

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 20, 1976, Monday being a legal holiday.

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 the Reverend Gwyn McCormick, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Whiteville.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the April 5th meeting were approved as recorded.

Ordered: that the Accountant be authorized to pay the Council of Governments \$1,100 to purchase aerial maps of Columbus County to be used in the Office of the Supervisor.

Ordered: that the Sheriff's Dept. be allowed \$300.00 to purchase uniforms for the deputy who replaces Robert Holms. This is not a budget increase but is to be transferred from another item.

Ordered: that the County Attorney advertise for bids for demolition, fill and pave the parking lot purchased from the Fletcher Property. He is instructed to advertise the project as a whole and also in three phases.

Ordered: that after reviewing the revenue request from the Board of Education, the Clerk inform them to resubmit their budget estimate based upon priority needs of the schools and the ability of the taxpayers to finance.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Mrs. Eva Lovelace, Whiteville Township, in the amount of \$56.38 due to an error in listing the model of a mobile home during 1974 and 1975.

Ordered: that the taxes be released on property listed in the name of Edison Lee, Chadbourn Township, for the years 1973, 1974 and 1975 due to a building being removed in 1971.

Ms. Dottie Crouch, Representative for the Council on the Status of Women, requested the Board to appoint a County Council on the Status of Women. She explained the purpose of such a council and suggested ways of implementing it either on a volunteer basis or funded by the County in whole or in part.

The Board discussed further appointing a Recreation Commission and made several suggestions of necessary guidelines that they felt should be included in an ordinance. The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr. Ken Free, with the Dept. of Human Resources to meet with the Board at his earliest convenience to provide further information for consideration.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until April 27th at 10:00 to meet as a Board of Equalization & Review as advertised.

Clerk, *Emogene W. Suggs*

APPROVED:

Chairman

Donald P. Currie