

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., May 3, 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 Board adjourned to the Peoples Savings & Loan Company to attend a bicentennial celebration. The meeting reconvened at 10:30 in their regular meeting place.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the April 19th meeting were approved as recorded.

Ordered: that sick leave be approved for Edna Creech retroactive to July 1, 1971, according to the policy adopted by the Library Board.

Ordered: that a release be made on taxes listed to Jeffery Lynn & Betty W. Fisher, Whiteville Township, for the year 1975 on the valuation of \$4,605 due to a house being only 75% complete.

Ordered: that the County sign a contract with Moore & Price, CPA, to audit the County accounts for the fiscal year 1975-76 subject to approval by the Local Government Commission.

Ordered: that the old stairway be removed from the Administrative Building by County custodial employees and the space be converted to storage space.

Ordered: that May 13th and 14th be designated as the time to review parcels presented for consideration by the Board of Equalization and Review. The time for convening is 7:30 p.m.

The following proclamation was made by the Board of Commissioners upon motion by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Marlowe:

WHEREAS, the over 60 years old segment of our population has traditionally been honored and respected in Columbus County as leaders in church, business and community affairs, and from repositories of knowledge that can only come from experience; and

WHEREAS, a group of Columbus County Citizens who have attained this age have joined together for mutual enjoyment of the prerogatives of their age group; and

WHEREAS, this group is known as the Older Americans of Columbus County;

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Commissioners of Columbus County do hereby proclaim the month of May, 1976, as Older Americans Month and do call upon all citizens, business houses and organizations as an expression of our appreciation of the services and contributions of our Older Americans and to signify our support of their various programs and efforts in our community.

Ordered: that Jerry Ramsey, Lower Cape Fear Planning Unit, be contacted to prepare a grant application to LEAA for funds to implement a communications system at the Law Enforcement Center. The system would be in a designated place separate from the jail

personnel and would serve both law enforcement and emergency agencies in the County. The application should include five communications personnel. Further consideration is necessary if no grant is available to fund this service.

Mrs. Bible, Library Director, presented the budget estimate for the operation of the Library for 1976-77. No decisions were made at this time.

Members of the Community Improvement Committee of Whiteville met to request the Board to keep the appearance of the Courthouse and grounds more attractive and clean as they felt that the Courthouse was a point of interest to persons traveling through the County. The Board agreed with their suggestion and assured this request would not be necessary to make again.

Ordered: that the Board of Elections be allowed to transfer \$3,000 from Non-Professional Services to Salaries to continue hiring two clerical assistants through the present fiscal year.

Ordered: that the County proceed to prepare a resolution to allow the creation of a County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority when reviewed and passed by the Board of Commissioners.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until May 13th at 7:30 p.m. to review the parcels presented for consideration at the Board of Equalization and review.

APPROVED:

Eugene M. Soggs  
Clerk

Donald P. Cunniff  
Chairman