

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., December 3, 1973, it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

E. W. Williamson, Chairman

Donald P. Currie

Mayo Brown

W. B. Buffkin

T. E. Burns

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order and the invocation was given by The Reverend Sparks.

The following business was transacted:

Ordered: that the bids for the renovation of the Ward Building be opened on December 12, 1973, at 2:30.

Ordered: that \$18,437.50 be included in the 1974-75 Budget as the County's share of an armory to be in the Whiteville area. The total cost is to be \$ 295,000 which is 75% federal funds and 12½ City of Whiteville.

Ordered: that a meeting be set to meet with the Division Engineer, D. W. Patrick, and Secondary Roads Councilman, Sameul Stephenson on December 10th at 2:00 p.m. This request was made by Mr. Mills, District Engineer.

Ordered: that the motion passed at the November 19, 1973, be amended to charge a \$2.00 tax on all dogs, whether male or female.

Mr. Allen Price, CPA, presented a copy of the audit for the year ending June 30, 1973, to each member of the Board to review and prepare questions to be discussed at a later date. Mr. Price gave a brief statement to the Board stating that Columbus County's overall financial picture is in good order and funds had been handled with honesty and fidelity during the year. He made a suggestion to improve the operation of the new uniform system was to consider replacing the present posting machine.

Ordered: that the following tax releases be made upon the recommendation of the Tax Supervisor's Office:

That the 1973 taxes listed in the name of Leabanon Lodge #207, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$11520 due to Masonic Lodge exemption.

That the taxes listed in the name of Mattie C. Freeman, Bolton Township, be released for the years 1963 through 1973 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the Elections Board Budget be amended by line items as follows: Salaries & Wages \$975.00; Non Professional Salaries - \$1,000.00 and Travel - \$250.00. This increase was needed because of an election that was not anticipated at the time the Budget was adopted.

At Twelve O'clock the Chairman announced that it was time to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. He immediately stated that he was stepping down as Chairman. A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson to nominate Donald P. Currie to serve as Chairman and Mayo Brown as Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buffkin, and unanimously passed. All Board members commended Commissioner Williamson for a job well done

and expressed pleasure for their past year working together.

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin to re-appoint all County Employees for another year, but received no second.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn for lunch.

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Chairman Currie called the meeting to order after lunch recess and the following business was transacted:

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin to re-appoint all County employees to work at the will of the Board and Surety Bonds were approved as filed in the office of the Clerk of Court. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williamson and duly passed.

Ordered: that the Clerk to the Board be reappointed and the County Attorney be retained to work at the will of the Board.

Ordered: that the Clerk write a letter to Representative R. C. Soles, Jr., Member of the House Finance Committee, requesting him to support and vote for a favorable report for House Bill #529 which concerns automobile taxes for counties. A copy of this request is to be sent to other Representatives and Senator serving this district.

Ordered: that Paul Hughes be made assistant Building Supervisor in addition to Building Custodian and that his salary be increased to 525.00 per month, beginning on 12-1-73.

Ordered: That J. T. Bethea be hired as Janitor to assist Mr. Hughes at a salary of \$416.00 per month.

Ordered: that the salary of Helen Bethea be increased \$25.00 per month beginning December 1, 1973.

Ordered: that Joyce Ransom be hired as a permanent employee upon the request of E. M. Griffin, Tax Collector, at a salary of \$414.00 per month.

Ordered: that the Chairman be authorized to sign the agreement to continue receiving Emergency Employment Funds for the employment of the present Soil Technician.

Ordered: that the Chairman be allowed to designate a person to act in lieu of the Chairman to supervise prisoners assigned to work under the direction of the County Commissioners. Chairman Currie appointed Commissioner Williamson to assume this responsibility.

Mr. Stanley, Tax Supervisor, presented the late tax listings to the Board for the month of November to be filed with the Clerk to the Board.

