

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in the Courthouse Annex on West Smith Street to hold a budget hearing at 10:00 a.m., June 21, 1977, according to adjournment.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

C. Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

Junior W. Dew, Vice-Chairman

L. A. Hinson

David L. McPherson

Edward W. Williamson (Absent)

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and he stated the purpose of the meeting was to give the public an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed budget. Chairman Marlowe invited questions but there was no response as the only persons present were employees of the County and a representative from The News Reporter.

The meeting adjourned from the hearing to the regular place of meeting and the following business was transacted:

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner McPherson who moved its adoption:

1977-1978 BUDGET APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

Section 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, this the 21st day of June, 1977 that for the said fiscal year beginning July 1, 1977, and ending June 30, 1978, the amounts in the following schedule, or so much of each as may be necessary are hereby appropriated.

Section 2. The appropriations to the Boards of Education firstly shall be made from funds which are dedicated to the use of the schools and secondly shall be made from the general county revenues to the extent the Board deems necessary.

Section 3. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the GENERAL COUNTY FUND, the following:

|        |                                   |                       |
|--------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 10-410 | Governing Board                   | \$ 29,429.00          |
| 10-430 | Elections                         | 40,402.00             |
| 10-440 | Finance                           | 46,176.00             |
| 10-450 | Tax Listing                       | 91,968.00             |
| 10-460 | Tax Collections                   | 54,379.00             |
| 10-470 | Legal & Professional              | 23,100.00             |
| 10-480 | Register of Deeds                 | 65,247.00             |
| 10-500 | Courthouse Building & Grounds     | 65,790.00             |
| 10-502 | County Hall Building & Grounds    | 11,993.00             |
| 10-503 | Administration Building & Grounds | 18,153.00             |
| 10-504 | Public Buildings & Grounds        | 45,854.00             |
| 10-510 | Sheriff's Department              | 127,322.00            |
| 10-515 | District Court                    | 8,100.00              |
| 10-520 | Law Enforcement Center            | 154,544.00            |
| 10-525 | Civil Preparedness                | 22,698.00             |
| 10-540 | Inspections                       | 13,698.00             |
| 10-580 | Solid Waste                       | 223,716.00            |
| 10-590 | Cooperative Health                | 383,812.00            |
| 10-595 | Dog Warden                        | 16,966.00             |
| 10-600 | Coroner & Acting Medical Examiner | 9,620.00              |
| 10-605 | Extension Service                 | 78,770.00             |
| 10-606 | Soil Conservation                 | 30,938.00             |
| 10-607 | Service Officer                   | 11,818.00             |
| 10-610 | Social Services - Administration  | 384,069.00            |
| 10-611 | Social Services - Programs        | 239,882.00            |
| 10-620 | Recreation                        | 30,000.00             |
| 10-650 | Airport                           | 6,200.00              |
| 10-660 | Non-Departmental                  | 268,194.00            |
| 10-690 | Special Appropriations            | 3,972,349.00          |
|        |                                   | <u>\$6,475,187.00</u> |

## ESTIMATED REVENUE:

|           |                                  |                        |
|-----------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 10-301-00 | Ad Valorem Taxes - Current Year  | \$ 3,696,000.00        |
| 10-301-01 | Ad Valorem Taxes - Prior Years   | 103,032.00             |
| 10-311-00 | Discounts, Allowances & Releases | (25,000.00)            |
| 10-312-00 | Refunds                          | (1,500.00)             |
| 10-314-00 | Dog Taxes                        | 5,000.00               |
| 10-335-00 | Miscellaneous Revenue            | 2,228,747.00           |
| 10-399-00 | Fund Balance                     | 400,000.00             |
| 10-399-01 | Fund Balance - Anti-Recession    | 68,908.00              |
|           |                                  | \$ <u>6,475,187.00</u> |

Section 4. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION FUND the following:

|           |  |                      |
|-----------|--|----------------------|
| 12-510-02 | Salaries & Wages                       | \$ 173,640.00        |
| 12-510-03 | Salaries - Part-time and Temporary     | 6,000.00             |
| 12-510-04 | Legal Fees                             | 3,000.00             |
| 12-510-05 | FICA Expense                           | 10,158.00            |
| 12-510-06 | Insurance - Hospital & Life            | 5,364.00             |
| 12-510-07 | Retirement Expense                     | 10,425.00            |
| 12-510-09 | Unemployment Insurance                 | 510.00               |
| 12-510-11 | Telephone & Postage                    | 6,000.00             |
| 12-510-14 | Travel                                 | 4,500.00             |
| 12-510-16 | Maintenance & Repairs to Equipment     | 500.00               |
| 12-510-17 | Maintenance & Repairs to Vehicles      | 18,000.00            |
| 12-510-18 | Maintenance & Repairs to Radios        | 3,800.00             |
| 12-510-21 | Rent- Antenna on Tower                 | 600.00               |
| 12-510-26 | Advertising                            | 200.00               |
| 12-510-31 | Automotive Supplies - Gas, Oil & Tires | 44,000.00            |
| 12-510-33 | Departmental Supplies                  | 4,500.00             |
| 12-510-36 | Uniforms & Clothing (\$400 x 17)       | 6,800.00             |
| 12-510-45 | Contract Service                       | 5,000.00             |
| 12-510-54 | Insurance & Bonding                    | 12,000.00            |
| 12-510-57 | Miscellaneous Expense                  | 2,000.00             |
| 12-510-74 | Capital Outlay - Autos Equipped        | 50,000.00            |
|           |  | \$ <u>366,997.00</u> |

