as the County Board of Commissioners can determine the results of said election.

That Mazzalee Sanderford, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, is hereby authorized and instructed to publish notice of election and new registration as by law required.

SUPPLEMENTAL MINUTES APPROVED:

*Mazzalee Sanderford*  
Clerk

*W. A. Johnson*  
Chairman