

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., April 16, 1973, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Edward W. Williamson, Chairman

Donald Currie

T. E. Burns

W. B. Buffkin

Mayo Brown

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Currie and the invocation was given by Commissioner Brown.

The following business was transacted;

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the following orders were unanimously passed by those present:

Ordered: that the Representative from the American Family Life Assistance Co., Newbern, N. C. be allowed to contact the county employees concerning Cancer Care Policies.

Ordered: upon the request of the Register of Deeds the Board approved the disposal of the following records in accordance with the Department of Archives & History

Records Manual: OLD CHATTEL & LIEN BOOKS WHICH DATES UP TO APPROXIMATELY 1953

48 Straight Chattel Books (CM) Numbered 46 to 93

78 Chattel Mortgage & Lien Books (CM&L) Numbered 32 to 109

22 Contract Books (Contract) Numbered 11 to 32

32 Special Lien & Chattel Books (Special) Numbered 44 to 75

17 Agriculture Lien & Chattel Mortgage Books (AL&CM) numbered 31 to 48

Ordered: that Allen Price, CPA, be allowed to proceed with the necessary changes to implement the new accounting system as approved by the Board. He is to consult with Mr. Prevatte to have the present machine altered and new forms drawn to be used for the conversion.

Ordered: that the funds received from Revenue Sharing for the quarter ending March 31, 1973 be invested in a Certificate of Deposit at the Waccamaw Bank in Whiteville.

Ordered: that a resolution be drawn by the County Attorney opposing Senate Bills #724 & 725 as invasion of the rights of County Commissioners expressed in the home rule legislation. A copy of this resolution is to be sent to the Senator and Representatives serving Columbus County and to members of the Local Government Committee of the Senate presenting the views of the Board.

Ordered: that Mr. Griffin be authorized to send out letters to delinquent taxpayers stating that legal proceedings will be started if the delinquent taxes are not paid. This is for taxes that are about to become uncollectable by statute limitations.

Ordered: that upon the recommendation of the Tax Collector a refund be given to Mary Simpson, Rt. 1, Box 25-H, Riegelwood, N. C. in the amount of \$39.62 for the years 1966 through 1972 for taxes ~~listed~~ paid in error and receipts were returned to the Tax Collector's Office.

Road Petition: SOUTH WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP: Road is known as Iron Hill Crossroads Development Road. It is 700 feet in length and has 4 occupied homes located on it.

Ordered: that Mr. Griffin obtain more than one price for covering the Courthouse and having the Courthouse treated for termites.

A motion was made and duly carried to authorize the County Attorney, Sankey W. Robinson to retain D. Frank McGougan to assist him.

A letter was presented to the Board from the Chamber of Commerce requesting that the County tile the ditch in front of the County Hall to improve the landscape in Whiteville. No action was taken at this time.

Mr. Griffin presented a report on tax collections through March of 1973 and was commended on a job well done.

Mr. Joe Hardie, Engineer, Moore & Gardner, presented the necessary forms, completed, to make application to the State for funds to prepare a comprehensive plan for a Columbus County Regional Water Supply. No action was taken at this time so the County Attorney could look into the requirements for the County concerning expenses.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILLS NUMBER 724 AND NUMBER 725

Upon motion made by Commissioner W. B. Buffkin, and seconded by Commissioner Mayo Brown, the following resolution was unanimously made:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners oppose Senate Bill No. 724, which appoints the Columbus County Tax Collector by name and Senate Bill 725, which fixes the salaries of most County officials and employees by name and position, in that these bills would destroy the Home Rule Policy which has heretofore been established by the General Assembly, and in effect prevents the County Commissioners of Columbus County from effectively carrying out their duties as delegated by the voters of Columbus County.

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

Senator Arthur Williamson  
Representative Jimmy C. Green  
Senator D. Livingstone Stallings, Chm.  
Committee on Local Government &  
Regional Affairs

Representative R. C. Soles, Jr.  
Representative Graham Tart  
Members of the Committee on Local  
Government & Regional Affairs

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until April 17, 1973, at 10:00 a.m. at which time the Board will meet as a Board of Equalization & Review.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Sugar  
Clerk

Edward Williamson  
Chairman