

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., August 1, 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, Attorney

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by The Reverend John Prince, Jr., Pastor, Friendship Baptist Church, Whiteville, N. C.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Hinson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to appoint Commissioner McPherson as the voting delegate to the Annual Commissioners' Convention in Charlotte.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to allow the College Current Expense Budget to be amended between line items per copy filed with the Finance Officer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and approved authorizing the Chairman to sign an agreement with SENCLand Community Action to allow summer youth participants to work with county departments as their designated work site, and agreeing to comply with the rules and regulations of Title III.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed instructing the Clerk to write a letter to each county department asking that all grants applied for be referred to the Board of Commissioners as a matter of information before being sent to the granting agency.

At eleven o'clock bids were opened and recorded as follows for moving dirt at the landfill as advertised:

Smith Brothers Bladenboro, N. C.	\$ 20,000.00
Rose M. Gore Nakina, N. C.	19,500.00
Williamson Brothers Tabor City, N. C.	10,013.50

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to accept the bid from Williamson Brothers, Tabor City, for \$10,013.50.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and approved authorizing the Chairman to sign the necessary forms to allow all CETA workers under Title II and VI to be combined under the County contract.

Ms. Amanda Bible and the Library Board of Trustees, along with Mr. Ballard, Architect,

met with the Board to request funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be used to hire Ballard, McKim and Sawyer to compile preliminary plans for the construction of a new building for the Library. This request is being made as a requirement for applying for a grant for the construction of the building. At the suggestion of Commissioner Williamson it was agreed that he contact the Council of Governments and inquire if a planning grant might be applied for this purpose.

A motion was made by Commisisoner Dew, seconded by Commisisoner Williamson and passed to authorize the Chairman to sign "ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE" in order that the Library will be eligible to receive federal funds. The compliance assurance deals with making the building accessable to the handicapped.

Royce Johnson and The Reverend Godwin Hewett met with the Board and resolutely requested that the Board do anything within their authority to help rid their community of the massage parlor now located in Delco. They stated they were unhappy and embarrassed because of the parlor in their community.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed instructing the County Attorney to draw a resolution or ordinance for their consideration at the next meeting regarding massage parlors in Columbus County.

Supt. of County Schools, Dr. Jerry Paschal, presented a bound copy of the annual report of the operation of Columbus County Schools for the FY 1976-77. There was a discussion of several items in the report. Both the Board of Commissioners and Dr. Paschal expressed satisfaction of the relationship between the Boards of Commissioners and Eduaction.\*

At the request of the County Attorney the Board adjourned to executive session in order for the Attorney to relay information to the Board on a personnel matter that had come to his attention from the Employment Security Commission. After the short session the regular session reconveined.

A motion was made by Commisisoner Dew, seconded by Commisisoner Williamson and passed the following release be allowed:

Ordered: that the 1977 taxes listed in the name of Morris L. Fisher, Whiteville Township be released on the valuation of \$5,000 for disability exemption.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson that the meeting adjourn until such time as the Chairman can arrange a meeting with Secondary Roads Commissioner Arthur Williamson and District Engineer Andy Mills to discuss the Secondary Roads Program for Columbus County. The Clerk is to make public the time and place as required by G. S. 153A-40. The motion passed.

APPROVED:

Emerque W. Suggs Clerk

Waldo Malone Chairman