Ordered: that the general county bills be allowed and paid listed on pages 85, 86 & 87.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until Monday, December 10, 1973, at 2:00 p.m., to meet with Department of Transportation Officials to discuss the new rules and regulations set up under the present administration in Raleigh.

APPROVED:

Emergent W. Suggs
Clerk

Edward W. Williamson
Chairman
Donald R. Currie
Chairman

SALARY CHECKS FOR NOVEMBER, 1973.

Sankey W. Robinson	County and Social Services Attorney	(8441)	\$ 530.38
Annie Ruth Strickland	Executive Secretary, Board of Elections		337.55
Hilda Nance	Assisting at Board of Elections		286.24
Mary Cook	Assistant secretary, Bd. of Elections		307.35
E. L. Green	Chairman, Board of Elections		470.75
LeRoy Stocks	Mamber, Board of Elections		141.22
Emogene W. Suggs	County Accountant		468.59
Veneda S. Ray	Assistant County Accountant		411.78
M. Geraldine Blackburn	Clerk		303.52
Lucille L. Stephens	Clerk		322.42
R. Brooks Stanley	Tax Supvr. & Appraiser	(8451)	748.50
Venie H. Rouse	Asst. Tax Supvr.		357.21
MARtha L. Smith	Clerk		275.88
Bertha L. Long	Clerk		263.43
Susie M. Stone	Clerk		289.83
Janie S. Cox	Clerk		289.83
Monique M. Taylor	Clerk		259.35
Shirley M. Geiger	Clerk - Temporary		317.35
E. M. Griffin	Tax Collector		754.90
Doris L. Ward	Bookkeeper		337.25
Jacqueline F. Campbell	Clerk		277.62
Peggy G. Wray	Clerk		290.37
Ida G. McPherson	Clerk		299.83
Joyce L. Ransom	Clerk		253.96
Leo L. Fisher	REgister of Deeds	(8466)	629.54
Marvelann W. Norris	Deputy Register of Deeds		327.40
Ila N. Penny	Deputy Register of Deeds		327.40
Myrtle N. McAlister	Deputy Register of Deeds		313.52
Frances Vaughn	Deputy Register of Deeds		306.22
Paul E. Hughes	Custodian and Assistant of County Buildings		396.00
Helen Bethea	Janitress	(8473)	214.06
Izear Dunson	Janitor		148.72
Clyde Pridgen	Janitor- County Hall		297.90
Willie Mae Smith	Janitress -Annex		143.22
Arthur L. Duke	Sheriff		723.61
John Coleman	Deputy Sheriff	(8479)	491.70
Emery H. Smith	Deputy Sheriff		516.01
HARvey D. Williams	Deputy Sheriff		501.83
Annie Belle Powell	Secretary		278.50
Alton Edwards	Courtroom Officer		301.60
J. Howard Stanley	Civil Prepardness Coordinator		469.64
Sandra J. Tedder	Secretary " "		277.68
H. Hugh Nance	Veterans' Service Officer		457.43
S. T. Enzor	Building Inspector		592.60
Rhone T. Anderson	Landfill Supervisor		312.60
Carlton M. Cartrette	Equipment Operator		449.92
Hobson Leroy Ivey	Equipment Operator		439.92
Lewis S. Babson, Jr.	Dog Warden		649.92
Alice S. Wright	Social Services Director		841.56
Pearl H. Fowler	Social Services Supervisor		628.73
Margaret V. Hair	Social Services Supervisor	(8494)	591.08
Helma T. English	Social Worker		572.84
Sally G. Marks	Social Worker		563.83
Jo Anne P. Vereen	Social Worker		560.34
Mary B. Pickett	Social Worker		549.44
Mariegene L. Palmer	Social Worker Trainee		445.76
Griffin J. Johnson	Eligibility Specialist		475.42
Charles E. Tatum, Jr.	Eligibility Specialist		461.79
Peggy Ann M. Duncan	Eligibility Specialist		420.24
REbecca J. Williamson	Eligibility Specialist		387.08
KATHryn S. Worrell	Eligibility Specialist		409.89
Doris G. Lennon	Eligibility Specialist		380.31
Pauline S. Pait	Eligibility Specialist		356.33
Maebelle W. Weaver	Clerical Supervisor		383.38
Miriam Sue Greene	Typist	(8509)	311.79
Leota H. Hodges	Typist		320.99
Sylvia Jean Pridgen	Typist		339.19
Lorraine S. Cartwright	Typist		303.40
Janet M. Thomas	Typist		245.46
Ethel F. McQueen	Clerk		289.22
Linda P. Baldwin	Eligibility Specialist		383.41
Claire P. Duncan	Eligibility Sepcialist		363.96
Brenda A. Pierce	Eligibility Specialsit		419.89
Joyce S. Clark	Clerk		333.89
Janice W. Hall	Clerk		303.28
William Roscoe Enzor	Clerk		396.05
Willie Belle Troy	Janitress		26.36
Garland D. McCullen	Agriculture Extension Agent		143.10
Donald W. Baker	Assoc. Agriculture Extension Agent		350.59
John M. Spaulding	Agriculture Extension Agent		224.32

