

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 A.M. February 3, 1969 it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

H. J. Watts, Chairman

W. O. Johnson

Edward W. Williamson

T. E. Burns

J. Roland Gore

Betty S. Williamson, Clerk

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the January 20th meeting were read and approved.

Ordered: that a check from the Out Door Poor Fund be written to Ruby Murphy, Evergreen, N. C. in the amount of \$25.00.

Mr. C. D. Raper, County Extension Chairman presented a list of names to the Board from various sections of the county for approval. This group will be the Board of Directors of the Columbus County Agri-Business Association and from this Board an Executive Board and also Board of Trustees will be named. Final approval of this group will be at a later date.

John A. Byrd, Dog Warden, appeared before the Board and discussed his duties and present schedule for vaccination of dogs throughout the county.

Rudolph Walters, Executive Director of the Economic Development Commission appeared at the request of Eskridge & Long Construction Co. to secure a two year option from the County for an additional 15 acre tract of land that adjoins the 15 acres recently purchased from the county by the Whiteville Development Corp. for Eskridge & Long Construction Co. to build a shell building to attract industry into the county, After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Walters was directed to contact Mr. Richard Arp and negotiate with him concerning the release of the above mentioned property. Mr. Arp's lease agreement will expire November 30, 1969.

Ordered: that the resignation of D. D. Barfield as constable for Chadbourn Township be accepted.

Ordered: that Roy Knox Jernigan be appointed constable for Chadbourn Township and that his surety bond be approved.

Ordered: that the Board of County Commissioners finds as a fact

that there is no duly qualified or elected constable serving Bug Hill Township, Columbus County, North Carolina, and that Foster Jinks Harper is a man of good character and reputation and has heretofore served the Bug Hill Township community as a constable and that citizens from the Bug Hill Township appeared before the Board and requested this appointment. It is therefore ordered upon motion of W. O. Johnson and duly seconded by J. Roland Gore and unanimously adopted that Foster Jinks Harper be and is appointed constable of Bug Hill Township and said Foster Jinks Harper be appointed to the office of constable upon his posting necessary bonds and taking the necessary oath of office.

Norman Peal, Chairman of the Board of Elections, appeared and discussed the loose leaf registration system and also stated office space for the Board of Elections must be secured. No action was taken concerning the loose leaf registration system but the chairman was directed to investigate the office formerly rented and negotiate with the owner.

Senator Sankey W. Robinson appeared before the Board and discussed the various bills being introduced into the legislature and recommended a resolution from the Board be adopted and sent to the Governor opposing a tax on tobacco. After a general discussion the following resolution was adopted.

Upon motion made by Commissioner J. Roland Gore, seconded by Commissioner Edward W. Williamson and unanimously adopted, it was resolved as follows:

WHEREAS, the economy of North Carolina is dependent to a great extent upon tobacco and tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, tobacco farmers and related tobacco industries are already experiencing difficulty in production and marketing; and

WHEREAS, this Board deems it to be inappropriate for tobacco products to be burdened with a special tax on said products; and

WHEREAS, this Board further deems it to be in the best interest of the people of the State of North Carolina for the production of tobacco products and the sale of tobacco products to be promoted and favored; and

WHEREAS, this Board feels that any new or additional taxes imposed upon tobacco products would be detrimental to the over all economy of the State and particular to the tobacco related industries.

It is therefore RESOLVED, that this Board officially object and oppose the imposition of any new taxes on tobacco products and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Robert W. Scott, Governor of

the State of North Carolina and to the members of the General Assembly who represent Columbus County and urge all to use their influence to prevent the imposition of any new or additional taxes on tobacco or tobacco products.

Representative R. C. Soles, Jr. , stated a bill had not been introduced into the legislature to authorize the Town of Whiteville to convey the airport property to the County because the necessary information from the attorney for the Town of Whiteville had not been received. Mr. Soles assured the Board he would proceed with this bill as soon as all legal documents are received.

