

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., March 17, 1975, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Donald P. Currie, Chairman

Mayo Brown, Vice-Chairman

Edward W. Williamson

W. B. Buffkin

C. Waldo Marlowe

Sankey W. Robinson, Attorney

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order and the invocation was given by the Reverend Tommy Beaver, Christ the King Luthern Church, Whiteville, N. C.

The following business was transacted:

Ordered: that the minutes of the March 3rd meeting be approved as recorded.

Ordered: that the Library Board be allowed to have a feasibility study made of the practicalities and possibilities of adding to the present City of Whiteville Library or the possible abandonment of the City Library Building and the practicalities of adding to the present County Library Building. There is to be no financial obligation to the County. If, however, the project evolves and an Architect is employed it is agreed that Ballard, McKim and Sawyer be selected.

Ordered: that \$2,500. be included in the 1975-76 FY Budget for the Oratoria Society to match a grant available through the N. C. Council of Fine Arts.

The following Resolution was unanimously passed upon motion by Commissioner Brown, and seconded by Commissioner Buffkin:

WHEREAS, the County Police, Sheriff's Dept. and law enforcement are paramount in the minds of the citizens of Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County wish that the citizens of Columbus County be provided with the best law enforcement that the County can afford;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the legislative delegation representing Columbus County - namely, Senator Edd Nye, Speaker of the House James C. Green, Representatives R. C. Soles, Jr. and Richard Wright- evaluate the law enforcement in Columbus County in relationship to cost and service, and to draft any legislation that they deem necessary for the best interest of law enforcement in Columbus County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if said delegation feels that it would be best for the citizens to vote on any proposals the Board would support same.

Ordered: that the following tax releases be made on the recommendation of the Tax Supervisor:

That the taxes listed in the name of Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co., South Williams Township be cancelled for the year 1974 in the amount of \$340.44 due to an error in listing. The vault door and personal property have been listed as both personal and real estate.

That the 1973 Fire District Taxes listed in the name of Tylon Franklin Wise, Sr., be cancelled in the amount of \$10.11 due to the fact that Mr. Wise does not live within the Fire District.

That the 1973 taxes listed in the name of Annie Shipman Heirs, Welches Creek Township, be cancelled in the amount of \$11.22 due to double listing to Vera Shipman Flowers.

That the 1974 taxes listed in the name of Lonnie Willoughby, Jr., South Williams Township, be cancelled in the amount of \$131.49 due to double listing to the same name in the same township.

That the 1974 taxes listed in the name of Linwood T. Edge & Edward J. Jones, Jr., Lees Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,100. due to an error in listing. House also listed to Mr. Foley.

That a refund check be written to Herbert Fowler, Rt. 3, Whiteville, N. C. in the amount of \$33.70, for 1973 taxes, Whiteville Township, due to double listing to Ralph Nobles.

That the 1973 taxes listed in the name of Herbert B. Fowler, Whiteville Township, be cancelled due to double listing to Ralph Nobles.

A group of citizens concerned over the future of the Day Care Center operated by the Southeastern Mental Health Center met with the Board to try to clarify statements that had been made to the effect that the Center would be closed at the end of this fiscal year. There was a long discussion concerning the program and much interest was shown by the group to continue to service to the exceptional children in the County. They were assured that the Board would find out the basis and reliability of statements made by various persons concerned with the program and clarify them to the parents of the children in the Center.

Mike Gray and Jerry Powell with COG, working with the Housing Assistance Program, came to ask assistance from the County Building Inspector and the Board in designating and locating substandard housing areas in the County.

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

Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co	Check #6953	\$ 865.92
Delph Context Co.	Keys for Administrative Building	3.05

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until April 1, at 10:00 a.m, at which time the Board will sit as a Board of Equalization and Review.

APPROVED:

Emergen N. Suggs
Clerk

Donald P. Cunn
Chairman