

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., September 20, 1976, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Donal P. Currie, Chairman

C. Waldo Marlowe, Vice-Chairman

Edward W. Williamson

Mayo Brown

W. B. Buffkin (Absent)

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 O'Ferrell Thompson, Grace Episcopal Church, Whiteville, N. C.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the September 7th meeting were approved as recorded.

Ordered: that the following agencies be allowed to hire the designated number of CETA Title II employees:

Farmers Home Administration
Sheltered Workshop

Landfill Supervisor
Sheriff's Dept.

Office Clerk
Instructional Aide
Truck Driver

General Laborer
Two Special Deputies if the Special Act for
Columbus County allows additional deputies

Ordered: that Mrs. Talbott be allowed to sow winter grass on the Courthouse grounds.

Ordered: That the Accountant place advertisements for bids for fuel oil to be used by County offices for two years.

Ordered: that the Accountant be allowed to amend the Airport Construction Budget to include State Funds granted to the Airport for placing a non-directional beacon at the Airport. It is further ordered that the Hospital Budget be amended to reflect the exact balance due on continuing contracts instead of the estimate used at the time the Budget was prepared in May.

There was a discussion concerning the bids received for purchasing a dragline with representatives from various companies participating and also the Landfill Supervisor. Various aspects considered was the location of the service department and time until delivery date. Upon the recommendation of the Supervisor, a motion was made by Commissioner Williamson seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and unanimously passed to accept the bid from E. F. Cravan Company at a cost of \$96,552.96 including tax. Further motion instructed the Accountant to amend the Solid Waste Department Budget to include this expenditure and appropriate the funds from Revenue Sharing as far as funds are available with the balance to be appropriated from Surplus.

A letter of resignation was read from Isreal Campbell effective September 17th. The resignation was accepted with regrets. Mr. Ivey was instructed to use a CETA employee to

replace Mr. Campbell until further notice.

Chief J. R. Barker and Public Safety Commission Chairman William Waddell met with the Board and presented a letter from the Public Safety Commission requesting an increase of \$50.00 per month for each of the cooks at the Law Enforcement Center. The Board advised that the request would be considered at the time the Board adopts the Pay Plan compiled by the State Personnel Office.

Mr. Jack Hooks, Mrs. Sylvia Thompson and Mr. George Bryant met with the Board as representatives of the Recreation Advisory Study Commission to ask that the Study Commission be changed to a Recreation Commission as they felt they could be more effective in their efforts to solicit and receive funds for a recreation program and asked what extent of backing they could expect from the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Hooks stated that the Study Commission was vitally interested in a recreation program and wanted to move forward in getting a program underway. They needed some indication from the Commissioners as to the scale plans should be made for consideration by the Board as a beginning point. The Board indicated they would answer their questions by the time the Study Commission meets again.

The Tax Collector's Report was presented to the Board for the month of August for information.

The following Resolution was passed upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Brown:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Commissioners of the County of Columbus:

1. That the Agreement between the County of Columbus and the N. C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources be and same is hereby approved.
2. That the Chairman and the Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to sign and execute the said Agreement on behalf of the County of Columbus and forward the same to the N. C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources.
3. That upon final execution a copy of said Agreement be files with the minutes.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 7:30 p.m., September 20th.

APPROVED:

Emory W. Suggs
Clerk

Donald R. Curtis
Chairman

ADDENDUM: Tax Releases are listed on page 440A and 440B.