

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 A.M., January 5, 1970, it being first 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 of the December 15th meeting were read and approved.

Ordered: that the resignation of Lucille Stephens be accepted effective January 31, 1970, with regret.

Ordered: that Brooks Stanley, Tax Supervisor, be authorized to hire a temporary replacement with salary at \$300 per month.

A letter from the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development was presented to the Board by County Attorney, R. C. Soles, Jr., stating the resolution by the Board of Commissioners was received and that necessary action would be taken immediately to reconvey the airport property previously deeded to the N. C. State Forestry Service back to the County.

Upon motion of Commissioner W. O. Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Gore and unanimously adopted that George Enzor be appointed to assist the County Building Inspector; to work on an own call basis with the County Building Inspector and to be compensated by the County Building Inspector without any additional cost to the county.

A check in the amount of \$10,000 from the CEDC was presented to Mr. Billy Hooks, Chairman of the Agribusiness Association, to be used in the construction of a Agribusiness Center in Columbus County.

Ordered: that the Chairman be authorized to sign the engineering contract with Engineering Consultants of Florence, S. C. (Mr. Clyde S. Brice, Jr.) a copy of which is set out herein:

ENGINEERING CONTRACT

State of North Carolina

County of Columbus

THIS AGREEMENT, made at Whiteville, North Carolina, this 5th day of January, 1970, by and between the County of Columbus, located in

North Carolina, hereinafter call the Owner, and Engineering Consultants, Consulting Engineers, of Florence, South Carolina, hereinafter called the Engineer.

WITNESSETH:

THAT WHEREAS, the Owner intends to obtain a Master Plan Layout and Report in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration (F. A. A.) requirements.

WHEREAS, the Owner desires that the Engineer provide his professional services for the above named work; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these premises and of the mutual covenants herein set forth, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The Engineer agrees to furnish and perform the above named professional services as follows:

Prepare a Master Plan Layout per Federal Aviation Administration requirements and the accompanying report for approval by the Owner and F. A.A.

II. The Owner agrees to pay the Engineer per the following fee schedule:

Master Plan Layout and Report. A flat fee of \$750.00 shall be paid the Engineer for this item. Eighty(80%) percent of \$750.00, or \$600.00, shall be paid the Engineer upon submittal of Report and Layout to the F. A. A. One Hundred (100%) shall be paid to the Engineer upon approval of F. A. A. of same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the County of Columbus, North Carolina, through the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners, has caused this contract to be executed in its name, and the said Engineering Consultants, have caused this contract to be executed in its name by the undersigned, the day and year first above written.

BY /s/ H. J. Watts  
H. J. Watts, Chairman  
Columbus County Board of Commissioners

/s/ Betty S. Williamson  
Witness as to Owner

ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS

BY Clyde S. Bryce, Jr., P. E.

Witness as to Engineer

Mr. Rudolph Walters, Executive Director of the CEDC was present when the above matter was discussed and advised the Board that he felt action by the County at this time was necessary and that the cost as set out in the above contract (\$750) would be paid by the CEDC upon the request of the Board of Commissioners. Thereupon Commissioner Williamson moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, that the CEDC be furnished with the aforementioned contract and requested to pay the \$750 fee as provided in the contract.

Mr. Howard W. Winstead, Area Supervisor of the Employment Security Commission and interested citizens from the Chadbourn and Whiteville area appeared before the Board to discuss the relocation of the Employment

Security Commission office in Columbus County. After a lengthy discussion, the following action was taken: Upon motion of Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and unanimously adopted that the office of the Employment Security Commission be relocated in the Town of Chadbourn and that office space for the Employment Security Commission and office space provided by the county for the district magistrate in Chadbourn be located in the old post office building owned by Bernard W. Peal. Further, that Commissioner Williamson be authorized and instructed to complete the agreement and negotiate the terms of the rental and remodeling of said premises to be reported by him to this Board for final approval and appropriate action by the Board of Commissioners.

