

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., October 4, 1976, it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Donald P. Currie, Chairman

C. Waldo Marlowe

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 Kenneth Parker, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Whiteville.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the September 20th meeting were approved as recorded.

Ordered: that Mrs. Pat Coleman be approved to replace Mrs. Leon Fox as a member of the Lake Waccamaw Planning Board by letter of request from Thomas Elliott, Mayor, Lake Waccamaw.

Ordered: that the Chairman be authorized to sign a contract with the Office of Manpower and Training to continue to receive funds for CETA workers.

Ordered: that Sencland be allowed to hire a CETA worker for the Nutrition Program for the elderly at an hourly rate of \$2.63.

Ordered: that Bruce Sellers be given a refund for the purchase of a county privilege license which is no longer required. The refund is \$20.00. (G.S.85C-39)

Ordered: that the Agreement with the Department of Natural & Economic Resources be amended to delete \$500.00 subject to a letter being received from John Hooten stating that the funds are no longer necessary.

Ordered: that the Board of Elections be allowed to purchase a voting machine and a memograph machine by a transfer of funds already within their budget. The voting machine is to be used at Whiteville Precinct #2.

Ordered: that the CETA employee assisting in the Sheriff's Dept. be paid at an hourly rate of \$4.00 for 40 hours per week. He is to assist only in matters that do not require a deputized person.

Ordered: that six parking spaces be reserved for the Sheriff's Department and the judges in the Fletcher parking lot.

The following releases were made upon recommendation of the Tax Supervisor's Office:

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of W. R. Peacock Heirs, Fair Bluff, Township, be released for 1976 on the valuation of \$2,220. for the Senior Citizens Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Tom & Bonnie Rhodes, Lees Township be released on the valuation of \$5,000. for the Senior Citizens Exemption.

Ordered; that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Jesse Teachey, Bolton Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,470 for the Senior Citizens Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of J. W. Mills, South Williams Town-

ship, be released on the valuation of \$3,700 for the Senior Citizens Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of M. W. Gore, Bug Hill Township be released on the valuation of \$5,000 for the Senior Citizens Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Mrs. Maggie Watson White, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,500 for Disability Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of D. E. Watson Heirs, (Mrs. Fannie Alma Watson), Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,320 for Disability Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of James & Katie Davis, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,630 for the Senior Citizens Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Richard Howard Willis, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,925 due to error in listing auto and truck.

Ordered: that the 1975 and 1976 taxes listed in the name of Joe B. & Carrie E. Evans Fair Bluff Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,800 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of W. F. & Nila Inamm, South Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$42,690 due to error in listing to wrong person.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Calhoun Dyson, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,760 for the Senior Citizens Exemption.

Ordered: that a refund be made to John Murrill Brown, c/o Reeds Jewellery, Whiteville Township, in the amount of \$14.40 due to an error in transferring property.

Jack Hooks, Homer Thomas and George Bryant, Budget Committee for the Recreation Study Commission, presented a budget request to the Board to hire a qualified person for advise, counselling, and help to coordinate a suggested plan for county recreation. The Commission felt this is the only way to compile a plan as the Commission members do not have the time or the expertise to compile such a plan. The request was for \$13,175.36. After consulting with the Supt. of County Schools, who agreed to furnish a temporary office, the budget appropriation was made in the amount of \$11,600. which is to be taken from Surplus in the General County Fund.

Mr. B. A. Mills, District Engineer, DOT, met with the Board to inform them that Columbus County had been allotted \$53,800 additional Secondary Roads Funds. He stated that the Board had formerly adopted the priority list as presented by the Dept. of Transportation and that they would proceed to the next priority on the list which is in the Sunset Terrace Area off old 74 Highway.

The 4-H organization of the County delighted the Board with refreshments and invited the Board to ask any questions concerning the activities of 4-H in the County. It was an enjoyable session and the Board commended them on their work.

Lynn Burleson and Lyman Melvin from the State Personnel Office met with the Board to review the Administrative Policy and the Position Classification & Pay Plan for Columbus County employees. Mr. Burleson made suggestions that the Board may wish to ~~to~~ consider changing

due to the court's decision that local governments are not included under the Federal Labor Act and other changes in State laws. He also suggested other changes he felt would be more equitable to permnant part-time employees. Mr. Melvin was present to answer any questions the Board might have in reviewing the Position Classification & Pay Plan which has not been adopted. Mr. Burleson will revise the Administrative Policy according to directions of the Board and submit it for consideration for approval by the Board.

Sheriff Coleman and his Deputies met with the Board to make various demands for the Sheriff's Department. He requested additional help, an increase in pay for himself and his deputies, and consideration for overtime work. It was pointed out that a special act for Columbus County passed by the State Legislature prohibited additional employees above the number now working. The Board told the Sheriff that they were in the process of reviewing a Position Classification & Pay Plan for the County prepared by the State Personnel Office and would take his request under consideration.

Dottie Crouch met with the Board and again requested that the Board appoint a task force to study the status of women in Columbus County. The Board agreed to allow a study to be made on a voluntary basis and agreed to allow a CETA worker to assist with the office work until the CETA Program is terminated. No County funds will be appropriated at this time.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 7:30 p.m., October 8, 1976, to review the Classification & Pay Plan.

APPROVED:

Emory W. Suggs
Clerk

Donald P. Curtis
Chairman