

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., April 5, 1976, it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Donald P. Currie, Chairman

C. Waldo Marlowe, Vice-Chairman

Edward W. Williamson

Mayo Brown

W. B. Buffkin

Sankey W. Robinson, Attorney

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by Rabbi Reuben Kesner,, Beth-Isreal Center, Whiteville, N. C.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the March 15th meeting were approved as recorded.

Ordered: that the Finance Officer include an amount of funds in the 1976-77 Budget to purchase seven autos for the County Police and two for the Sheriff's Department to be purchased after due advertisement and acceptance of bids. The advertisement is to include straight purchase and trade-in of old autos.

Ordered: that the Chairman be authorized to sign an agreement with Koonce, Noble, and Associates, Inc. to be employed as Engineer for the County-Wide Facilities Project for Columbus County upon written confirmation that there will be no cost to the County if no grants are received and that upon receipt of grants the Engineer will be paid from the grant funds.

Ordered: that the Finance Officer disburse funds in the amount of \$2,500. from the Airport's Miscellaneous Item #650-74 to pay one-half the cost of obtaining a no directional beacon for the Airport and that \$2,500 be appropriated in the 1976-77 FY Budget to meet the agreement with the Department of Transportation for matching funds. It is further ordered that the Chairman be authorized to sign the agreement as follows:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus, North Carolina (hereinafter called the "Sponsor") has made a formal application to the Department of Transportation (hereinafter called the "Department") for State financial aid for airport development and improvement; and

WHEREAS, a grant in the maximum amount of \$5,000.00 or in an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the non-federal share of the total cost of the project, whichever is less, has been approved;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Sponsor be and he is hereby authroized and empowered to enter into a contract with the Department as may be necessary to effectuate the aforesaid expressed purpose, thereby binding the Sponsor to the fulfillment of its obligation incurred under this resolution and to its agreement under the said contract with the Department.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted upon motion by Commissioner Waldo Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Edward W. Williamson.

Ordered: that the budget request for the County Airport as presented by L. R. Bowers, Chairman, Airport Authority, be tentatively approved and the Finance Officer is hereby directed to include \$6,160.00 in the 1976-77 FY Budget Estimate for said Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and unanimously passed that the Board endores the proposals to be considered by the Legislature to bring local governeemts in line with state retirement benefits subject to passage by the Legislature in 1977 or 1978.

Ordered: that the 1975 taxes listed in the name of Sampson Bladen Oil Co., Inc., in Riegelwood Sanitary District be cancelled on the valuation of \$67,604 due to the fact that said property is not located within the District.

Ordered: that the taxes be released on the following property listed to Columbus Cemetery Park, Inc., Whiteville Township, due to the Owner not transferring property when sold:

1972	Reduce Value From \$21,940	To \$19,030
1973	45,020	44,595
1974	89,190	88,270
1975	88,270	87,430

RESOLUTION CONCERING A COUNTY-WIDE WATER FACILITIES FOR COLUMBUS COUNTY

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Clean Water Bond Act of 1971 has authroized the making of grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of wastewater treatment works, wastewater collection systems, and water supply systems; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County, North Carolina, has need for and intends to construct County-Wide Water Facilities for Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County, North Carolina, intends to request State grant assistance for the project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA:

That Columbus County will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State grant award.

That Columbus County will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That the Board of Commisssioners, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of Columbus County with the State of North Carolina for a grant to aid in the construction of the project described above.

That the Board of Commissioners, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State Agency may request in connection with such application for the project; to make the assurance as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application, grant offer, or grant award.

That Columbus County has substantially complied, or will substantially comply with all Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto; and hereby authorize the above designated representative to execute an affidavit so stating.

The foregoing resolution was unanimously passed upon motion by Commissioner Edward W. Williamson, and seconded by Commissioner Waldo Marlowe.

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONERS TO APPLY FOR STATE GRANT TO CONSTRUCT
COUNTY-WIDE WATER FACILITIES FOR COLUMBUS COUNTY

WHEREAS, Columbus County is applying for a grant to construct County-Wide Water Facilities for Columbus County, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County will accept these mains for maintenance upon completion in accordance with the plans and specifications.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA:

That Columbus County agrees to adopt and place into effect on or before the completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges which will provide adequate funds for proper administration, operation and maintenance of the system.

The foregoing resolution was unanimously passed upon motion by Commissioner Edward W. Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Waldo Marlowe.

A request from the Town of Lake Waccamaw asking the Board to pass a Resolution requesting the Wildlife Commission for special rules and regulations in waters of the canal outside the incorporated area of Lake Waccamaw was tabled until further information can be obtained by the County Attorney.

Budget request were made by the Oratoria Society in the amount of \$2,500. and the Retired Senior Volunteer Persons for \$4,000. The Board will consider these request when reviewing the budget request as a whole.

Mr. Lyman Melvin, State Personnel Analyst, met with the Board and presented a Classification and Pay Plan for consideration by the Board to be adopted at the option of the Board. He commended the Board on their present pay level and stated that it would cost the County less than 5% of the present payroll to implement the plan. The Board will study the plan before making any decisions.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until Tuesday, April 6, 1976, at 10:00 a.m., at which time they will sit as a Board of Equalization and Review.

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

APPROVED:

Donald P. Conner
Chairman