

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

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney (Part-Time)

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by The Reverend Walter Jones, Director of Missions, Columbus Baptist Association.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the December 5th, 7th and 9th were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Dew.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioners Williamson, and passed to allow Social Services to hire a social worker to do a needs assessment for day care if federal funds are available, with the understanding with the employee that the position is only for the duration of the availability of federal funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and approved to appropriate \$23,000. to purchase a lot in the City of Whiteville adjoining the City Library property and that this property, along with the Whiteville City Library property be transferred to the County in order that the County can apply for a grant to expand the library facilities. The property referred to is known as John David Atkinson Property and contains approximately .86 acre.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and approved to allow the Finance Officer to release the payroll checks before the Christmas Holidays.

The following tax releases were approved upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner McPherson:

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Modern Homes Construction Company, (Wiley Webb Tract), Bolton Township, be released for the years 1967 through 1977 on the dwelling. The dwelling burned in 1966 and the loss was not reported.

Ordered: that a refund in the amount of \$406.39 be written to Poiner Savings & Loan Association, Whiteville, N. C., for the year 1976 and 1977 for the following amounts:
Western Prong Township, listed to Harold Hill, refund is \$106.33
Western Prong Township, listed to Joyce Carson Hill, refund is \$300.06

Ordered: that a refund be made to Annette B. Inman, Waccamaw Township, in the amount of \$120.96 for taxes paid in error.

Ordered: that the 1977 taxes listed in the name of Terrance Horrell, Welches Creek Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,550 due to error in listing wrong year model auto.

Ordered: that the 1977 taxes listed in the name of John V. Sasser Heirs, Bogue

Township be cancelled on the valuation of \$300. due to error in listing property acreage.

Ordered: that the 1977 taxes listed in the name of Liesselotte E. Moore, Bogue Township, be released on the valutaion of \$12,530 due to double listing.

A letter was presented to the Board from Project Manager of the Bolton area requesting assistance for three drainage projects. A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved to advise the Program Director to cantact the Health Department and the Soil Conservation Service and ask that they be put on a priority list for any future programs that may become availalbe for this type work.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson, and approved to reappoint Billy Duncan, Jack Britt and Henry Milligan to serve another term on the Columbus County Planning Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and approved to appoint J. A. McNeill to another term on the County Health Board. The term will expire on January 1, 1981.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and approved to appoint Calvin Williams as the nominee to the Title XX Area Planning Advisory Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adopt the ORDINANCE TO LICENSE INSULATION CONTRACTORS AND OTHERS WHO INSTALL MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT DESIGNED TO MEET THE ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARDS OF THE STATE BUILDING CODE. Said Ordinance is recorded in ORDINANCE BOOK NO. I, beginning on page 16.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to accept the Annual Audit Report as presented by Allen Price and William Turner, Moore & Price, CPA, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and approved to appropriate \$2,000. for the repair of the roof at the Carver Moore facility where the Sheltered Workshop is located.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Joseph Franklin Rogers to repair the roof at the County Hall. Said contract to be in the amount of \$4,500.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed for the County to pay Unemployment Insurance Taxes on a cost reimburseable plan for the first four years.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and approved that a room be reserved in the County Hall, in the space to be vacated by Mental Health, to be used as a conference room and that REACT be designated as one organization that will have access to the room.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and approved to appoint Commissioner Williamson as the Commissioner in charge of the County farm for the year 1978 to rent the allotments and attend to other farm business.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved instructing the Clerk to write the Cardinal Health Agency to ask their advice on the feasibility of Columbus County using a part of the old hospital for skilled nursing service. It was further ordered that the Clerk ask that Autrey Dawsey, Member, Board of Directors, Cardinal Health Agency, not be allowed to participate in any decision making as it related to Columbus County's interest in offering a skilled nursing facility, as the Board feels this would be a conflict of interest for Mr. Dawsey.

Arrie Alford met with the Board to ask additional assistance in receiveing food stamps. After a discussion of her situation, the Board asked Mrs. Vereen, Director, Social Services, to re-review Ms. Alford's case and give any assistance available to her under the guidelines set out by state and federal agencies.

Mr. Don Philen, Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, met with the Board to discuss the soil mapping project that is underway in Columbus County. He stated that funds were available to hire a soil scientist to work jointly in Columbus and Brunswick Counties, at no cost to the County. The County accepted the offer and will sign a Memo of Understanding when it is received from the State Office.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until January 3, 1978, Monday being a legal holiday.

Eusebio W. Suggs
Clerk

APPROVED:

Waldo M. Lawrence
Chairman