

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m.,
Janaury 21, 1974, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Donald P. Currie, Chairman

Mayo Brown

E. W. Williamson

W. B. Buffkin

T. E. Burns

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order and the invocation was given by the Reverend
Gwyn McCormick, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Whiteville, N. C.

The following business was transacted:

Ordered: that W. F. Floyd, Whiteville, and C. R. Ward, Lake Waccamaw, be appointed
to serve on the Southeastern Regional Mental Health Area Board in addition to the present members.

Ordered: that the County Attorney write a letter to Cook & Boardman stating that
the County will pay the cost to repair the locks at the Law Enforcement Center and request that
the do the repair as early as possible.

Ordered: that a check from the Out-Door-Poor Fund be given to Mrs. Shafton Barnes,
Rt. 2, Chadbourn.

Ordered: that a extension of time be granted to the following to list taxes:

Johnson Stores, Inc. P. O. Box 12426 Raleigh, N. C.	Time extended to: March 1, 1974
The Macke Company 2701 Rozzelle Ferry Road Charlotte, N. C.	March 31, 1974
W. Crowell Black Whiteville, N. C.	February 15, 1974
Exxon Co., U .S. A. P. O. Box 53 Houston, Texas	March 31, 1974
Mid-State Homes, Inc. P. O. Box 22601 Tampa, Florida	March 31, 1974
Gulf Oil Company, U. S. 1375 Peachtree Street, N. E. Atlanta, Ga.	March 31, 1974
Fieldcrest Mills, Inc. Eden, North Carolina	March 31, 1974

All other property owners have an extension through February 11, 1974.

Ordered: that a check be given to the Evergreen Fire & Rescue Squad in the amount
of \$2,000 from the Contingencies Fund.

- ROAD PETITIONS:
1. Bug Hill Township - S.R. #1938 - Has 6 occupied homes located
on it and is .7 mile in length.
 2. Western Prong Township - S. R. #1530 - Has 6 occupied homes located
on it and is 1½ miles in length.
 3. Whiteville Township - Extension of S. R. #1445 - Road is .5 mile
in length and has 5 occupied homes located on it.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Edith Williamson Steven, Bug Hill

Township, be cancelled due to double listing. Also listed to Leroy Stevens Heirs. (Recommendation of Tax Supvr.)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County that we endorse and support the following statement presented to the Board by the Columbus County Association of Rescue Squads: "The Columbus County Association of Fire & Rescue Squads would like to go on record as being opposed to the eighty-one hour Emergency Medical Training Course as proposed now by the Department of Emergency Medical Services to go into effect January 1, 1976. We feel this will be a hardship on our current members and new members coming into the local units. All members of the County Association are non-paid volunteers.

We feel that this training should not exceed twenty hours a year due to other training that is required of these units. We also feel that the training should be given on a local level due to travel requirements and leaving our areas unprotected."

The foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Commissioners upon motion made by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Buffkin. *See minutes - Page 122**

Ordered: that upon the recommendation of Mr. Raper, Jacqueline Dixon be hired to fill the vacancy of Sheilda McDowell, Assistant Home Economics Extension Agent. Her employment is to begin on February 1, 1974.

Ordered: that the fee for vaccinating be raised from \$2.00 to \$3.00

Ordered: that the name of the building purchased from Kermit Ward on Washington Street be named COLUMBUS COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING.

Ordered: that Dr. J. T. Wyche be reappointed to another term on the local Board of Health; also add the following new members - Mrs. J. B. Lee, Mr. W. E. Brown, Dr. J. C. Paschal, and Mr. B. T. Elliott. The terms are for three years.

RESOLUTION TO ENTER AGREEMENT FOR NORTH CAROLINA LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEE DEATH BENEFITS TO COLUMBUS COUNTY

WHEREAS, the 1969 General Assembly amended the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees Retirement System laws so as to permit agreements for providing death benefits for employee members pursuant to G. S. 128-27(1); and

WHEREAS, the governing body of this Unit realizes the desirability of providing its employees with the security and protection provided by a plan for death benefits; and

WHEREAS, Article 3 of Chapter 128 of the General Statutes of N. C. provides that any employer governmental unit desiring to provide death benefits for its employee members must execute an agreement therefor with the Director of the N. C. Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County in regular session,

1. That the County of Columbus hereby elects to secure death benefits for its employees in the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System, to become effective January 1, 1974.

2. That the County of Columbus hereby agrees to comply with all provisions of the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System as defined in Article 3, Chapter

128 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended, and to make such increased employer's contributions as the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System may determine through its actuary from time to time to be necessary in order to provide employee death benefits.

3. That the County of Columbus is hereby ordered and directed to execute an agreement with the Director of the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System to implement the employee death benefits of G. S. 128-27 (1).

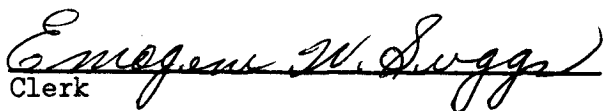
Upon motion of Commissioner Mayo Brown and seconded by Commissioner E. W. Williamson the above resolution was introduced and unanimously passed.

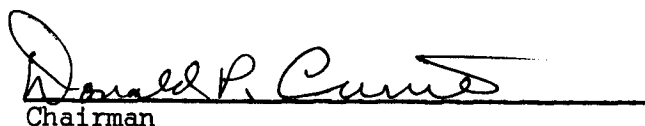
Mrs. Marion Stevens came before the Board to request that the County purchase two station wagons to be used as buses to transport Day Care Children to the Center. She also requested that the program for the profoundly retarded be re-established. The Board asked Comm. Brown to check into the possibility of funds from the Regional Mental Health Center to make the purchase and report to the Board as soon as possible. No decision was made on the other request.

The Clerk was instructed to write Rabbi Kesner to the effect that no further funds are available in this FY Budget for the operation of the 4C's. The Board heartily endorsed the programs and stated that their action taken in donating funds to the 4C's was to help foster the beginning of the organization and to encourage the public to participate in the continuance of the programs.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until February 4, 1974, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:


Clerk


Chairman