

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 A.M., March 17, 1969 it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

H. J. Watts, Chairman

Edward W. Williamson

T. E. Burns

J. Roland Gore

W. O. Johnson

Betty S. Williamson, Clerk

The following business was transacted:

The minutes were read and approved from the meetings on March 3, 1969 and March 10, 1969.

Ordered: that the second and third offices in the West wing of the County Hall Building be designated for the Board of Elections office.

Ordered: that the files and all other property of the Board of Elections be moved to the County Hall office by April 1, 1969.

Ordered: that storage space for the Red Cross office be located across the hall from present office facilities. This area was formerly designated for storage and maintenance.

Mr. Rudolph Walters, Executive Director of the Columbus County Economic Development Commission asked the Board to adopt a resolution endorsing the Lake Waccamaw Water & Sewage Project. Also he requested a letter be written by the Chairman of the Board to the Economic Development Administration to request federal funds for this project.

Ordered: that the Chairman be authorized to write a letter in behalf of the Board to the Economic Development Administration, Washington, D. C., requesting federal assistance for the Lake Waccamaw Project.

Upon motion made by Commissioner T. E. Burns and duly seconded by Commissioner Williamson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, a great need exists for a municipal water and sewage system in the Town of Lake Waccamaw; and

WHEREAS, The Lake Waccamaw Development Corporation has been duly incorporated to provide said services; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board that Federal funds may be available to assist in the construction of the proposed system.

Therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County approves said project and will cooperate to the fullest extent in the successful conclusion thereof.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/s/ H. J. Watts  
Chairman

/s/ Betty S. Williamson  
Clerk

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This the 17th day of March, 1969.

Mr. Rudolph Walters from the Economic Development Commission stated he had been contacted concerning establishing an Employment Security Office for Columbus County. The county, however, would have to provide adequate office space. After a lengthy discussion, no decision was made by the Board.

The Columbus County Historical Society asked the Board for approval for the body of Millie Christine McCoy to be moved to establish a new historical site in Columbus County. Approval was given of this project.

Mr. Francis Klemm and James Rabon representing the Southeastern Economic Development Commission appeared before the Board and stated they would like to answer any questions concerning the Commission that the Board might have. After a lengthy question and answer session, a meeting was scheduled for March 25, at 7:30 P.M., at the Columbus County Courthouse for the purpose of meeting with county citizens and discussing projects for Columbus County in which the Southeastern Economic Development Commission can assist.

A letter was read by the Clerk from the Tax Director of Rockingham County. This letter stated several proposals for counties to be able to collect taxes on automobiles at the time of purchasing license plates. After discussing each proposal, the Board decided to support the following:

"For counties to contract with the State to sell license plates so that the counties can list or collect taxes on the vehicles at the time of the purchase of the plates."

The Clerk was authorized to notify the state representative and state senator of this endorsement so that a united effort in favor of this new law when it is enacted, can be made.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Sidney H. Smith, Bug Hill Township, be cancelled for the years 1963 through 1968 due to double

listing.

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

Azier Cartrette	-Tax Lister	(876)	\$ 287.40
Eunice Johnson	-Tax Lister		186.42

Upon motion made the meeting was adjourned until April 8, 1969  
at 10:00 at which time the Board will meet as a Board of Equalization and  
Review.

APPROVED:

*Betty J. Williamson*  
Clerk

*H. J. Watts*  
Chairman