

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., Monday, October 18, 1971, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

E. 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:

Citizens interested in the Bladen-Columbus Drainage District #1 (formerly Friar Swamp), along with Mr. J. L. Blackmon, Engineer, met with the Board to ask for a loan of \$5,000.00 from Columbus County to help establish said drainage district and pay expenses incurred until the project is approved in court. No decision was made at this meeting due to the fact that the full Board was not present. A decision is to be made at the November 1st meeting.

Rabbi Ruben Kesner came before the Board to ask for space for use by the Drug Abuse Committee which is being established in Columbus County. The Committee is in need of a conference room and a room for a crisis phone to be used to inform and consult with persons in need in connection with drug abuse. A motion was made by Commissioner Watts, seconded by Commissioner Johnson and duly passed that if the space is suitable in the Old Jail Building it may be used until other space is available.

The following orders were passed upon the recommendation of the Tax Supvr.

Ordered: that the poll tax listed in the name of Jerry W. Duncan, Williams Township be released for the year 1971 due to a clerical error.

Ordered: that the valuation of the property listed in the name of Irene B. Marlowe, Whiteville Township be reduced from \$9900 to \$4950 due to an error in listing.

Beer License were approved for the following:

Thriftway Super Market, Fair Bluff - Operated by James H. & John B. Singletary
Pleezing Food Store, Chadbourn - Operated by James H. Singletary

The resignation of Mr. C. W. Duggins from the Board of Directors of SENCland Community Action was accepted with regrets and Mr. Leo Nance was named to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Duggins.

Chairman Williamson is to look into the effectiveness and expenses of securing a gas gun for the County Dog Warden and a decision on purchasing such a gun will be made at the November 1st meeting.

Several citizens from the Chadbourn area were directed to go to the Board of Education to discuss the possibility of buying the abandoned Indian School in the Chadbourn area as the Board of Commissioners do not have authority to sell school property.

Mrs. Delilah Blanks & Mr. Raymond Shaw came to present a plan and offer financial assistance in making services of the Food Stamp office less of a hardship and faster service for the poor of the county. Mr. Williamson is to discuss the plan with the Dept. of Social

Services to see if this can be worked into their program, and space available for a worker.

Ordered: that the Clerk and Chairman be allowed to sign ^{a check for} the following amount

to pay the debt service which is due 11-1-71: To Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co., NY, N. Y.

Columbus County Hospital	5-1-52	Interest	\$ 437.50	
Courthouse Annex	5-1-52	Interest	\$ 437.50	
		Exchange	10.00	Toatl to be Paid \$885.00

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, November 1, 1971

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

Edward H. Williams
Chairman