

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., May 17, 1971, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Edward W. Williamson, Chairman

H. J. Watts

W. O. Johnson

T. E. Burns

J. Roland Gore (Absent)

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The following business was transacted:

Reading of the minutes was omitted because of a very full schedule.

Budgets for the 1971-72 fiscal year were presented by the following departments:

Social Services Department

Health Department

Forest Service

Whiteville City Schools

Library Board

No decisions were made at this time.

Brooks Stanley, Tax Supervisor, gave a report on the valuation of the County for the purpose of preparing the Budget for 1971-72 fiscal year. After the report the following was passed:

Ordered: that the Budget for the coming fiscal year be based on a valuation of \$137,000,000. at an 86% collection rate.

Ordered: that Commissioner Watts and Commissioner Johnson be appointed to the Policy Board of the Cape Fear Council of Governments for the coming fiscal year.

Ordered: that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Indemnity Agreement with the Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co., Whiteville, N. C. where the Department of Social Services stores food stamps.

The following resolution was unanimously passed by those present requesting aid from Advancement, Inc. to assist on airport improvements:

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus has recognized that a paved and lighted airport is a requirement to obtain all types of industry; and

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus has undertaken a project to pave and light the Columbus County Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration, N. C. Aviation Committee, and Columbus County Citizens have contributed funds toward this project; and

WHEREAS, if the project should exceed the estimated cost of \$290,200. the county will assume all responsibility for obtaining any excess funds if needed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners request a grant of \$22,500. from Advancement, Inc., for the purpose of assisting in airport improvements; and

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners be authorized to enter into and execute any and all agreements with Advancement, Inc., to obtain this grant. These agreements to include, but not limited to (1) Grant Agreement. (2) Nondiscrimination Agreement, (3) Equal Opportunity Agreement.

This the 17 day of May 1971

ATTEST:

/s/ Emogene W. Suggs
Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

/s/ Edward W. Williamson
Edward W. Williamson, Chairman

Upon motion by Commissioner Burns, seconded by Commissioner Johnson the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Lula C. Mercer has heretofore executed a lien to the Department of Social Services of Columbus County to secure the County for payments by the Dept. of Social Services to her; and

WHEREAS, the said Lula C. Mercer lien is recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court in Columbus County in OAA Lien Book 1, page 108; and

WHEREAS, certain property hereinafter described and owned by Lula C. Mercer has a fair market value of \$50.00; and

~~WHEREAS, the County of Columbus has negotiated with the said Lula C. Mercer wherein she has agreed to convey said property hereinafter described to the County of Columbus in exchange for said property being released from the OAA lien theretofore executed by her and referred to herein and the consideration that was paid by Lula C. Mercer to the County of Columbus for the same~~

~~WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds as a fact that the foregoing is correct and that the said consideration represents and is a fair market value of the property hereinafter described;~~

WHEREAS, R. C. Soles, Jr., County Attorney, has negotiated with said Lula C. Mercer and has collected the sum of \$50.00 for the County of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the said Lula C. Mercer and the County Attorney have requested that the said property hereinafter described be released from the said OAA Lien as recorded in OAA Lien Book 1, page 108 upon payment to the County of Columbus, the said sum of \$50.00 which represents the fair market value of said property heretofore owned by Lula C. Mercer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds as a fact that the foregoing is correct and that said \$50.00 represents and is a fair market value of the said property hereinafter described heretofore owned by the said Lula C. Mercer.

IT IS NOW THEREFORE ordered that in consideration of the sum of \$50.00 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 108, 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 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 at a point in the old Brunswick-Bladen County line, said line being the line between lands of L. A. Williams and wife and lands of "Dude" Cribb and said stake being located one chain (66feet) southwestward from a concrete monument and old lightwood stake with pointers in a bay or branch, said old lightwood stake being a corner with lands of L. A. Williams, Jake Godwin, and "Dude" Cribb, and running from said beginning stake with old Brunswick-Bladen County line 2.50 chains, the present magnetic course (1966) being south 48 degrees west; thence a new line south 8 degrees 45 minutes east 2.00 chains, thence a new line parallel with said county line north 48 degrees east 2.50 chains to a stake in the northerly tract of a farmroad with new pointers; thence a new line north 8 degrees 45 minutes west 2.00 chains to the beginning, containing one acre more or less and being the same tract or parcel of land as described in that deed dated April 8, 1966 by L. A. Williams and wife, Lennie Williams to Lula C. Mercer and George Mercer and recorded in book 240 on page 299 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Columbus County.

It is expressly directed that the lien or liens are not to be cancelled but the property hereinabove described is hereby released from the aforementioned lien.

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

Tax Listers -	Check #3748	Clyde B. Gore	182.47
		Eunice Johnson	190.97
		Nell Parrish	186.06

Janice Ezzell	Tax Lister	3752	249.19
Mildred B. Ward			164.59
Elizabeth W. Baldwin			102.03

Ordered: that Edward W. Williamson be reappointed to serve another term on the Social Services Board.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until May 24, 1971, at 10:00 a.m. in a special session.

APPROVED:


Clerk


Chairman