

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, met in regular session at the Columbus County Administrative Building in Whiteville, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 10:00 a.m., on September 7, 1976, Monday being a legal holiday.

Present: Chairman Donald P. Currie, Presiding, and Commissioners C. Waldo Marlowe, Edward W. Williamson and Mayo Brown.

Sankey W. Robinson, Attorney

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

Absent: W. B. Buffkin

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by the Reverend Eddie White, Asst. Pastor, Pentecostal Holiness Church, Whiteville, N. C.

The minutes of the August 16th meeting were approved as recorded.

The following resolution was unanimously passed upon motion by Commissioner Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Brown:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners firmly approve the paving of a driveway into the property of the Nakina Rescue Squad located at Nakina, N. C., as presented to the Board by District Engineer B. A. Mills. The project is to be paid from Secondary Roads Construction Funds.

Ordered: that the Chairman be authorized to sign contracts with the Governor's Highway Safety Program to allow Whiteville and Tabor City Rescue Squads to purchase one ambulance each. The Rescue Squads are to pay one-half the purchase price and the State one-half. There is no cost to the County.

Ordered: that the following agencies be allowed to hire the specified number of workers under Title II of CETA:

SENCland - One cannery worker
Sheriff - Courtroom Officer

Fire Commission - One Clerical Worker

It is further ordered that Tabor City be allowed to hire a policeman instead of a radio operator and that the policeman's salary be set at \$7,200. per year.

Ordered: that a check be given to Mrs. Zettie Jacobs from the Out-Door-Poor Fund in the amount of \$50.00.

Ordered: that the Dept. of Social Services be allowed to hire a temporary employee in the Food Stamp Dept. to replace Mr. Enzor until the Postal Service assumes the responsibility of selling food stamps which will be about the first of January.

Ordered: that the replacement for a social worker at DSS be paid travel expenses from CETA Funds to be included in the salary allowance.

Ordered: that the following tax releases be made upon the recommendation of the Tax Supervisor due to being allowed the Senior Citizens Exemption:

Taxpayer	Year	Township	Valuation
Charles C. Cichero	1976	Bogue	\$ 5,000
Alice Thompson	1976	Bogue	5,000
Mrs. Donnie A. Floyd	1976	Chadbourn	5,000
Jule & Ada Leggett	1976	Chadbourn	4,050
Mrs. Myrtle Nobles	1976	Chadbourn	3,280
Dillion J. & Allie Jacobs	1976	Bug Hill	4,480
Ruffin & Lucy Shaw	1976	Welches Creek	1,250
John Corbett	1976	Waccamaw	2,310

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Ollie Manning	1976	South Williams	\$ 2,500
Richard Saulter	1976	Ransom	1,600
Mittie Lee Smith	1976	Whiteville	5,000
D. R. Desmond	1976	Whiteville	4,780
A. C. Rhodes	1976	Bug Hill	3,150
Eugene Creech	1976	Bogue	5,000
G. O. & Scottie Suggs	1976	Bug Hill	3,750
Zeno Ray	1976	Williams	5,000
Mrs. Mantha & J. B. Barefoot "		Bogue	1,700
W. F. Cartrette	1976	Williams	4,000
Mrs. Jane E. Brooks	1976	Tatum	5,000

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Angela Kay Simmons, Willimas Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$2,125 due to double listing automobile.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of James R. Spivey, South Williams Township be released on the valuation of \$2,275 due to error in listing model of truck.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Ernest Williams, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,850. No new house on property.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Alpheus N. Cox, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,260 due to selling a house.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Santee Register, Lees Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,720 due to an error in calculation of valuation.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Jimmy B. Gore, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,000 due to house burning.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of C. C. & J. M. Soles, South Williams Township, be cancelled for the years 1973 through 1976 on property valued at \$1,770 in 1973 and valued at \$3,540 the following years. The property was double listed.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Rev. Reeves C. & Edna Cline, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$6,110 due to an error in listing.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Nelson's Warehouse, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$34,240 due to warehouse burning.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Lyman and Mattie Lee Husler for 1973-1976 Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,230 for 1973 and \$4,460 for the following years due to property being double listed.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Robert R. Hinson, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,980 for SCE.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Haywood Freeman, Bogue Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,150 for SCE.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Harvey D. Cross, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$12,790 due to house being burned.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Elverta Hughes Pruett, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,790 due to house having burned.

At twelve noon the following bids were opened and read aloud as advertised for a dragline to be used at the county landfill:

Spartan Equipment Co., Charlotte, N. C.	\$96,000	Less Trade-in \$7,500	Net \$88,500
Mitchell Distributing Co., Raleigh, N. C.	94,400	" "	5,000 " 89,400
A. E. Finley & Associates, Raleigh, N. C.	118,000	" "	5,000 " 113,000
E. F. Craven Co., Raleigh, N. C.	128,054	" "	23,306 " 91,943

A decision will be made on September 20th as to the purchase of the dragline.

As a matter of information Dr. McCarter, et al presented a report stating that no additional buildings could be connected to the present on campus sewage plant at the College.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until September 17, 1976, at 8:00 p.m., to hold a public hearing on a county-wide water system to be voted on in the general election in November.

Emogene W Suggs Clerk

APPROVED: *Donald P. Carter* Chairman