Linda A. Lee	Administrative Assistant	(8525)	\$ 262.73
Wanda D. Pridgen	Extension Secy.		150.60
C. D. Raper	Extension Chairman		344.38
Elaine N. Blake	Home Economics Extension Agent		222.52
Yvonne B. Ray	Home Economics Extension Agent		90.02
Glenn Ann B. Hall	Asst. " " "		200.21
Kathy Sue Bass	Extension Secy.		133.96
Charles E. Ward	Soil Technician		580.10
Barbara K. Williamson	Secy., Soil Conservation		338.71
Amanda R. Bible	Librarian	(8534)	584.72
Nellie Edna Creech	Assistant Librarian		344.08
Faye Hines	Assisting at TAbor City Library		176.10
Olive Fowler	" " " " "		67.66
Donald Peterson	" " Library		187.21
Martha Williams	Assisting at Library		253.83
Merry Marcotte	Assisting at Library		251.03
Shondia Galloway	Assisting at Library		50.13
LAcy Mercer	Electrical Inspector		232.18
Buell E. Lanier, Sr.	Coroner & Acting Medical Examiner	(8543)	96.80

EXPENSE CHECKS:

Aid to the Disabled	Budget Appropriation	(4143)	7,564.50
Edward W. Williamson	Meetings & Conferences during November		473.00
R. Brooks Stanley	Reimbursement for Expenses to Tax Seminar		74.73
T. E. Burns	Meetings & Conferences during Novmeber		149.80
W. B. Buffkin	Meetings & Conferences during November		105.60
Mayo Brown	Meetings & Conferences during November		170.50
Donald P. Currie	Meetings & Conferences during November		192.87
Bullard Electric Service	Electrical work for Social Services Offices		237.50
Brown & Brown	Labor & Materials for County Hall	4151)	2,061.02
Brown & Brown	Labor & Materials for County Hall		1,792.97
Brown & Brown	Labor & Materials for Courthouse - Probabation Offices		1,129.46
Southern National Bank of N. C. -	Federal Income Tax Withheld for November		5,748.40
Carolina Motors	Refund - Bidders Bond Deposit		2,655.00
Group Insurance Services	Hospital & Life Ins. - Prepaid & Withheld		1,062.40
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. -	Accident Insurance Withheld		257.50
Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co. -	Account for various offices		809.83
The News Reporter Co., Inc. -	Account for Board of Elections		1,074.38
Columbus County News	Account for Board of Elections		192.00
LeRoy Stocks	Mileage & Meals - October & November	(4161)	8.57
American Legion Post	Rent & Roll of Tape		26.00
North Whiteville Community Center -	Rent for Election		10.00
Vira Baldwin	Rent for Election		15.00
Cleo G. Ward	Rent for Election		10.00
Junior Godwin	Rent for Election		10.00
P. O. Gore	Rent for Election		20.00
Landford Smith	Janitor for Election		10.00
Paul C. Gore	Rent for Election		10.00
Mrs. Joe Hayes	Rent for Election		10.00
Mrs. Izzie Simmons	Rent for Election		10.00
Western Prong Community Center -	Rent for Election		5.00
J. T. Bethea	Janitor for Election		20.00
Pitney-Bowes, Inc.	Rent on Equipment		113.40
The News Reporter Co.	Accounts for Various Offices		422.87
Uptown Office Supplies	Supplies for Auditor, Tax Collector & Supvr.		162.34
Burroughs Corporation	Account for Auditor		4.17
Beason Insurance Agency	Bond for Auditor		35.00
Memory's Super Market	Dixie Cups for Courthouse	(4179)	.92
Tabor City Broadcasting Co. -	Advertising for Tax Collector		18.00
Universal Broadcasting Co.	Advertising for Tax Collector		8.00
Institute of Government	Supplies for Tax Collector		1.90
Gray & Creech, Inc.	Service Contract & Copy Paper		151.02
Hall & McChesney, Inc.	Account for Register of Deeds		315.84
Edward & Broughton, Inc.	Account for Register of Deeds		38.63
Carolina Power & Light Co.	Accounts for County Offices		1,230.18
Farmers Oil & Fertilizer Co. -	Oil for County Buildings		1,012.90
City of Whiteville	Water & Sewer Accounts	(4188)	104.62
Lustra Lighting	Account for Courthouse		388.08
Junior Godwin	Repairs to Courthouse Steps		23.80
Dover Elevator Co.	Contract Service		29.00
Hyatt Exterminating Co.	Contract Services & Termite Contract on Annex & FHA Bldg.		920.00
Pyramid Products Cp., Inc.	Account for Courthouse	(4193)	18.64
Courthouse Square Store	Supplies for Courthouse		13.58
Scotts of Whiteville	Account for County Hall		6.18
Harvey Williams, D.S.	November Travel		454.30
John Coleman, D.S.	November Travel		255.70
Emery H. Smith, D.S.	November Travel		470.20
Memory Twins Service Station -	Account for Sheriff's Dept.		9.45
Hub Uniform Co.	Uniforms for Emery H, Smith		354.69
Hub Uniform Co.	Uniforms for H. D. Williams		350.00
Broadcast & Communications -	Contract Service for Sheriff's Dept.		152.50

