

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., May 16, 1977, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

C. Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

Junior W. Dew, Vice-Chairman

Edward W. Williamson

L. A. Hinson

David L. McPherson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by Commissioner Hinson.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the May 2, 1977, meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Dew.

The following Resolution was adopted upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Dew:

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SENIOR CITIZENS' WEEK

WHEREAS, older citizens of Columbus County have made a great contribution to our County, State and Nation, and

WHEREAS, many of our elderly are isolated, in financial need, or have poor health, and;

WHEREAS, the happiness of our senior citizens is ~~is~~ influenced by our actions and policies, and:

WHEREAS, County government can address more adequately the problems of older citizens in Columbus County, and;

WHEREAS, the week of May 23, 1977, through May 29, 1977, has been designated a special time for focusing attention on the importance of our senior citizens and their needs;

THEREFORE, the County Commissioners of Columbus County hereby proclaim the week of May 23, 1977, through May 29, 1977, as SENIOR CITIZENS WEEK and commend this observance to all citizens of Columbus County .

COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY

BY: /s/ C. Waldo Marlowe
C. Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

A program explaining the planning efforts of the Division of Civil Preparedness was presented to the Board with slides and comments by Dan Isom and Tom Lamar. After the presentation a motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to give consent of the Board for Mr. Isom to contact the Chiefs of Services who are county employees, for making plans for probable disasters.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and approved to amend the Library Budget to include federal grants in the amount of \$14,189, also permission was granted to allow the transfer of funds between line items in the Budget according to the request which is filed with the Finance Officer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to allow the College to amend thier Budget to transfer funds between line items but no increase in the total budget.

A letter from the Town Manager of Chadbourn was presented to the Board requesting that the Dog Warden pick up dogs for the Town of Chadbourn which have been contained by the Town. Also asked clarification on the duties of the Dog Warden in regards to the incorporated areas in the County. The Clerk was instructed to request the Dog Warden to meet with the Board at the next regular meeting to discuss the issue.

The Board adjourned to the sites of the two houses and garage that had been advertised for sale at auction. One bid was received for the garage from Evans Willis in the amount of \$50. which was not accepted. No bids were received for either of the houses.

The Board assembled back to the regular meeting place to open bids for microfilming old newspapers to be preserved at the Columbus County Library. Only one bid was received and was opened and recorded as follows: Bowman Enterprises, Inc., Benson, N. C., in the amount of \$180.00 per 1,000 images and a duplicate copy @ \$40.00 per roll, with an estimated cost of \$7,045. A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to accept the bid.

Joanne Vereen, Social Services Director, asked an exception be made to the County Administrative Policy for Mrs. Pearl Fowler to allow her to use sick leave while being absent from work during the illness of her husband which the doctor had stated was necessary. A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved to grant this request.

Other items discussed are as follows:

Virginia Branch requested financial aid to repair the Welches Creek Community Building which has been used by the County at election time. The Board advised they would take the request under consideration at a later time.

The Tax Collector's Report was presented to the Board through the month of April. The percent of collections for current year's taxes is 92.42 which is above the same date last year.

A letter was presented to the Board from Ralph Brake, Blue Cross-Blue-Shield Representative, asking the Board to consider participation in the payment of the county employees' hospital insurance premium. The Board advised the Finance Officer to include partial payment in the budget estimate for consideration.

There was further discussion of establishing a Recreation Commission and a Resolution

was considered that had been prepared by the County Attorney. The Board instructed the Clerk to write a letter to the members of the Recreation Advisory Commission inviting them to a joint meeting with the Board to clarify any misunderstandings that have arisen and discuss future duties and responsibilities of all parties concerned.

The Clerk was also instructed to write letters to the permanent employees of the Solid Waste Department to meet with the Board to discuss duties of the employees and clarify any issues concerning the personnel.

The time agreed for both groups to meet is Monday, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m., for Solid Waste Department Employees and 8:00 p.m. for Recreation Advisory Commission.

Upon motion the meeting was recessed until May 17, 1977, at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

Eugene M. Sogge
Clerk

Waldo MacLure
Chairman