Supt. John J. Hicks, Chairman Waldo Marlowe and other members of the Board of Education appeared before the Board and requested the Commissioners to rebudget \$13,500 of the unencumbered balance of the present C. O. Budget for the purpose of constructing a kitchen at Douglas School in Tabor City, N.C. It was stated by Chairman Marlowe that total cost of this construction is \$41,143.81 and that an additional \$13,500 would be needed for sufficient funds in this project. Upon motion of Commissioner Burns, seconded by Commissioner Williamson, and unanimously adopted, the following action was taken: We, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County do hereby approve the changes in the County-City School Funds Budget Supplementing State Funds as indicated. Additional revenue \$13,500 to be derived from unencumbered balance.

Supt. Hicks and a member of Ballard McKim & Sawyer Architect Firm, presented architectural drawings of the proposed site development plan of the School Administration Building and stated the first phase of the building would cost approximately \$122,000.00. This project will be divided into three phases when completed.

The following motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Burns and unanimously adopted as hereinafter set out, to wit:

WHEREAS, Nancy Louvenia Sasser has heretofore executed a lien to the County of Columbus to secure the County for payments by the Department of Public Welfare; and

WHEREAS, the said Nancy Louvenia Sasser lien is recorded in the

office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Columbus County in OAA Lien Book #1, Page 266; and

WHEREAS, certain property hereinafter described which is now or heretofore has been owned by Nancy Louvenia Sasser or her estate, has a fair market value of \$2,888.00; and

WHEREAS, R. C. Soles, Jr., County Attorney, has negotiated with and has collected the sum of \$2,888.00 for the County of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has requested that the said property hereinafter described be released from the said OAA Lien as recorded in Lien Book # 1, Page 266, upon payment to the County of Columbus, the said sum of \$2,888.00 which represents the fair market value of said property heretofore owned by Nancy Louvenia Sasser; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds as a fact that the foregoing is correct and that said \$2,888.00 represents and is a fair market value of the property hereinafter described heretofore owned by the said Nancy Louvenia Sasser or her estate.

IT IS NOW THEREFORE ordered that in consideration of the sum of \$2,888.00 paid to the County of Columbus, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said property hereinafter described shall be and is now and forever hereafter released and discharged from OAA Lien as recorded in OAA Lien Book # 1, Page 266, and any and all other OAA or Welfare Liens now held by the County of Columbus on said property whether the same be expressly hereinafter referred to or not, it being the expressed intention of the Board of Commissioners that all county liens on all said property, with the exception of any county taxes due, shall be discharged from said property.

The said property released from the above mentioned county lien or liens is described as follows:

Beginning on a stake and corner and running North 76 East, 7½ chains to a white oak thence North 57, East 14 chains to a stake, the beginning comes off the old track, South 15 West 38 chains to a stake in the old line thence with said line south 72 West, 15 chains to a stake thence with the agreed line South 47 West 10 chains to corner in agreed line, thence North 15, east 31 chains to the beginning.

It is expressly directed that the liens are not to be cancelled but that the property hereinabove described be released therefrom and that the office of the Clerk of Court of Columbus County shall be notified of this action so that a notification may be made on the records.

The following based on recommendations from the Tax Supervisor's office:

Ordered: that the poll tax listed in the name of Billy Norman Nobles, Chadbourn Township, be cancelled for the year 1969. Mr. Nobles is a nonresident of Chadbourn Township.

Ordered: that the late listing penalty charged in the name of Erusie Gaskins, South Williams Township, be released for the year 1969 due to a clerical error.

Ordered: that the valuation of the property listed in the name of Roger Brock, Western Prong Township, be reduced in the amount of \$1,265.00 for the year 1966 due to an error in listing automobile.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Roland Britt, Tatum Township, be cancelled for the year 1953 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of E. C. Coleman, Cerro Gordo Township, be cancelled for the year 1962 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the poll tax listed in the name of W. R. Meares, Chadbourn Township, be cancelled for the year 1969. Mr. Meares is a non-resident of Chadbourn Township, and resides and pays taxes in Tatum Township.

