

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., September 19, 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

Allen Maxwell, Acting Attorney

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by The Reverend David Jay, Director, Good Shepherd Home, Lake Waccamaw.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the September 2nd, 6th and 12th were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Hinson.

A report was presented to the Board by Commissioner McPherson and John Yates on recommended ratings of the Water Resources Projects & Programs which are located in Columbus County. The N. C. Department of Natural Resources & Community Development had requested aid to help finalize a priority list. After a discussion of the Projects the following ratings were approved by the Board upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Dew:

Big Swamp - Designated Public Fishing	+3
Big Swamp - Water Trail	+3
Fair Bluff - Urban Floodway	+5
White Marsh Swamp - Designated Public Fishing	-5
Soules Swamp - Preserved Corridor	+5
Chadbourn - Urban Floodway System	+5
Soules Swamp - Small Flood Control Project	+5
Whiteville - Urban Floodway System	+5
White Marsh - Natural Area	-5
Green Swamp - Designated Conservation Area (Brunswick)	0
Lake Waccamaw - State Park	+5
Lake Waccamaw - Urban Floodway	+5
Lake Waccamaw - Natural & Scenic River	-5
Savannah - Natural Area	-5

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to amend the budget of the Health Department to include additional federal funds for clinics in the amount of \$23,340.03.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and approved to increase the salary of the CETA employee at the Board of Elections to \$3:14 per hour. This is consistent with the other personnel at the Board of Elections and was requested by the Chairman of the Board of Elections and the Elections Supervisor.

The following tax releases were made by the Board upon the recommendation of the Tax Supervisor:

Ordered: that the 1975 taxes listed in the name of Perry Meshaw, Bogue Township, be released on the valuation of \$1320 due to double listing of Lot #13.

Ordered: that the 1977 taxes listed in the name of Perry Meshaw, Bogue Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1320 due to double listing of Lot #13.

Ordered: that a refund be made to Perry Meshaw, Route 1, Hallsboro, N. C., Bogue

Township, in the amount of \$15.40 for the year of 1976, due to lot being double listed.

Ordered: that the 1977 taxes listed in the name of Roger Owen Hammond, Cerro Gordo Township, be released on the valuation of \$1825 due to listing wrong model auto.

Ordered: that the 1977 taxes listed in the name of Ervin & Eva M. Currie, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$13,630, due to house burning in December 1976.

Ordered: that the 1977 taxes listed in the name of Doctor F & Ruth Mercer, Whiteville Township be cancelled on the valuation of \$4970 for Senior Citizens Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1977 taxes listed in the name of Charles D. Andrews, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,000 for Senior Citizens Exemption.

Ordered: that tht 1977 taxes listed in the name of Charles D. Andrews, Acme-Delco Fire District be released on the valuation of \$5,000 for Senior Citizens Exemption.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of T. J. Batten, Welches Creek Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$580 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1977 taxes listed in the name of Carlton Thompson, Bogue Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$2100. Lot to be listed to S. P. Stanley on late listings.

The following was approved upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commisisoner Williamson:

WHEREAS, the Riegelwood Sanitary District has prepared a plan for wastewater management in the Riegelwood Facility Planning Area.

WHEREAS, the Plan recommends formation of a Sterring Committee on Wastewater Management, to be composed of local and County Officials, to implant the Plan;

WHEREAS, the plan recommends that certain data related to wastewater management (either presently collected or to be collected by existing County Departments or Commissions) be reported to the Steering Committee for their use in studying wastewater treatment needs in the area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners endorses the WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE REIGELWOOD PLANNING AREA (June, 1977) as the official plan for wastewater management in the area;

FURTHER, that the County Board of Commissioners pledges its assistance in implementation of the Plan by providing such data as may be required and available from County departments or commissions to assist the Steering Committee on Wastewater Management in studying wastewater treatment needs in the Planning Area.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commisisoner Dew and approved to allow the Finance Officer to void checks outstanding in the Undistributed Tax Account and the Medicaid Fund as follows:

Medicaid Fund Check #4 Payable to Mary Bethea in the amount of \$1.00 dated December 1, 1974.

Undistributed Tax Account- Check #1282 Payable to Arthur Grainger Heirs in the amount of 77¢ dated August 17, 1971. ** See Page 569

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to designate ~~Southern National Bank of N. C.~~ Whiteville, N. C. as the official depository for Community Development Funds, HUD.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and approved to designate the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Finance Officer and Asst. Finance Officer as persons to draw on the Cited Letter of Credit for the Community Development Grant and the County Attorney is hereby designated to certify the signatures.

At 11:00 a.m. the Chairman announced that it was the appointed time to open bids for the sale of the 1974 pick-up truck at the landfill.

Bids were opened and recorded as follows:

Fair Bluff Motors	\$605.00	Thomas E. Ward	\$626.00
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A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson to sell the pick-up to Thomas E. Ward, Hallsboro, N. C.

At 11:30 a.m. bids were opened for the purchase of trash containers for the landfill.

Bids were recorded as follows for 50 containers:

Waste Industries Raleigh, N. C.	\$15,225.00 Plus Tax
Quality Equipment & Supply Charlotte, N. C.	\$15,450.00 Plus Tax
Taylor Tobacco Enterprises Elizabethtown, N. C.	\$18,825.00 Plus Tax
Consolidated Energy Products Wilmington, N. C.	\$15,750.00

At 12:00 bids were opened for the purchase of a truck and refuse body for use at the Landfill. Bids were recorded as follows:

Simpson Equipment Corp. Wilson, N. C.	\$51,052.00 Plus Tax	
	49,670.00 Plus Tax	Both bids were alternates and did not comply with ads.
Carolina Waste Equipment Hamlet, N. C.	\$61,013.00 Plus Tax	
	63,710.00 Plus Tax	
	58,540.00 Plus Tax	Only Proposal #2 met speci- fications as advertised.

There was a discussion of the above bids for both the containers and the trucks.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to reject all bids for the present time.

Mr. Curtis Wellbourne, Chairman, American Red Cross for Columbus County, met with the Board and requested continued support of the Red Cross and ask for a financial contribution in the amount of \$1,000 to the fund drive which is now underway. He discussed the services offered by the Red Cross and also programs they wished to implement in the future when funds become available. The Board informed Mr. Wellbourne the matter would be discussed with the County Attorney before a decision is made.

The Reverend David Jay, Director, Good Shepherd Home, Lake Waccamaw, met with the Board to request assistance to the Home, either CETA workers and/or financial aid. He commented on the work the Home gives to rehabilitate alcoholics and that the need was great. This matter will also be discussed with the Attorney.

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The Chairman had received information from the North Carolina Arts Council that Columbus County could apply for a grant in the amount of \$2,464.88 for Grassroots Arts Programs. By general agreement the Board contacted Edd Miller with the Oriatoria Society, to apply for the funds, along with ther eligible agencies.

There was a discussion concerning the Board signing for application for a loan through FmHA to build a library building in the Riegelwood area. The Acting Attorney advised the Board to delay action on the issue until the Attorney could be present. It was further stated that the Board of Trustees be made aware of the request as it would be of future concern to them.

At the designated time to open bids for the repairs of the outside of the Courthouse; no bids were received. This was the second time advertisement had been made for this work whit no response from qualified contractors.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 20, 1977, to continue unfinished business.

APPROVED:

Euogene W. Swagg
Clerk

Waldo Marlone
Chairman

** Undistributed Tax Account Continued:

Check No. 1518 payable to Doris Jean Ward Wooten in the amount of \$5.08 dated 9-1-74

Check No. 1550 payable to Mary Alice Turner in the amount of \$18.00 dated 2-3-75.