Hub Uniform Co.	Uniforms for Jailers	(4203)	\$ 1,361.40
Bill Parker	Clean Sewer Line at JAil		15.00
Del Chemical Corp.	Account for Jail		71.61
Hill's Super MARKET #10	Groceries for Jail		45.95
Simmons Drug Co.	Drugs for Gloria Ward		1.76
G. V. Singletary & Sons	Groceries for Jail		685.59
Columbus County Haopital	Account for Inmates		131.50
Columbus County Hospital	Account for Inmates		21.55
R. C. Soles Company	Washing Machine for Jail		259.95
Town of Fair Bluff	Rent - Magistrate's Office		75.00
Williamson's Insurance Agency	Rent - Magistrate's Office		85.00
Town of Bolton	Rent - MAGistrate's Office		60.00
Postmaster - Whiteville	Stamps fpr Civil Defense		16.00
J. Howard Stanley	Travel for November		150.00
Veterans Information Service	Book and Supplements for Veteran Service Officer		10.00
D. W. Pittman, D.V.M.	Service for Dog Pound	(4218)	8.00
Southeastern Pathology Associates	Autopsy for W. G. Cribb		150.00
Mariegene L. Palmer	Travel for November		55.42
Margaret V. Hair	Travel for November		63.28
Griffin J. Johnson	Travel for November		37.00
Roscoe Enzor	Travel for November		67.36
Brenda Pierce	Travel for November		68.68
Sally G. Marks	Travel for November		90.95
KATHryn S. Worrell	Travel for November		85.91
Rebecca J. Williamson	Travel for November		68.14
Peggy M. Duncan	Travel for November		77.66
Pauline S. Pait	Travel for November		21.27
Mary B. Pickett	Travel for November		43.16
Helma T. English	Travel for November	(4231)	78.26
Charles E. Tatum, Jr.	Travel for November		71.65
Jo Anne P. Vereen	Travel for November		110.75
Doris G. Lennon	Travel for November		95.05
Claire P. Duncan	Travel for November		41.29
Linda P. Baldwin	Travel for November		58.56
Alice S. WRight	Travel for November		122.04
United States Leasing Corp.	Use of Machine		32.44
International Business Machines	Account for Social Services		105.08
Pitney-Bowes, Inc.	Rent of MACHine		12.00
Xerox, Corp.	Use of MACHine		41.60
Pearl H. Fowler	REfund for meal ticket		4.00
Peoples Funeral Home	Burial for George Wiggins		60.00
Inman Funeral Home	Burial for Ida Bell Smith		60.00
State Commission for the Blind	County's Share of Expenditures through November		4,099.64
