

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., June 6, 1977, it being first 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 (Part-time)

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairman due to the fact that the Chairman had to meet with Judge Pou Bailey to be excused from serving on the Grand Jury.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Hinson.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the meetings of May 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 23rd and 24th were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson.

Shelton Babson, Jr., County Dog Warden, met with the Board to discuss the matter of picking up dogs within the incorporated areas of the County. Mr. Babson stated that he was presently receiving more calls that he could respond to within a given day. He stated that it is impossible to serve the towns as the number of calls are increasing as time progresses. Mr. Babson asked the Board to approve the present system of taking calls in that all calls go through the Health Department during the work-week and the County Police during the week-ends so that a record would be available for all calls received. By general consent the Board approved the continuance of this plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson to ask all municipalities to deliver their own dogs to the County Pound. A further motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew to table the motion until later in the meeting. This motion passed.

The Finance Officer presented the Budget to the Board for the FY 1977-78. A copy was filed with the Clerk to the Board and a notice published in the local paper stating that said Budget was on file for public inspection until the resolution is adopted. Further, notice was given that public hearing will be held on June 21, 1977, at 10:00 a.m. for any person who wishes to be heard concerning the Budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and approved to appoint Mr. Ed Hammonds to fill the unexpired term of Jerry Dyson as a member of the Riegelwood Sanitary Commission. This recommendation was made to the County by the remaining District members due to the fact that Mr. Dyson has moved away from the District.

A copy of the Jail Inspectors' Report, made by Carroll Wilson, Dept. of Human Resources, was presented to the Board for review. A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and approved to refer the report to Paul Hughes, Maintenance Supervisor, to make the necessary corrections.

The following person were appointed to serve on the Recreation Commission for Columbus County; and their initial term designated, thereafter all terms will be for a period of three years:

RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

LENGTH OF TERM

Dan Bartley Evergreen, N. C.	One Year
George Bryant 811 School St Tabor City, N. C.	One Year
Billy F. Floyd Rt. 1, Box 345 Cerro Gordo, N. C.	One Year
Harold Stephens P. O. Box 133 Riegelwood, N. C.	One Year
Everlene Davis P. O. Box 327 Whiteville, N. C.	One Year
Homer Thomas 515 Pine Street Chadbourn, N. C.	Two Years
Charles Lennon Rt. 2 Clarkton, N. C.	Two Years
Joe Nance Country Club Estates Whiteville, N. C.	Two Years
Nina Collier Whiteville City Schools Whiteville, N. C.	Two Years
Waldo Marlowe Rt. 4 Whiteville, N. C.	Two Years
Bobby Buffkin Rt. 1 Chadbourn, N. C.	Three Years
Sylvia Thompson Chadbourn, N. C.	Three Years
Donnie Ward Rt. 1 Nakina, N. C.	Three Years
Richard Russell Hallsboro, N. C.	Three Years
Jack Hooks 217 Fuller St. Whiteville, N. C.	Three Years

These members were appointed to serve on the Recreation Advisory Commission and were approved by the Board to continue to serve on the Recreation Commission subject to their acceptance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to allow the Sheriff to pick up the new autos from Fair Bluff Motors and the Clerk to write a letter stating that the autos be titled to Columbus County and that payment will be made in July according to contract agreement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and approved that the present CETA worker employed by the Sheriff's Dept. be transferred as a permnant employee on July 1, 1977, at a salary of \$8,484 per year and a replacement CETA worker begin at a salary of \$7,752.00. It is further ordered that the Sheriff's Salary be increased to \$14,052.00 per year which is equal to the County Police Chief's salary.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to authorize the Chairman to look into the possibility of renting office space for two judges in Columbus County, from the Professional Center; provided that the State will furnish the contents.

The following tax releases were made upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner McPherson:

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Federal Housing Administration, Williams Township, be released for the years 1973 through 1976 due to the fact that a building appraised by the Field Appraiser did not belong to the Federal Housing Administration. Total of release is \$20.75.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Morris Callihan, Waccamaw Township, be released to the years 1973 through 1976 due to property being sold to Bartie Moore. Total amount of release is \$13.61.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Donald R. Duncan, Williams Township, be released for the years 1970 through 1976 due to double listing to Pinkney Devon Duncan. Total amount of the release is \$28.48.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of G. William Spears Heirs, Bogue Township, be released for the years 1967 through 1974 on two acres of land. Total amount of release is \$43.68. This was brought to the attention of the Board by the Tax Collector. In September of 1974 one acre was released from six acres charged to G. William Spears Heirs. Two additional acres should have been released leaving three acres listed to William Spears Heirs.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Arthur James Freeman, Bolton Township, be released for the years 1973 and 1974 due to a building being removed from the property. Total amount of the release is \$70.88.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to allow the Library to hire a PACE student for the summer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to accept the resignation of Mrs. Alma Bullock from the Library Board of Trustees. Her resignation was submitted because of poor health. No replacement was made at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to approve the hiring of Robert W. Shaw, Evergreen, N. C., as Field Crop Agent, upon the recommendation of Garland McCullen, Extension Chairman.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to advertise for the repair and painting of the woodwork on the outside of the Courthouse. per specifications drawn by Wallace Clontz, Architect.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and approved to accept the proposal of the following and request the offeror to deposit 5% deposit of his bid with the Clerk to the Board:

Garage in the 100 block of Thompson Street (North)	\$201.00	Henry Milligan
House in the 100 block of Thompson Street (North)	500.00	John Porter

Notice of the above offer is to be published in the local paper for 10 days and if no offer of an increase of at least 10% is made to the Board they may sell the above property.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and approved that a new flag be purchased for use at the Courthouse.

There was further discussion of the duties of the Dog Warden. A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and approved to designate the duties of the Dog Warden as responding to the needs of the County outside the incorporated areas of the County. This action was taken due to the large volume of calls to the Dog Warden for services and it is physically impossible for him to respond to additional calls.

The Clerk was instructed to give the keys to Paul Hughes for the truck previously used by the Dog Warden, to be used by the maintenance workers. The truck is to be parked behind the Administrative Building at night and not be driven home by any worker.

Priscilla Jacobs met with the Board in response to an article in the NEWS REPORTER which stated that she did not have authority to ask the Board for assistance on the ball field in the Bolton area. She presented a letter to the Board which was signed by the Waccamaw Siouan Tribal Council Chief and Chairman stating that she was authorized to conduct business in the name of said Council.

Kenneth E. Smith met with the Board to inform them that he has started suit against the County Police, Public Safety Commission and possibly the County Commissioners, asking that he be paid for two weeks suspension from work in December of 1975, after which he returned to work. He stated that retirement was paid on him during this time. In his suit, he stated that he would ask to be reinstated on his job as county policeman, be paid for damages, attorney fees, back time that the County owes him, etc. He stated that he had started suit earlier but had dropped it because his attorney got "cold feet" or something. He said that his rights had been violated in that there had been a watch put on his house and he asked the Police Chief to take it off and he (Chief Barker) stated that he had been taken off since Mr. Smith was in his office on Monday (No date). Mr Smith also said that the Public Safety Commission had a rules and regulations book to go by but did not go by it. He stated that he requested a hearing from both the Chiarmen and the Secretary but did not get one. He informed the Board that he was at this meeting on the advise of his attorney.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 10:00 a.m., June 20, 1977.

APPROVED:

Emerue W. Suggs
Clerk

Waldo Marlowe
Chairman