

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., May 20, 1974, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Donald P. Currie, Chairman

Mayo Brown

E. W. Williamson

W. B. Buffkin (Absent)

T. E. Burns

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order and the invocation was given by the Reverend Ray Justice, Pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Whiteville, N. C.

The following business was transacted:

Ordered: that J. Howard Stanley be appointed as coordinator to distribute the radio units that have been used by the law enforcement officers to the various fire and rescue units within the County. Mr. Stanley is further ordered to keep an inventory of the 16 radios as they are to remain property of the County and not the individual Units. The Budget for Civil Preparedness is to be amended to cover the cost of change-over which will be approximately \$420.00.

Ordered: that the Extension Service be permitted to instate a program for tobacco pest control if the farmers of the County wish to participate. There is to be no cost to the County, but a fee of \$1.00 per acre of tobacco allotment will be charged to each farmer who wishes to participate.

Ordered: that the Extension Service Employees work under the guidelines of the State Personnel Act as to annual leave, sick leave and petty leave until the County adopts a plan for all County employees.

Ordered: the the Accountant base the 1974-75 Budget on as assessed valuation of \$310,000,000. at a tax collection rate of 88%.

Ordered: that the following tax releases be made upon the recommendation of the Tax Supervisor: That the taxes listed in the name of Ray Summersett be cancelled for the years 1970 through 1973 due to double listing, Lees Township.

That the taxes listed in the name of Maggie Jones and Henry Moore, Whiteville Township, be cancelled due to double listing.

That a refund check be written to Thomas D. & Myrtle Wright, Williams Township, in the amount of \$48.69 due to double listing. Taxes paid by Thomas D. & Annie Wright.

Ordered: that the Tax Supervisor be allowed to hire Kedahelea Riggins as a temporary worker at a salary of \$375 per month if he has sufficient funds in his present budget.

Ordered: that \$15,000.00 be appropriated each year until 1981 for the purpose of the Octennial Reappraisal and be deposited in a Revaluation Reserve Fund.

Mrs. Retha Stevens and Mr. William Lambert, Election Board Members, came before the Board of Commissioners to discuss their budget request and present greivences about the conditions at the Board of Elections Building; i.e. inadequate parking and storage space, grounds and building not well kept, and security insufficient. The Commissioners will discuss

these problems and make decisions at a later meeting.

There was a discussion concerning a communications system for the Landfill, Health Department and the Dog Warden. Mr. Howard Stanley presented a plan that could be installed for a cost of \$6,938, or, if the same frequency is used as that utilized by the rescue squads in the County, the cost would be approximately \$4,752. No final decision was made at this meeting.

Ordered: that the following general county bill be allowed and paid:

Hughes Construction Co.	Check #5195	1,136.00
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Mr. Rhone Anderson came before the Board to point out the misuse of about four waste containers in the County and asked for suggestions from the Board in dissolving this problem. No action was taken at this meeting.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until May 21, 1974, at 8:00 p.m. to discuss the Budget for 1974-75.

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

APPROVED:

Donald L. Cunniff
Chairman