## ESTIMATED REVENUE:

|           |                                   |                      |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 12-397-50 | Contribution from Revenue Sharing | \$ 346,997.00        |
| 12-399-00 | Fund Balance                      | 20,000.00            |
|           |                                   | \$ <u>366,997.00</u> |

Section 5. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the LIBRARY FUND, the following:

|           |  |                     |
|-----------|--|---------------------|
| 14-630-11 | Telephone & Telegraph                        | \$ 1,800.00         |
| 14-630-13 | Utilities                                    | 2,900.00            |
| 14-630-14 | Travel                                       | 800.00              |
| 14-630-15 | Maintenance & Repairs to Buildings & Grounds | 600.00              |
| 14-630-16 | Maintenance & Repairs to Equipment           | 420.00              |
| 14-630-17 | Maintenance & Repairs to Vehicles            | 950.00              |
| 14-630-21 | Rent   | 700.00              |
| 14-630-26 | Advertising                                  | 25.00               |
| 14-630-31 | Automotive Supplies                          | 1,425.00            |
| 14-630-33 | Departmental Supplies                        | 2,450.00            |
| 14-630-53 | Dues & Subscriptions                         | 115.00              |
| 14-630-54 | Insurance & Bonding                          | 600.00              |
| 14-630-57 | Miscellaneous Expense                        | 975.00              |
| 14-630-74 | Capital Outlay                               | 32,025.00           |
|           |  | \$ <u>45,785.00</u> |

## ESTIMATED REVENUE:

|           |                                |                     |
|-----------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 14-335-00 | Miscellaneous Revenue          | \$ 1,800.00         |
| 14-348-00 | State Aid                      | 13,000.00           |
| 14-397-10 | Contribution from General Fund | 30,985.00           |
|           |                                | \$ <u>45,785.00</u> |

Section 6. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the FACILITIES FEES FUND, the following:

|           |   |                     |
|-----------|---|---------------------|
| 16-690-10 | Reimbursement to General Fund for Court Related Expense | \$ <u>30,000.00</u> |
|-----------|---|---------------------|

## ESTIMATED REVENUE:

|           |                              |                     |
|-----------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 16-351-00 | Court Cost - Facilities Fees | \$ <u>30,000.00</u> |
|-----------|------------------------------|---------------------|

Section 7. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the DEBT SERVICE FUND for the payment of principal and interest on the outstanding debt of the county, and the expenses relating thereto, the following:

|           |                    |    |                   |
|-----------|--------------------|----|-------------------|
| 20-661-81 | Principal on Bonds | \$ | 371,050.00        |
| 20-661-82 | Interest on Bonds  |    | 470,533.00        |
| 20-661-88 | Service Charges    |    | <u>1,600.00</u>   |
|           |                    | \$ | <u>843,183.00</u> |

ESTIMATED REVENUE:

|           |                                |    |                   |
|-----------|--------------------------------|----|-------------------|
| 20-301-00 | Prior Years Taxes              | \$ | 20,600.00         |
| 20-397-10 | Contribution from General Fund |    | 753,040.00        |
| 20-399-00 | Fund Balance                   |    | <u>69,543.00</u>  |
|           |                                | \$ | <u>843,183.00</u> |

Section 8. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND, the following:

|           |                              |    |                     |
|-----------|------------------------------|----|---------------------|
| 40-612-00 | Aid to Dependent Children    | \$ | 1,416,000.00        |
| 40-613-00 | Medicaid Grants              |    | 153,020.00          |
| 40-614-00 | Special Assistance to Adults |    | 205,344.00          |
| 40-615-00 | Foster Home Care             |    | <u>66,960.00</u>    |
|           |                              | \$ | <u>1,841,324.00</u> |