Ordered: that the resignation of Robert H. Aranow, Riegelwood, N. C., from the Board of Directors of the Columbus County Economic Development Commission be accepted with regret. The Board of Commissioners wishes to express its appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Aranow for services rendered to the county as a director on the Economic Development Commission. The Chairman was directed to write a letter in behalf of the Board.

Ordered: that the following names be reappointed to the Board of Directors for the Columbus County Economic Development Commission for a three year term.

C. Bion Sears	Walter Shaw
W. D. Little	W. N. Peal
R. C. Soles, Jr.	Horace Carter
William Friedman	Lawrence Bowers

Mr. E. L. White from the Soil Conservation Department and a delegation of interested persons appeared before the Board and stated that the State Soil & Water Conservation Committee would soon enact a bill in the legislature for state funds to be appropriated to match county funds for the purpose of soil surveys in counties of North Carolina. They ask the Board to use their influence with all members of the General Assembly to help this bill pass. Mr. John Yates spokesman for the group further stated that this is a much needed project for Columbus County. The Board assured the delegation of their support.

Mr. Rhone Anderson and his attorney D. Jack Hooks appeared before the Board and asked that no additional permits for the collection of garbage within a six mile radius of Whiteville be issued by this Board. Mr. Anderson now holds exclusive rights to this area. The Board did not take any action at this time. However, later in the afternoon, after a lengthy discussion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, Edgar Soles has renewed his request for a permit authorizing him to collect garbage within a 6 mile radius of Whiteville; and

WHEREAS, this Board has received petitions from interested citizens and have themselves conducted an independent investigation into the facts and into the necessity for additional garbage collecting in said area; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds as a fact that there has been a change in conditions existing since Mr. Soles applied for a license before the Board on February 5, 1968 which was denied at that time; and

WHEREAS, this Board considers it to be in the best interest of the citizens living within a 6 mile radius to grant an additional garbage collection license and that Mr. Edgar Soles is a fit and proper person to receive said license and permit.

It is now therefore ordered, upon motion of Edward W. Williamson and seconded by T. E. Burns and unanimously adopted that Mr. Edgar Soles be granted a garbage collection permit to cover the area within a 6 mile radius of the City of Whiteville and that in addition thereto the license heretofore granted to Mr. Rhone Anderson shall continue in full force and effect except that said license shall not be exclusive. Neither license of Mr. Anderson or Mr. Soles shall be transferable except by permission of the Board of County Commissioners. This Board further recommends that Mr. Anderson and Mr. Soles attempt to work together so as to serve the citizens of said designated area in the best and most economical manner possible.

The Board of Education met with the Commissioners concerning a Literary Loan for an Administrative Building. Edward W. Williamson, attorney for the Board of Education, stated Literary Loan funds must be used for permanent buildings. The Commissioners reminded the Board of Education that they had approved the Literary Loan in March of 1968 and that the Board of Education should decide whether to build an Administrative Building or whether monies must be secured for the purchase of mobile units for the school year 1969-70. It was decided that the Board of Education should submit a written proposal ^{to} the Commissioners concerning the action they wish to be taken.

Ordered: that the real estate valuation listed in the name of Arthur White, Chadbourn Township, be reduced in the amount of \$1,200.00 for the year 1968 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the personal property valuation listed in the name of Franklin D. Larrimore, Chadbourn Township, be reduced in the amount

of \$1,300.00 for the year 1968 due to an error in listing.

Ordered: that the late listing penalty listed in the name of R. C. Applewhite, Jr. Heirs, Ransom Township, be released for the year 1968 due to a misunderstanding when listing.

Ordered: a refund on 1956 taxes, receipt # 2652 in the amount of \$7.78 in the name of Lee McPherson be given due to double listing. These taxes were paid 9-11-68 by J. C. Hobbs and refund is being made to Mr. Hobbs.