Whiteville City Schools	Book fees for indigent child		13.50
Fairmont Dept. Store	Clothing for indigent children		35.00
Leder Brothers, Inc.	Clothing for indigent children		42.19
Family Fashion Shop	Clothing for indigent children		24.94
Novella G. Williams	Boarding Home Care		100.00
Central Orphanage of N. C.	Boarding Home Care		160.00
Randolph R. McCallister	Boarding Home Care		85.00
Louvie Hinson	Boarding Home Care		85.00
Mrs. Henry Hill	Boarding Home Care		170.00
Mrs. Ned Boswell	Boarding Home Care		340.00
Mrs. Horace Rich	Boarding Home Care		425.00
Mrs. Mamie Patrick	Boarding Home Care		85.00
Mrs. Allie Ivey	Boarding Home Care		237.82
Norris Economy Drugs	Account for Extension Service		2.50
Monroe Division	Maintenance Contracts		59.00
C. D. Raper	REimbursement for Supplies		19.90
General Services Administration	Account for Extension Service	(4262)	250.08
Tranquil Air, Inc.	Supplement for Operator		500.00
Bernard Peal	Rent - Employment Security Office		150.00
Mrs. Matthew Ward	Out-Door-Poor		5.00
Peoples Savings & Loan	Refund - Taxes paid through error		108.97
Canal Industries	Refund - Taxes paid through error		46.07
Ada Pridgen	Refund - Taxes paid through error		115.10
Nakina Rescue Unit	Appropriation for Rescue Unit		2,000.00
Veneda S. Ray	REimbursement for Coffee Pot		8.79
Dixie Farm Center	Gun Shells & Trash bags	(4271)	4.63
Jimmy Norris Heating & Air Conditioning - Repairs at Jail			81.60
W. H. King Drug Co.	Account for Extension Service		13.51
N. C. Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System - Contributions for November			8,098.25
Jimmy Norris Heating & Air Conditioning - Repairs at Jail	XXXXXXXXXXXX(4272)		
Carolina Power & Light Co.	Account for Jail		566.43
Franklin Baking Co.	Account for Jail		57.00
N. C. Dept. of Social Rehabilitation & Control - Account for Jail			211.49
Sealtest Foods	Account for Lae Enforcement Center		135.12
The News Reporter Co.	Account for Board of Elections		1,141.79
IBM Corp.	Typewriter for Accountant's Office		589.68
Clemmon L. Jacobs	Social Service Board Meeting		30.40
E. W. Williamson	" " " "		28.00
Pauline N. Moore	" " " "		25.50
Roses' Stores, Inc.	Account for Social Services		28.74