

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., July 19, 1971, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Edward W. Williamson, Chairman

W. O. Johnson

H. J. Watts

T. E. Burns

J. Roland Gore (Absent)

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The following Business was transacted:

The reading of the minutes was omitted.

The Board of Education came to inform the Commissioners of instructions from Federal Authorities that the Board of Education must create a racially balanced school system in Columbus County in order to obtain federal funds for the schools. This would mean the transferring of several children across-county to meet this requirement. The Board has two weeks to present a proposal that must be acceptable to the Federal Authorities.

Dr. Cottingham, Mr. Stanley and Mr. Brown from SECC came to request more funds in the amount of \$30,000 for the operation of the College for the fiscal year 1971-72 above the present tentative budget. The Board made no commitments at this meeting. The Library Board also requested changes in their budget, with an increase in funds of \$703.60 for salary adjustments and any available money for a bookmobile, above the \$9,000. already included in the present budget. The Board stated the adjustments would have to be made within the funds already allotted to the Library. The following amendment is to be made in the Library Budget: The salary for the Librarian is to be increased to \$714. per month, and \$536 is to be added to the assistants fund who work part-time. Adjustments are to be made in the Social Security and Retirement Expense to match the salary changes. The total amount of the changes is approximately \$800 which is to be taken off the appropriation for a new bookmobile.

Ordered: that Mr. Griffin be responsible for securing a set of steps to be placed in the basement so prisoners may be unloaded through the basement when being brought to court.

Ordered: that the Surety Bond for Mr. Griffin be approved as to form and filed in the office of the Clerk of Court.

Ordered: that the correction to be made concerning the Economic Development Commission Board be tabled until the next meeting.

In compliance with the new Machinery Act passed in the present legislature the following resolution was passed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the schedule of discounts for prepayments of taxes in effect in the taxing unit of Columbus County on June 30, 1971 shall continue in effect until November 1, 1971, but no longer. The foregoing resolution was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Burns and unanimously adopted retroactive to July 1, 1971.

Ordered: that the Chairman be authorized to sign the necessary papers and forms to accept the \$75,000 grant given to the jail by the Department of Local Affairs, Division of Law and Order.

At the request of officials from Riegel Paper Corporation the following motion was passed:

A motion was made by Comm. Burns, seconded by Comm. Johnson, and duly passed that the Board of County Commissioners file with the Dept. of Conservation of the State of North Carolina and Local Government Commission of N. C. to create a Columbus County Pollution Abatement and Industrial Facilities Authority. The County Attorney will take proper steps to accomplish this.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until August 2, 1971, at 10:00 am.

APPROVED:

Emogene M. Suggs  
Clerk

Edward McWilliam  
Chairman

Addendum:

RESOLUTION ENLISTING IN N. C. LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the 1945 General Assembly amended the N. C. Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System so as to make benefits of said System available to all counties, cities, and towns, and

WHEREAS, the governing body of this Unit realizes the necessity of providing its employees with the security and protection provided by a sound retirement plan, and

WHEREAS, Article 3 of Chapter 128 of the General Statutes of N. C. provides that any governing body desiring to enroll its employees in said System shall make application to the Board of Trustees of the N. C. Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System and shall by resolution elect to participate in said System.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by Board of Commissioners in regular session,

1. That the County of Columbus hereby elects to participate its employees in the N. C. Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System.
2. That the County of Columbus hereby agrees to comply with all provisions of the N. C. Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System as defined in Article 3, Chapter 128 of the General Statutes of N. C. as amended by the 1945 General Assembly.
3. That the County of Columbus is hereby ordered and directed to make application to the Board of Trustees of the N. C. Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System for enrollment of this Unit and its employees' in said System.

Upon motion of Commissioner Burns and seconded by Commissioner Johnson the above resolution was introduced for passage. The following votes in the affirmative: All members present

The following number voted in the negative

None

The resolution was unanimously passed.