Ordered: that the valuation of the property listed in the name of John E. Hill Heirs, Tatum Township, be reduced in the amount of \$360.00 for the years 1965 through 1969 and a proportionate part of the late listing penalty be released due to a house burning.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Reeds Jewelry Co., Whiteville Township, be cancelled for the years 1958 through 1965. This company has gone bankrupt and there is no property remaining.

Ordered: that the valuation of the property listed in the name of Sarah K. Jenkins, Welches Creek Township, be released in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the years 1966 and 1967 and a proportionate part of the late listing penalty be released for the year 1966 due to error in picking house up during revaluation.

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

Hospital Care Association	-Hospital Ins. Withheld & Prepaid	\$ 630.02
Group Ins. Services	-Life Ins. Withheld & Prepaid	195.24
Southern National Bank of N.C.	-Federal Income Tax Withheld	4,293.00
Colonial Life Ins. Co.	-Accident Insurance Withheld	62.00

H. J. Watts, Chairman	-Meetings & Conferences (8255)	\$ 391.19
W. O. Johnson	-Meetings & Conferences	267.20
Edward W. Williamson	-Meetings & Conferences	322.40
J. Roland Gore	-Meetings & Conferences	253.00
T. E. Burns	-Meetings & Conferences	93.60
N. C. Dept. of Revenue	-N. C. State Tax Withheld	2,198.71
Whiteville Florist	-Commissioners	11.35
Cavin's Business Products, Inc.	Account for Auditor & Social Ser.	79.28
The News Reporter Co., Inc.	-Various accounts	281.18
Columbus County News, Inc.	-Advertising	44.10
Monroe International	-Tax Supvr. account	51.00
Victor Comptometer Corp.	-Tax Collector & Tax Supvr.	110.00
Heafner's Art Studio	-Tax Supvr.	17.00
Simmons Drug Store	-Tax Supvr.	14.77
N. C. Public Employees' S. S. Agency	-Social Security Withheld	9,518.75
Atlantic Publishing Company	-Tax Collector	52.87
Rose's Stores, Inc.	-Tax Collector	3.26
A. L. Ben Duke	-Destroying Still (8272)	5.00
Kenneth M. Squires	-Conveying Prisoners	20.40
Broadcast & Comm. Co.	-Contract & Installation	125.00
Lanier Management, Inc.	-Bu. of Identif.	15.00
Harrison Typewriter Co.	-Bu. of Identif.	34.79
W. H. King Drug Co.	-Bu. of Identif.	53.91
Southeastern Radio Supply Co.	-Bu. of Identif.	15.68
H. L. Shaw, Supt.	-Reimbursement for December	64.18
N. C. State Div., I.A.I.	-Membership Dues	5.00
Mayes Texaco Service	-Gas for Security Truck	49.31
Memory's Twins Ser. Sta.	-Sheriff's Dept.	10.26
Thurman C. Butler	-Reimbursement for Gas in Security Truck	2.00
Burroughs Corp.	-Auditor's Office (8284)	45.53
Mrs. Charles Warner	-Subscription	13.20
The Michie Co.	-Invoice # 35208, 25223	100.43
Farmers Oil & Fertilizer	-County buildings	641.10
James Lynn Co.	-Windowcleaning	125.00
Hyatt Exterminating Co.	-Pest Control Service	32.00
ABCO, Inc.	-Courthouse account	38.57
Town of Whiteville	-Water & Sewer Accounts	49.20
Duro-Test Corp.	-Invoice # 616225	35.03
Dover Elevator Co.	-Maintenance Contract	23.00
Court Square Store	-Courthouse account	7.60
Townsend Builders, Inc.	-Annex I	10.77
Owen G. Dunn	-Register of Deeds (8296)	116.10
Keelox Manuf. Co.	-Register of Deeds	29.05
Buell E. Lanier, Sr.	-Phone Calls	6.64
Beth Baten	-Stenographer	30.00
Pathology Associates	-Professional Services	600.00
Brunswick Ambulance Service	-Transportation	25.00
Bladen County Auditor	-Lodging & Meals	1,520.00
Clayton Norton, Deputy	-Conveying Prisoner	4.00
Flora B. Singletary	-Board meeting	20.10
W. B. Buffkin	-Board meeting	10.60
E. W. Williamson	-Board meeting	11.50
Storr Sales Co.	-Dept. of Social Services	138.83
CMC	-Dept. of Social Services	107.96
Belk-Berry	-Indigent Children	7.40
Mrs. H. B. Jackson	-Boarding Home Care	38.00
Mrs. Guila Dawsey	-Boarding Home Care	120.00
Mrs. Louvie Hinson	-Boarding Home Care	240.00
Mrs. Andrew Malcolm	-Boarding Home Care	60.00
Barium Springs Home for Children	-Boarding Home Care	25.00
Mrs. Mamie Patrick	-Boarding Home Care (8315)	100.00
Mrs. Novella G. Williams	-Boarding Home Care	180.00
Mrs. Horace Rich	-Boarding Home Care	176.00
Mrs. Allie Ivey	-Boarding Home Care	180.00
Mrs. Ned Boswell	-Boarding Home Care	8.00
Mrs. Vernon Baggett	-Boarding Home Care	30.00
Belks	-Clothing for Indigent Children	73.01
Collins Dept. Store	-Clothing for Indigent Children	36.08