Ordered: that the following general county bills be allowed and paid:

R. C. Soles, Jr.	January Salary	County Attorney	(682) \$	370.37
Venie H. Rouse	" "	Asst. Tax Supvr.		306.39
Lucille L. Stephens	" "	Clerk Tax Supvr.		254.94
Martha L. Smith	" "	Clerk Tax Supvr.		207.40
Bertha L. Long	" "	Clerk Tax Supvr.		214.94
Susie M. Stone	" "	Clerk Tax Supvr.		224.77
Judy Ann Mehalic	" "	Clerk Tax Supvr.		208.30
Janie S. Cox	" "	Clerk Tax Supvr.		222.67
J. Hubert Norris	" "	Tax Coll. & Supvr.		606.20
R. Brooks Stanley	" "	Deputy Tax Collector		563.52
Kathryn C. Harrelson	" "	Bookkeeper Tax Collector		278.53
Doris L. Ward	" "	Clerk Tax Collector		248.69
Genevieve Nobles	" "	Clerk Tax Collector		220.57
Arthur L. Duke	" "	Sheriff	(695)	566.59
Thurman C. Butler	" "	Deputy Sheriff		497.77
John Coleman	" "	Deputy Sheriff		526.29
Wilson C. Griffin	" "	Deputy Sheriff		506.63
Robert Simmons	" "	Deputy Sheriff		531.30
Horace Long	" "	Deputy Sheriff		538.10
Spurgeon Nobles	" "	Deputy Sheriff		485.73
Charlie C. Norton	" "	Deputy Sheriff		513.64
Kenneth M. Squires	" "	Deputy Sheriff		492.00
Donald Ray Hunt	" "	Deputy Sheriff	(705)	470.73
Laconya Reeves	" "	Deputy Sheriff		502.17
J. D. Fowler	" "	Deputy Sheriff		502.17
Alton O. Lennon	" "	Deputy Sheriff		502.17
Horace L. Shaw	" "	Supt. Bu. of Identif.		610.18
Annie Belle Powell	" "	Clerk Sheriff's Dept.		206.57
Town of Whiteville	" "	Radio Operator		140.00
Town of Chadbourn	" "	Radio Operator		140.00
Town of Tabor City	" "	Radio Operator		140.00
Betty S. Williamson	" "	County Accountant		428.94
Emogene Suggs	" "	Asst. County Accountant		249.49
Veneda S. Ray	" "	Asst. County Accountant		278.53
Robert L. Duncan	" "	Custodian Courthouse		350.45
Helen Bethea	" "	Janitress Courthouse		141.51
Willie Mae Smith	" "	Janitress Annex		69.31
Leo L. Fisher	" "	Register of Deeds		404.12
Anna Belle Lane	" "	Dep. Register of Deeds		257.41
Gladys G. Wooten	" "	Dep. Register of Deeds		249.72
Marvelann W. Norris	" "	Dep. Register of Deeds		238.17
Myrtle N. McAlister	" "	Dep. Register of Deeds		246.87
Ila Vee N. Penny	" "	Dep. Register of Deeds		238.17
Frances Vaughn	" "	Clerical Asst.		220.57
Sarah Faye Barker	" "	Dep. Register of Deeds		238.17
James Blake Nance	" "	Janitor County Hall		199.66
Alice S. Wright	" "	Welfare Director		648.80
Pearl H. Fowler	" "	Social Worker Supvr.		452.88

