

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., November 7, 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 (Absent, Part-time) Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was give by The Reverend Tommy Beaver, Pastor, Christ the King Luthern Church, Whiteville, N. C.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the October 17th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to nominate Mrs. Doris Mills, Tabor City, N. C. , to continue to serve on the Southeastern Regional Mental Health Area Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commisisoner Hinson and approved to amend the Bicentennial Commission Budget to extend travel pay for the Commission Chairman through June 30, 1978, at a rate of \$200.00 per month.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and approved to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with C & C Painters for painting the outside of the Courthouse. Terms are to be that the County will furnish the paint and bucket-lift, pay two painters at the rate of \$20.00 per hour total and C & C Painters will furnish the liability insurance and tools to do the work.

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

WHEREAS, G. S. 118-23 requires certification to the North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance as to firemen and fire departments in compliance with minimum conditions precedent to the eligibility of firemen and volunteer firemen for benefits under the North Carolina Firemen's Pension Fund Act, the undersigned certifies to the North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance that:

(1) Bolton Fire Department, Bolton, North Carolina, is a political subdivision of this State having a bona fide fire department which operates fire apparatus and equipment of the value of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or more, and said fire department holds drills and meetings not less than four hours monthly:

(2) The persons names on the attached roster are regular and/or volunteer firemen of the fire department in (1) above, and said firemen attend at least thirty-six hours of all drills and meetings of said fire department in each calendar year.

(3) This certification was duly approved and adopted by the governing body of Columbus County, North Carolina at a meeting held on the 7th day of November, 1977, and the Chairman

was directed to execute and forward a copy of same to the North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance.

Witness my hand and seal, this the 7th day of November, 1977.

/s/ Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

SEAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to appoint Robert Blake, Dr. Eugenia Blake and Felton Grainger to the Chadbourn Zoning Board and Glenn Yates and Bernard White to the Chadbourn Board of Adjustments.

The above appointments were made upon the recommendation of the Chadbourn Town Council.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to accept the resignation of Sylvia Thompson, with regrets, from the Recreation Commission.

A further motion was made to appoint John R. Faulk to serve the unexpired term of Mrs. Thompson. The motion was duly seconded and passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed instructing the Clerk to make application for eligibility for various County agencies to purchase federal surplus property.

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

Ordered: that the 1977 taxes listed in the name of William C. & Helen F. Lewis, Bolton Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,000 for the Disability Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1977 taxes listed in the name of Mrs. Edith S. Norris, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,260.00 due to dwelling being burned.

Ordered: that the 1977 taxes listed in the name of Eugene & Dorothy Grainger, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,710.00 due to an error in transferring house and lot.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Joe B. Spivey, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$12,540.00 due to error in transferring property.

Ordered: that the 1977 taxes listed in the name of Norman E. & Beatrice B. Simmons, in the Acme-Delco Fire District, Ransom Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1200.00 as Mr. Simmons lives outside the Fire District.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Commercial Credit Industrial Corp., Waccamaw Township, in the amount of \$274.85, for the year 1977, due to double listing.

Ordered: that the late listing penalty listed in the name of Albert Elston Richardson, Lees Township, be cancelled for the years 1970 through 1975 due to cancellation of taxes for those years and penalty should be cancelled.

Ordered: that the 1977 taxes listed in the name of William M. & Bonnie Elizabeth Kirby, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,850.00 due to error in listing wrong tractor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and approved to give \$50.00 from the ODP Fund for immediate relief to Allred (Bob) Blackwell.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved to amend the Budget to include Community Development Grant Funds for the FY 1977-78.

Mr. John Minton, Director of Community Development Programs, met with the Board to talk briefly about the Program and introduce himself to the Board. He informed the Board that they should hire an engineer as soon as possible in order to get the work underway. There were two engineers present at the meeting who were given time to introduce themselves and talk briefly about the services they offered. There was a discussion concerning hiring an engineer at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew to employ Henry von Oesen and Associates as Engineer for Columbus County for the Community Development Projects. The Board further authorized the Chairman to enter into contract with von Oesen which is to be prepared by the County Attorney.

At 12:00 Noon bids were opened for the purchase of containers for the landfill. Bids were read aloud and recorded as follows:

	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	
Consolidated Energy Products Company Wilmington, N. C.	\$ 274.00	\$ 289.00	\$ 299.00	\$ 314.00	Plus Tax
Carolina Waste Equipment Hamlet, N. C.	301.00	312.00	321.00	332.00	Plus Tax
Quality Equipment & Supply Company Charlotte, N. C.	284.00	284.00	309.00	309.00	Plus Tax

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to accept the bid for 50 containers under Proposal One which will not have lids or sleeve hook-up.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to amend the budget for the Solid Waste Department to purchase a steam cleaner for use at the Landfill in the amount of \$700.00

Dr. Pittman, VMD, met with the Board to express his support of a mosquito control program for the County. His support was in regard for animals which get diseases from mosquitoes carrying germs. No action was taken on the Program at this time but will be discussed further at the November 21st meeting.

The following Proclamation was declared upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner McPherson:

#### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, over 750,000 individuals age 60 and over reside in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments and labors of these citizens contribute to the greatness of our State; and

WHEREAS, over 400,000 of these individuals have incomes below the poverty level; and

WHEREAS, fifty percent of the elderly in the State have health problems directly related to faulty nutrition; and

WHEREAS, only 24,000 of these elderly individuals participate in the Federal Food Stamp Program which could be of great assistance to them; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Columbus County wish to ensure that all programs and benefits are made available to our senior citizens;

THEREFORE, we, the Columbus County Commissioners, do join in a concerted statewide effort to ensure the availability of food stamp benefits to the senior citizens and do hereby pro-

cont'd - claim Sunday, November 20, 1977, as "FOOD STAMP AWARENESS DAY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS"  
In observance of this day, every effort will be made to inform our elder citizens regarding benefits and to assist them to apply.

/s/ C. Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

Mr. B. A. Mills, DOT Engineer, met with the Board to discuss the request from the Board to pave the driveway at the County Hall. The Board requested Mr. Mills to draw a proposal for the project and present to the Board at a later time. Mr. Mills pointed out that the only conditions the DOT could pave such driveways was on a cost reimburseable basis.

The Tax Collector's Report for the month of October was presented for review.

By general consent the Board approved Mrs. John Coleman keeping the sheriff badges worn by her husband while he served as Sheriff of Columbus County.

The Board set November 22, 1977 at 7:00 p.m., as the time to hold a public hearing regarding a bicycle trail in the area from Whiteville to Lake Waccamaw along the old railroad track right-of-way. The hearing will be held in Hallsboro School.

The Board set November 21, 1977, at 7:00 p.m., as the time to meet with the Senic River Committee. The Clerk was also instructed to invite a representative from Georgia-Pacific Corporation to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion; and Robert Buckner, Supervisor, Senic River Studies.

Dr. Carroll and Leo Mercer met with the Board to request that a part of the old hospital building be used for extended nursing care as persons requiring this care must either stay in the hospital or taken to another county. There was a lengthy discussion on this matter. The Board suggested to Dr. Carroll that the medical staff express an opinion to the Hospital Board of Trustees for their consideration before a decision is made by the Commissioners.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until November 21, 1977, at 10:00 a.m., which is regular meeting time.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs  
Clerk

Waldo Marlowe  
Chairman