ESTIMATED REVENUE:

|           |                                |    |                     |
|-----------|--------------------------------|----|---------------------|
| 40-348-00 | State & Federal Aid to ADC     | \$ | 1,194,267.00        |
| 40-348-01 | State Aid - Special Assistance |    | 102,672.00          |
| 40-348-02 | State Aid - Foster Care        |    | 56,474.00           |
| 40-397-10 | Contribution from General Fund |    | 462,911.00          |
| 40-399-00 | Fund Balance (ADC & Medicaid)  |    | <u>25,000.00</u>    |
|           |                                | \$ | <u>1,841,324.00</u> |

Section 9. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND, the following:

|           |                                   |    |                  |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|----|------------------|
| 44-495-02 | Salaries & Wages                  | \$ | 22,644.00        |
| 44-495-05 | FICA Expense                      |    | 1,325.00         |
| 44-495-06 | Insurance - Hospital & Life       |    | 573.00           |
| 44-495-07 | Retirement Expense                |    | 1,980.00         |
| 44-495-09 | Unemployment Insurance            |    | 60.00            |
| 44-495-11 | Telephone & Postage               |    | 1,100.00         |
| 44-495-13 | Utilities                         |    | 900.00           |
| 44-495-14 | Travel                            |    | 5,600.00         |
| 44-495-21 | Rent - Office Space               |    | 2,100.00         |
| 44-495-26 | Advertising                       |    | 125.00           |
| 44-495-33 | Departmental Supplies             |    | 100.00           |
| 44-495-53 | Dues & Subscriptions              |    | 800.00           |
| 44-495-54 | Insurance & Bonding               |    | 25.00            |
| 44-495-57 | Miscellaneous Expenses            |    | 100.00           |
| 44-495-73 | Capital Outlay - Water & Sewer    |    | 1,645.00         |
| 44-495-74 | Capital Outlay - Office Furniture |    | <u>310.00</u>    |
|           |                                   | \$ | <u>39,387.00</u> |

ESTIMATED REVENUE:

|           |                                |    |                  |
|-----------|--------------------------------|----|------------------|
| 44-301-00 | Prior Years Taxes              | \$ | 1,518.00         |
| 44-329-00 | Interest on Investment         |    | 500.00           |
| 44-397-00 | Contribution from General Fund |    | 29,369.00        |
| 44-399-00 | Fund Balance                   |    | <u>8,000.00</u>  |
|           |                                | \$ | <u>39,387.00</u> |

Section 10. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the ACME-DELCO FIRE DISTRICT FUND, the following:

|           |                                       |    |                 |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|----|-----------------|
| 45-668-91 | Contribution to Special Fire District | \$ | <u>4,822.00</u> |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|----|-----------------|

ESTIMATED REVENUE:

|           |                            |    |                 |
|-----------|----------------------------|----|-----------------|
| 45-310-00 | Special District Tax (7½¢) | \$ | <u>4,822.00</u> |
|-----------|----------------------------|----|-----------------|

Section 11. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the RIEGELWOOD SANITARY DISTRICT FUND, the following:

|           |                                   |    |                 |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|----|-----------------|
| 46-668-45 | Contract Service - Tax Collecting | \$ | 7,600.00        |
| 46-668-57 | Miscellaneous Expense             |    | <u>400.00</u>   |
|           |                                   | \$ | <u>8,000.00</u> |

## ESTIMATED REVENUE:

|           |                      |    |                 |
|-----------|----------------------|----|-----------------|
| 46-310-00 | Special District Tax | \$ | <u>8,000.00</u> |
|-----------|----------------------|----|-----------------|

Section 12. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the HOUSING AUTHORITY FUND, the following:

|           |  |    |                   |
|-----------|--|----|-------------------|
| 50-618-00 | Administration Expense & Rental Payments | \$ | <u>220,589.00</u> |
|-----------|--|----|-------------------|

## ESTIMATED REVENUE:

|           |                |    |                   |
|-----------|----------------|----|-------------------|
| 50-349-00 | Federal Grants | \$ | <u>220,589.00</u> |
|-----------|----------------|----|-------------------|

Section 13. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the REVENUE SHARING FUND, the following:

|           |                                      |    |                   |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|----|-------------------|
| 52-440-00 | Administrative Cost                  | \$ | 1,000.00          |
| 52-515-95 | Transfer to Public Safety Commission |    | 346,997.00        |
| 52-580-10 | Transfer to Solid Waste Department   |    | 223,716.00        |
| 52-666-74 | Schools Capital Outlay               |    | 200,000.00        |
| 52-999-00 | Contingency                          |    | <u>1,529.00</u>   |
|           |                                      | \$ | <u>773,242.00</u> |

## ESTIMATED REVENUE:

|           |                |    |                   |
|-----------|----------------|----|-------------------|
| 52-349-00 | Federal Grants | \$ | <u>773,242.00</u> |
|-----------|----------------|----|-------------------|