Helma T. English	January Salary	Social Worker	(731)	\$ 438.21
Margaret V. Hair	" "	Social Worker		409.74
Sally G. Marks	" "	Social Worker		257.40
Jo Anne P. Vereen	" "	Social Worker		430.11
Kathryn K. Walton	" "	Social Worker		423.50
Peggy S. Leggette	" "	Social Worker		423.50
Griffin J. Johnson	" "	Social Worker		390.25
Edwin Tatum, Jr.	" "	Social Worker		337.64
Frances R. Hawk	" "	Social Worker		394.88
John R. Woods, Jr.	" "	Social Worker		460.61
Maebelle W. Weaver	" "	Stenographer		329.87
Claire P. Duncan	" "	Typist		249.90
Linda P. Baldwin	" "	Typist		278.37
Peggy Ann M. Duncan	" "	Clerk		259.19
Margaret Lee MacDaniel	" "	Typist	(745)	276.77
Leota H. Hodges	" "	Typist		287.86
Kathryn E. Smith	" "	Typist		227.06
Mabel Faulk	" "	Janitress Welfare Dept.		23.80
Robert C. Schulken	" "	Welfare Attorney		176.01
Garland Dan McCullen	" "	Asst. County Ext. Agent		82.92
Donald Williams Baker	" "	Asst. County Ext. Agent		245.27
J. M. Spaulding	" "	Agriculture Ext. Agent		183.18
Dorothy M. Reaves	" "	Extension Secretary		183.35
Linda A. Lee	" "	Administrative Secy.		154.10
Linda T. Hilburn	" "	Extension Secretary		80.45
C. D. Raper	" "	County Extension Chairman		261.83
Elaine N. Blake	" "	Home Ex. Ext. Agent		176.24
Yvonne B. Ray	" "	Home Ex. Ext. Agent		71.12
Betty C. Thompson	" "	Assoc. Home Ex. Ext. Agent		167.71
Peggy Hill Shaw	" "	Soil Conservation Secy.		250.38
Edna Creech	" "	Librarian	(761)	306.66
Frances Ann Valentine	" "	Bookmobile Librarian		126.93
Jane O. Saunders	" "	Bookmobile Librarian		103.98
H. Hugh Nance	" "	Veterans Service Officer		411.07
John A. Byrd	" "	Dog Warden		465.17
James Davis	" "	Asstg. Dog Warden		14.28
Roscoe Enzor	" "	Surplus Foods Supvr.		330.83
Edward Bethea	" "	Whse. Clerk		95.20
Sallie Lou Enzor	" "	Asstg. Surplus Foods Supvr.		143.28
Lathal R. Wayne	" "	Civil Defense Director		371.37
Brenda Gale Hinson	" "	Stenographer Civil Defense		219.61
L. V. Holt	" "	Electrical Inspector		250.00
Jewell W. Dunivant	" "	Clerical Asst. Bu. of Ident.		85.68
Buell E. Lanier	" "	Coroner	(774)	108.39
Lacy Long	" "	Court Officer		171.36
H. C. Covington	" "	Grand Jury Officer		19.04
H. J. Watts, Chairman		-Meetings & conferences held in January		190.20
T. E. Burns		-Meetings & conferences held in January		52.40
J. Roland Gore		-Meetings & conferences held in January		186.00
W. O. Johnson		-Meetings & conferences held in January		199.20
Edward W. Williamson		-Meetings & conferences held in January		198.00
Southern National Bank of N. C.		-Federal Income Tax Withheld		3,324.90
Hospital Care Association		-Hospital Ins. Prepaid & Withheld		461.46
Group Ins. Services, Inc.		-Life Ins. Withheld & Prepaid		166.58
Colonial Life & Accident Ins.		-Accident Ins. Withheld		54.00
Southern National Bank of N. C.		-Payment on Sanitary Sewer Extension		2347.80
J. C. Hobbs		-Refund on 1956 taxes paid in error		7.78
Whiteville Florist		-account (6872)		7.73
H. J. Watts		-Reimbursement - School in Chapel Hill		124.77
Scott, Foreman & Co.		-Commissioners account		11.58

