

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., July 18, 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 McPherson.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the July 5th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner McPherson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to appoint Peggy Wray to serve on the Columbus County OSHA Committee to replace Brooks Stanley.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and approved to hire Teresa M. Long as a temporary employee to replace Brenda Stocks, Secretary and Administrative Assistant, HUD, while she is on sick leave.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to approve the Bicentennial Commission hiring Ann W. Little, with the Dept. of Archives and History, to edit the Columbus County manuscript at a rate of \$5.00 per hour. The estimated cost would be \$2,000. but is not to be paid by the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to appropriate \$2,000.00 from Surplus to allow Columbus County Extension Service to participate in a program for the elderly in conjunction with The United Way.

Department of Transportation Officials, B. A. Mills, E. J. Butler, and D. L. Cooper met with the Board to present a proposed Secondary Roads Improvement Program for the years 1977-1779. There was a lengthy discussion concerning roads in the County. A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to delay action on approving the Program until the next meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to accept the resignation of William Ligon with regrets. Mr. Ligon is returning to Tennessee because his wife has been unable to find employment in the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson, and passed to appropriate \$200.00 for repairs to the White Marsh Community Building which is used by the Board of Elections for holding elections.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew to reappoint C. R. Ward, Lake Waccamaw to serve on the College Board of Trustees with the term ending June 30, 1985.

At 11:00 a.m. bids were opened and read aloud for purchasing two pick-up trucks, one to be used at the Landfill and one for the Recreation Commission. Bids were recorded as follows:

Wheeler Chevrolet, Inc.	\$ 9,350.00	Tax Included
Scott Motor Company	9,735.00	Plus Tax
Fair Bluff Motors	9,331.40	Plus Tax

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson to accept the bid from Wheeler Chevrolet, Inc., Whiteville, N. C. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to increase the salary of Bobbie Dewitt, CETA Clerk, in the amount of \$50.00 per month in addition the the 5% increase given all CETA employees at the beginning of this fiscal year, July 1, 1977. The increase was granted due to an increase in her work load.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to reject the bid from Faith Paint Company for painting the outside of the Courthouse. After discussing the specifications with the County Attorney it was determined that the bid was for painting only and did not include the necessary repairs to the woodwork.

The Board of Commissioners was advised that a proposed contract, between the County of Columbus and North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources for the provision of planning services was presented and discussed; that under the terms of the said contract, the County of Columbus will pay a total of \$3,120.00 as its local share of the planning cost.

Commissioner Williamson introduced the following resolution, which was read:

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS of the County of Columbus:

1. ~~That the contract between the County of Columbus and the North Carolina Department of Natural & Economic Resources be and the same is hereby approved.~~

2. That the Chairman and the Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to sign and execute the said contract for and on behalf of the County of Columbus and forward the same to the North Carolina Department of Natural & Economic Resources.

3. That upon final execution a copy of the said contract be filed with the Minutes.

Upon motion of Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew said resolution was unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Edward W. Williamson, Commissioner and seconded by Junior W. Dew, Commissioner for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted:

WHEREAS, Columbus County (Sponsor) has made application to the Department of Transportation (Department) for State forces to remove trees and shrubs that constitute hazards to air navigation at the airport; and

WHEREAS, the Department will clear cut an area which will be defined by the Sponsor and whose lateral limits generally extend 400 feet from the runway center line and will also clear cut an area which will be defined by the Sponsor and will be adjacent to the ends of the runway which area will generally extend 1,200 feet from the end of the runway at no cost to the Sponsor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Sponsor be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into an agreement with the Department as may be necessary to effectuate the aforesaid expressed purpose, thereby binding the Sponsor to the fulfillment of its obligation incurred under this resolution and to its agreement under the said agreement with the Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed giving the Chairman the authority to sign the Agreement to continue with New Hanover County for the detention of juveniles under the guidelines set out in the Agreement provided for by GS 134-38.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed authorizing the Chairman to sign the Environmental Review Record for Community Development Applications and that a copy of the Review be placed in the office of the Clerk for public review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed approving the change orders #G-3 in the amount of \$10,776.00 and M-1 in the amount of \$1,423.00 on the Hospital construction contracts.

The Tax Collector's Report for the month of June was presented to the Board for review. This is the final report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977, and it is indicated that the rate of collections for the current year's taxes is 93.67%.

Hugh Clark, FmHA Administrator, met with the Board to make an annual report on the transactions of his office and stated that through loans to builders, three million dollars have been added to the tax base in the County. He also expressed appreciation to the Board for their cooperation.

Garland McCullen, Extension Chairman, informed the Board that more help is forthcoming to the County for fire ant programs and the information is available at the witchweed laboratory. Mr. McCullen also commented on the Juvenile Study Committees' Report and asked that an answering service be installed in the Courthouse for juveniles who are seeking help. The Board told Mr. McCullen that they plan to install an answering service for the elderly when offices are moved to the hospital and that this request will also be considered.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 10:00 a.m., August 1, 1977, which is regular meeting time.

APPROVED:

Emogene M. Suggs  
Clerk

Waldo Maloney  
Chairman