

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., February 19, 1968 it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

- W. O. Johnson, Chairman
- H. J. Watts
- J. Roland Gore
- T. E. Burns
- Edward W. Williamson
- Betty S. Williamson, Clerk

The following business was transacted:

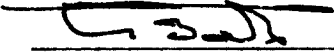
Chairman Johnson advised the Board that he had received the written recommendation of the committee appointed at the request of the county rescue squads and other interested individuals to study the ambulance problem in Columbus County and that the ambulance committee had unanimously recommended that "ambulance service in Columbus County be furnished by private industry and not at the expense of the taxpayers of Columbus County." Upon hearing the Chairman's report, Commissioner Edward W. Williamson made the following motion: that this Board wishes to thank the members of the ambulance committee for the efforts and recommendations submitted and that the recommendations of this committee be adopted by this Board and that a letter be written to Mr. William S. Edmunds, President of the Columbus County Association of Rescue Squads, thanking him for the interest he and his associates have shown and advising him of the recommendation of the ambulance committee and of the adoption of said recommendations by this Board; that the written recommendations presented to this Board dated February 15, 1968, and signed by the seven members of the committee be attached and made a permanent part of the minutes of this Board.

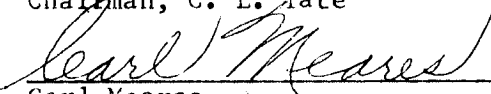
Upon motion of Commissioner T. E. Burns, seconded by Commissioner Edward W. Williamson, it was agreed that the proposal submitted by Supt. John J. Hicks on behalf of the Columbus County Board of Education concerning the transfer of property located on Highway 74-76 to the Board of Education for the purpose of erecting administrative and maintenance buildings, be approved in principal and that this Board assures the County Board of Education that the request proposal will be made available to the Board of Education subject to the completion of survey and further investigations of the property.

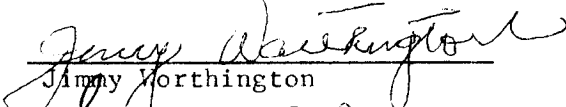
Motion made by Commissioner J. Roland Gore, seconded by Commissioner H. J. Watts and unanimously adopted that this Board officially endorses the Cape Fear River Improvement and Development Project now under consideration by the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army and other representatives of local, state and federal government; and grant unto the Columbus County Economic Development Commission authority to co-ordinate Columbus County's participation in said project and to assure all individual agencies and sponsors that this Board will fully cooperate and participate as the need arises from time to time.

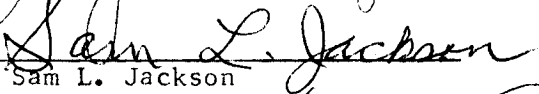
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The following committee was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to consider ambulance service for Columbus County. After full discussion the committee voted unanimously to recommend to the County Commissioners that the ambulance service in Columbus County be furnished by private industry and not at the expense of the taxpayers of Columbus County.



Chairman, C. L. Tate


Carl Mearns


Jimmy Worthington


Sam L. Jackson


E. T. Hammond


D. L. Todd


John Bennett

The Simmons Bay Creek Project Committee appeared before the Board with Mr. C. D. Raper as spokesman to report on the maintenance on the above project, The committee asked the commissioners to help secure tile from the Highway Department for the purpose of reconstructing and repairing the bridge which is now on the Gore and Gore property. The Board extended their full support in this project and will report to the committee any progress made with the Highway Department concerning cost of reconstruction.

Ordered: that the personal property valuation listed in the name of Weldon Morris Singletary, Lees Township, be reduced in the amount of \$1,455.00 for the year 1967 due to error in listing house trailer.

Ordered: that Ralph Royal Gore, Whiteville Township, being permanently disabled, be exempt from paying poll tax beginning with the year 1968.

Ordered: that the chairman and clerk be authorized to sign Bond, Interest, and Redemption voucher in the amount of \$25,608.92 to pay the following debt service due March 1, 1968:

					<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
75,000	3-1-66	Community College	6 %		15,000.00	\$ 2,250.00
30,000	3-1-66	" "	3.90%			585.00
115,000	3-1-66	" "	4 %			2,300.00
265,000	3-1-66	" "	4.10%			5,432.50
						<u>\$25,567.50</u>
				Exchange		41.42
				Total		<u>\$25,608.92</u>

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned until March 4, 1968.

APPROVED:

Betty S. Williamson
Clerk

W. O. Johnson
Chairman