Alice S. Wright	-December travel	(8323) \$	67.90
Linda P. Baldwin	-Travel for December		31.83
Claire P. Duncan	-Travel for December		43.89
Jimmy E. Godwin	-Travel for December		52.71
Griffin J. Johnson	-Travel for December		20.76
Lois E. Bailey	-Travel for December		35.52
Sally G. Marks	-Travel for December		40.85
Charles E. Tatum	-Travel for December		50.28
Mary B. Pickett	-Travel for December		45.68
Frances R. Hawk	-Travel for December		41.75
Helma T. English	-Travel for December		13.64
Jo Anne P. Vereen	-Travel for December		61.80
Peggy M. Duncan	-Travel for December		42.00
Griffin J. Johnson	-Travel for December		39.66
Harrison Typewriter Co.	-Repairs for Dept. of Social Services		37.32
S. P. Stanley, Realty	-Rent for January		125.00
F. K. Ward	-Rent Magistrate Office		85.00
Williamson's Ins. Agency	-Rent Magistrate Office	(8340)	85.00
A. B. Ward	-Rent Magistrate Office		25.00
Town of Fair Bluff	-Rent Magistrate Office		75.00
Gurganus Milling Co. Inc.	-Dog Warden		8.60
Lathal R. Wayne	-Travel for December		150.29
J. Hubert Norris	-Reimbursement		35.33
Venie H. Rouse	-Reimbursement		17.21
Simmons Drug Co.	-Tax Collector & Auditor		4.67
Broadcast & Comm. Co.	-Contract Service		100.00
Fair Bluff Motors, Inc.	-Invoice # 54053		6.18
Burroughs Corp.	-Maintenance Contract	(8350)	216.50
Carolina Power & Light Co.	-County Buildings		510.95
Kem Manufacturing Co.	-Courthouse Account		133.00
Farmers Oil & Fertilizer	-Courthouse		47.83
Mellocraft Co.	-Courthouse account		82.18
N. C. Dept. of Cons. & Dev.	-December Expenditures		470.49
Storr Sales Co.	-Extension Service		3.86
N. C. State Univ. Print Shop	-Extension Service		13.50
C. D. Raper, Chairman	-Reimbursement		18.31
The Mitchie Co.	-Clerk of Court	(8359)	32.96
Dixie Farm Center, Inc.	-Dog Warden		10.30
Collier Gas Co., Inc.	-Civil Defense		11.12
Lathal R. Wayne	-Reimbursement for Labor		13.40
Carolina Tel & Tel. Co.	-Various County Buildings		472.70
The News Reporter Co.	-Building Inspector	(8364)	90.80
Memory's Super Mkt.	-Christmas Party		14.56
Out Door Poor			5.00

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until January 19, 1970.

APPROVED:

*Detty S. Williamson*  
Clerk

*A. J. Watts*  
Chairman