Mitchell, Petty & Shetterly	-Professional services for School Bond Election (6875) \$379.93
J. Hubert Norris	-Reimbursement - School Chapel Hill 56.10
Atlantic Publishing Co. Inc.	-Tax Department 849.14
Carolina Tel. & Tel.	-Various Accounts 541.44
National Market Reports, Inc.	-Tax Supvr. 32.00
Mrs. Estelle T. Wicker, Treas.	-Membership fees 5.00
Official Mobile Home Mkt. Report	-Tax Supvr. 8.00
Atlantic Publishing Co.	-Various accounts 119.04
Clayton Norton, Deputy Sheriff	-Destroying still and conveying prisoners 82.28
Kenneth M. Squires, Deputy	-Destroying still 5.00
John Coleman, Deputy	-Investigation 38.83
Wilson Griffin, Deputy	-Destroying still (6886) 5.00
Spurgeon D. Nobles, Deputy	-Destroying still 5.00
L. P. Ward, Insurance Agency	-Bond for Sheriff 50.00
Broadcast & Communications Co.	-Contract Service & Radio installation 200.00
Simmons Drug Co., Inc.	-Pictures for Sheriff 3.51
H. L. Shaw, Supt. Bu. of Ident.	-Reimbursement for January 56.19
N. C. Division, I. A. I.	-Membership dues & pin 8.00
The News Reporter Co. Ins.	-Various accounts (6893) 84.98
Keystone Envelope Co.	-Balance Due 8.67
Dictaphone Corp.	-Auditor's account 4.89
Cavin's Business Products, Inc.	-Various accounts 51.78
N. C. Dept. of Labor	-Agriculture Building Boiler 2.00
E. L. Hawks Roofing & Sheet Metal	-Repairs to furnace at Annex II 24.75
J. H. Kersey Plumbing	-Labor at F. H. A. Building 12.00
Farmers Oil & Fertilizer Co. Inc.	-Various accounts 1,121.00
Hyatt Exterminating Co.	-Service for County Buildings 45.50
The Selig Chemical Industries	-Courthouse 43.26
Whiteville High School Band	-Janitorial Supplies 10.00
Carolina Power & Light Co.	-Various accounts 511.58
City of Whiteville	-Water & Sewer accounts 42.95
Townsend Builders, Inc.	-Account for courthouse (6906) 940.76
Lustra Lighting	-Courthouse 268.90
Gore's Carpet & Drapes	-Carpet for Clerk's office 793.25
Scotts of Whiteville	-Courthouse 107.21
Lowe's of Whiteville, Inc.	-Courthouse 364.25
J. H. Ashley, Electrical Cont.	-Courthouse 652.75
Dover Elevator Co.	-Maintenance Contract 23.00
A. G. Carter, Jr.	-Building elevator shaft 3,536.00
Floyd's Insurance Agency, Inc.	-Policy # 187 9817 423.25
The Mount Vernon Flagmakers	-U. S. Flag (6915) 43.50
McQueen's Nurseries	-Holly - Courthouse 4.00
Hub's Supply Co.	-Various accounts 11.83
W. H. King Drug Co.	-Various accounts 107.88
Carolina Ribbon & Carbon Sales	-Register of Deeds 22.32
Owen G. Dunn Co.	-Register of Deeds 239.69
Mitchell Printing Co.	-Register of Deeds 13.26
Pathology Associates	-Columbus County Superior Court 56.00
N. C. Dept. of Cons. & Dev.	-January 1st statement 1,261.16
Collier Gas Co.	-Jail account 48.21
G. V. Singletary & Sons	-Jail account & Welfare Dept. 75.28
Leder Brothers Dept.	-Jail account 23.94
Dennis Williams, Jailer	-Lodging & Meals 1,674.00
Bladen County Jail	-Board for prisoners 84.00
Handi-Clean Products	-Invoice # 1628 173.04
V. & W. Electric Motor Shop	-Various accounts 46.35
The J. E. Moore Co., Inc.	-January account 2.06
Ed Walton Williamson	-Welfare Board Meeting 11.50
Flora Singletary	-Welfare Board Meeting 10.10
W. B. Buffkin	-Welfare Board Meeting 10.60
Storr Sales Co.	-Welfare account 30.73
Mrs. Louvie Hinson	-Boarding Home Care 150.00
Mrs. Horace Rich	-Boarding Home Care 50.00
Mrs. Ned Boswell	-Boarding Home Care (6938) 50.00