Section 14. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION FUND, the following:

|           |                          |    |                   |
|-----------|--------------------------|----|-------------------|
| 60-660-04 | Architect                | \$ | 10,445.00         |
| 60-660-37 | Sales Tax                |    | 60,000.00         |
| 60-660-57 | Miscellaneous Expense    |    | 425.00            |
| 60-660-74 | Equipment                |    | 30,402.00         |
| 60-660-75 | Construction in Progress |    | 658,281.00        |
| 60-999-00 | Contingency              |    | <u>15,891.00</u>  |
|           |                          | \$ | <u>775,444.00</u> |

## ESTIMATED REVENUE:

|           |                  |    |                   |
|-----------|------------------|----|-------------------|
| 60-349-00 | Federal Grants   | \$ | 113,000.00        |
| 60-350-00 | Duke Endowment   |    | 400,000.00        |
| 60-367-00 | Sales Tax Refund |    | 60,000.00         |
| 60-399-00 | Fund Balance     |    | <u>202,444.00</u> |
|           |                  | \$ | <u>775,444.00</u> |

Section 15. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the REVALUATION RESERVE FUND, the following:

|           |                         |    |                  |
|-----------|-------------------------|----|------------------|
| 70-690-00 | Reserve for Revaluation | \$ | <u>50,000.00</u> |
|-----------|-------------------------|----|------------------|

## ESTIMATED REVENUE:

|           |                                |    |                  |
|-----------|--------------------------------|----|------------------|
| 70-329-00 | Interest on Investment         | \$ | 3,000.00         |
| 70-397-10 | Contribution from General Fund |    | <u>47,000.00</u> |
|           |                                |    | <u>50,000.00</u> |

Section 16. There is hereby levied a tax rate of one dollar twenty cents (\$1.20) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 1978, located within Columbus County for the purpose of supplementing the revenue of Columbus County. This rate is based on an estimated total valuation of property for the purpose of taxation of \$350,000,000.00 and an estimated collection rate of 88%.

Section 17. There is appropriated to Columbus County and Whiteville City Administrative Units the sum of \$1,754,707.00 from proceeds of said expenditures as permitted by Chapter 115 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

Section 18. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of seven and one-half cents (7½¢) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of the property listed for taxes as January 1, 1978 located within the special fire district for the raising of revenue for Acme-Delco-Riegelwood Special Fire District. This rate of Tax is based on an estimated total valuation of property for the purpose of taxation of \$7,306,909.00, and estimated collection rate of 88%.

Section 19. Copies of this Budget Resolution shall be furnished to the Budget Officer, the Finance Officer and the Tax Supervisor for the direction in carrying out of their duties.

TOTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION . . . . . \$ 11,473,960.00  
 Less Interfund Transfers . . . . . 1,924,018.00  
 NET Budget Appropriation . . . . . \$ 9,549,942.00

AYES: /s/ Waldo Marlowe Chairman  
/s/ Junior W. Dew  
/s/ L. A. Hinson  
/s/ David L. McPherson

ATTEST: /s/ Emogene W. Suggs CLERK

This the 21st day of June, 1977.

Mr. Larry Barnette, Director, Southeastern Economic Development and Col. (Ret.) Walters met with the Board to discuss the Public Works Funds which have been designated to Columbus County. Mr. Barnette clarified several statements regarding making reapplication for the use of the funds in the amount of \$356,000. The Board contacted Dr. McCarter and Supt. Paschall and directed them to work together in applying for the funds to allow the College to apply for the sewer hook-up with the Town of Chadbourn so that the new buildings at the College can be opened for use in the Fall; also the remaining funds be applied for to be used to renovate the the gym at Nakina High School. The estimated cost for the College is \$116,000.00 leaving approximately \$240,000.00 for the Nakina Project. By general agreement the Board designated the College sewer hook-up and the Nakina gym renovation as one and one priorities and all other projects that may be applied for under the name of Columbus County are to be null and void as they relate to this specific allotment of \$356,000.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and approved that the County Attorney work with the Tax Collector, and Sheriff and take action to collect back taxes in any manner authorized by the General Statutes. The Board stated that no favortism be shown and the Chairman is authorized to sign any necessary documents that may be required to take said action.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson to get the mosquito project started as he stated that the State Office (Larry Creech) was not sure matching funds will be available if the program is not started in July. There was no second to the motion.

The Board further discussed the agreement with Southeastern General Hospital in taking the indigent patients designated by the Health Department for delivery from Columbus County. Commissioner Dew stated that he felt no bills should be paid unless screened closely by the Health Department and certified for admittance. The Board asked the Attorney to work with the Health Dept. in drawing an acceptable agreement between the Hospital and the County.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until July 5, 1977, at 10:00 a.m., Monday being a legal holiday.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs  
 CLERK

Waldo Marlowe  
 CHAIRMAN