

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., January 3, 1978, Monday being a legal holiday.

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 Commissioner McPherson.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the December 19th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner McPherson.

A delegation of approximately 25 persons from the Buckhead Community met with the Board to ask assistance in getting roads and drainage improved in their area. Their concern is the condition of the roads which causes breakdown of the school bus, damage to fire fighting equipment if moved over the roads, cannot pass another vehicle on roads and industry has refused to move into the area because of the condition of the roads (#1767, 1800, 1802, 1803, and 1867).

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson, and passed that the Board work with the delegation of citizens from the Buckhead Community in any way possible to help improve the roads and drainage in that area. It is further ordered that the Clerk write a letter to the Health Department and Soil Conservation Service and request that said area be put on a priority list when the water control program is implemented in the County.

Roscoe Jacobs, spokesman for the group, also stated that the Indian population of the County feels that the County does not employ a fair share of Indians in County administrative offices and request that this be rectified.

At 11:00 a.m. bids were opened and recorded as follows for the purchase of #2 fuel oil to be used at the County Landfill:

Baldwin Oil Company	4.5 off tankwagon price - Now 47.90
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Yam City Oil Company	6.0 off tankwagon price - Now 47.90
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A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to award the bid to Yam City Oil Company.

John Minton and Bob Lyons met with the Board to further discuss the Community Development Project as it relates to improving roads in the Project. The Board asked that Mr. Minton contact the Department of Transportation to get the necessary approval of the Department which is required to proceed with the road improvement project and if necessary, arrange a meeting for the Board. Mr. B. A. Mills was also present for the discussion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to proceed as previously planned with the roads improvement project.

The following is a description of the Evergreen Fire District as revised and approved by the Board of Commissioners upon motion by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Williamson:

Beginning at a point (1) on Road #1516, 0.4 mile northeast of its intersection with Road #1515; thence in a southeasterly direction to point (2) on N. C. Highway #242, 0.7 mile east of its intersection with Road #1515; thence in a southeasterly direction to a point (3) on Road #1529, 0.7 mile north of its intersection with Road #1003; thence in a southeasterly direction to a point (4) on Road #1003, 0.7 mile east of its intersection with Road #1529; thence in a southwesterly direction to a point (5) on U. S. Highway #74- N. C. #130, 1.3 miles southeast of its intersection with Road #1574; thence in a southwesterly direction to a point (6) on Road #1574, 0.2 mile southeast of its intersection with Road #1414; thence in a westerly direction to a point (7) on Road #1414, 0.2 mile southwest of its intersection with Road #1574; thence in a southwesterly direction to a point (8) on Road #1504, 0.2 mile southeast of its intersection with N. C. Highway #242; thence in a southwesterly direction to a point (9) on N. C. Highway #242, 0.2 mile south of its intersection with Road #1504; thence in a northwesterly direction to a point (10) on Road #1504, 0.2 mile northwest of its intersection with N. C. Highway 242; thence in a northwesterly direction to a point (11) on Road #1512, 2.9 miles southwest of its intersection with N. C. Highway 242; thence in a northerly direction to a point (12) on U. S. Highway #74- N. C. Highway #130, 3.2 miles northwest of its intersection with N. C. Highway #242, excluding property on Road #1511; thence in a northwesterly direction to a point (13) at the intersection of Roads #1574 and 1506, excluding property on U. S. Highway #74 - N. C. #130 between this and the preceding point; thence in an easterly direction to a point (14) on Road #1508, 0.7 mile northwest of its intersection with Road #1510; thence in a northeasterly direction to a point (15) on Road #1506, 0.4 mile west of its intersection with Road #1509; thence in a northeasterly direction along the Robeson-Columbus County line to point (1), the beginning, including property on Roads #1506 and 1516 between this and the preceding point. (Map filed with the Clerk to the Board)

A delegation of about 35 citizens from various parts of the County met with the Board to further discuss the need for skilled nursing care in the County and requested that a part of the old hospital building be used for this service. All persons were given an opportunity to be heard, after which, the Board stated that they were in the process of contacting various agencies to gather information so that they could make a decision if it is feasible to offer skilled nursing service on the basis being considered. Mr. Leo Mercer made the opening statement on the advantages of the proposal as spokesman for the majority of the citizens. Some opposition was voiced by Autrey Dawsey as he feels the home to be opened by private owners would meet the County's need and there would be a duplication of service.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved that the delegation appoint an advisory committee from their group to work with

the Board and to help keep the public informed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson to appoint a person from the Health Department or a health related agency to find out what is legal for the Board to do in relation to establishing a skilled nursing facility. No action was taken on this motion.

The following resolution was adopted upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson:

WHEREAS, that numerous farmers plan a parade through Whiteville on tractors beginning at 10:00 a.m., January 14, 1978; and

WHEREAS, an open meeting is planned at Legion Field on that date to discuss the plight of the farmers of Columbus County, North Carolina, and the nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the farmers are planning a parade to bring to the attention of both other farmers and the consumers the position of the Columbus County farmers with respect to the low prices offered for products and the high cost of fertilizer and other agriculture materials;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, do hereby unanimously acknowledge to the public that the farmers of Columbus County and the nation as a whole, are receiving less than adequate prices for the products produced and that the price of agricultural supplies are increasing at a more rapid rate than are the prices of the goods produced by the farmers;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, do hereby unanimously request the Chief of the Columbus County Police Department to assign enough patrolmen to assist in keeping the parade in an orderly manner on January 14, 1978, beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m., until its conclusion.

This the 3rd day of January, 1978

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: /s/ C. Waldo Marlowe
C. Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until January 16, 1978, which is regular meeting time.

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

APPROVED:
Waldo Marlowe
Chairman