Mrs. Henry Hill	-Boarding Home Care	(6939)	\$ 50.00
Barium Springs Home for Children	-Boarding Home Care		25.00
Belk-Hensdale Co.	-Clothing for indigent children		78.59
Novella G. Williams	-Boarding Home Care		150.00
Mrs. Mamie Patrick	-Boarding Home Care		100.00
Mrs. Guila Dawsey	-Boarding Home Care		63.36
Charles E. Tatum, Jr.	-Travel Expenses for January		54.20
Griffin J. Johnson	-Travel Expenses		50.04
Frances R. Hawk	-Travel Expenses		35.40
Jo Anne P. Vereen	-Travel Expenses		45.48
Sally G. Marks	-Travel Expenses for January		23.16
Alice S. Wright	-Travel Expenses for January		37.99
John R. Woods	-Travel Expenses for January		48.20
Kitty K. Walton	-Travel for January		51.96
Robeson Office Supplies, Inc.	-Welfare Dept.	(6953)	477.25
IBM, Corp.	-Welfare Dept.		86.31
N. C. Conference for Social Ser.	-1969 Membership Dues		15.00
C. D. Raper, Chairman	-Reimbursements for January		18.89
Storr Sales Co.	-County Extension account		3.86
General Services Admin.	-County Extension account		12.80
Postmaster	-Postage needed		75.00
Gray & Creech	-County Extension account		34.93
Addressograph Multigraph Corp.	-County Extension account		49.40
Monroe International, Inc.	-County Extension account		18.99
Mrs. Sylvia P. Edwards	-Transcript	(6963)	148.75
J. D. Fowler, Deputy	-Conveying prisoner		12.80
F. K. Ward	-Rent for magistrate office		85.00
L. C. Reeves, Deputy	-Conveying prisoners		46.25
Dixie Farm Center, Inc.	-Account for Dog Warden		14.10
Columbus County News, Inc.	-Advertising for Dog Warden		103.20
Frank Tolar	-Rent - per lease agreement		225.00
Lathal R. Wayne, Director	-Travel expenses for January		193.83
White Owl Parts Co. Inc.	-Civil Defense account		2.38
Thurman Stanley	-Labor, paint & materials		29.00
Cavin's Business Products, Inc.	-Maintenance agreement		47.00
Pathology Associates, Inc.	-Autopsy	(6974)	300.00
Dr. E. Ben Ward	-Identifying Body		10.00
Margaret V. Hair	-Travel for January		33.64
Peggy Leggette	-Travel for January		39.24
State Commission for the Blind	-February 1st statement		779.03
A. B. Ward	-January & February rent		50.00
Worth D. Williamson, Inc.	-January & February rent-magistrate		170.00
The News Reporter Co., Inc.	-Various accounts		130.86
Pitney-Bowes, Inc.	-County Auditor		53.68
N. C. Dept. of Cons. & Dev.	-January Expenditures		1,063.08
The Selig Chemical Industries	-Courthouse account		30.90
Lustra Lighting	-Courthouse account		13.14
Town of Fair Bluff	-Rent for Magistrate office		225.00
Nancy Ward	-Refund of jury deposit (no trial)		25.00
Court Square Store	-Courthouse account		17.31
The News Reporter Co. Inc.	-Dog Warden		100.44
Town of Tabor City	-Rent for magistrate office (3 mon.)		150.00
Out Door Poor			55.00

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until February 17, 1969

at 11:00 A.M.

APPROVED:

Betty S. Williamson
Clerk

H. J. Wells
Chairman