

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., March 2, 1978, according to adjournment.

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 due to inadequate space for the citizens attending the special meeting it was announced, and proper notice posted, that the meeting would adjourn to the Superior Courtroom to continue the meeting there.

MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PRESENT:

E. J. Butler, Sixth Division Engineer

Arthur W. Williamson, Department of Transportation Board Member

B. A. Mills, District Engineer

Also attending the meeting were approximately 75 citizens of the County.

Each person who desired was given a chance to be heard on any road complaint and make a request to the Board as the situation needed. There were about 20 persons who made a complaint and/or request for improvements on various secondary roads. The most recurrent appeals were for improvements to get out of the mud and water in the winter and the dust in summer, to widen out roads in order that two vehicles could pass, to repair wash-outs and drain water from the roads and ditches. There was concern expressed for the safety of school buses traveling certain roads.

After all persons were given a chance to be heard, DOT Member Williamson told the audience that it is impossible to meet all the requests but his policy is to help the most people possible, especially the poor, with the amount of funds available to the County. Funds for Columbus County for Bond money and gasoline tax is approximately \$761,002.00 for fiscal year 1978-79.

The meeting adjourned back to the regular meeting place after lunch.

A SECONDARY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR COLUMBUS COUNTY was presented to the Board by DOT Member Williamson and each recommended road was discussed as to location, proposed improvement and the estimated cost.

After the presentation Commissioner McPherson expressed appreciation to the DOT Officials for coming to the meeting and making the presentation and the following resolution was passed upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Dew:

RESOLUTION FOR PRIORITIES FOR SECONDARY ROADS' IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
(1978-1979)

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes the great need for improvement of secondary roads in Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, Department of Transportation Officials have said that funds in the amount

of \$761,002.00 have been allocated to Columbus County for improvement of secondary roads for the fiscal year 1978-1979; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation presented to us a priority list of roads in Columbus County determined by the Statewide criteria for consideration and approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners unanimously request the Board of Transportation to alter the priority list submitted so that such priority list of roads scheduled for improvements within Columbus County shall read as follows:

SR 1143 - From SR 1006 to SR 1117 - 1.7 miles Base & Pave	\$ 45,000.00
SR 1327 - From SR 1324 to SR 1326 - 0.7 mile Base & Pave	18,000.00
SR 1523 - From SR 1574 to SR 1003 - 0.6 mile Base & Pave	15,000.00
SR 1749 - From US 701 to Dead End - 0.8 mile Base & Pave	25,000.00
SR 1800 - From NC 211 to SR 1802 - 1.2 miles Base & Pave	30,000.00
SR 1939 - From SR 1943 to Dead End - 1.0 mile Base & Pave	25,000.00
SR 1941 - From SR 1717 to SR 1001 - 0.37 mile Drain & Stabilize	7,500.00
SR 1822 - From US 74-76 to Dead End - 0.64 mile Drain & Stabilize	12,000.00
SR 1806 - From US 74-76 East 1.0 mile Drain & Stabilize	20,000.00
SR 1929 - From SR 1928 to SR 1930 - 1.5 miles Grade, Drain, Base & Pave	70,000.00
SR 1826 - From SR 1849 to Dead End - 0.2 mile Grade, Drain & Stabilize	7,000.00
SR 1827 - From SR 1849 to County Line - 0.9 mile Grade, Drain & Stabilize	30,000.00
SR 1549 - From SR 1585 to SR 1547 - 1.1 miles Grade, Drain & Stabilize	30,000.00
SR 1325 - From SR 1324 to SR 1324 - 0.9 mile Grade, Drain & Stabilize	30,000.00
SR 1326 - From SR 1322 to SR 1324 - 0.7 mile Grade, Drain & Stabilize	20,000.00
SR 1103 - From SR 1104 Southeast 1.7 miles Base & Pave	64,000.00
SR 1806 - From US 74-76 to East City Limits Bolton - 0.4 mile Grade, Drain & Stabilize	15,000.00
SR 1908 - From SR 1001 to SR 1001 - 1.7 miles Grade, Drain & Stabilize	65,000.00
SR 1001 - From SR 1915 South 1.0 mile to Bridge Strengthen Pavement	20,000.00
SR 1740 - From SR 1801 to SR 1807 - 2.7 miles Strengthen Pavement	54,000.00
SR 1740 - From North City Limits Lake Waccamaw to SR 1731 - 2.4 miles Strengthen Pavement	48,000.00
SPOT STABILIZATION ON VARIOUS UNPAVED SECONDARY ROADS	50,000.00

DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS UNDER SR 1740, SR 1801 & SR 1803 - RICEFIELD BRANCH \$ 25,000.00

CONTINGENCIES - ROAD ADDITIONS, RURAL RESCUE SQUAD & FIRE DEPT. DRIVES, OVERDRAFTS, ETC. 35,502.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners that in the next allocation of funds for Columbus County that the following secondary roads be given first priority:

SR 1116	SR 1362	SR 1501	SR 1730	SR 1905
SR 1119	SR 1371	SR 1526	SR 1740	SR 1925
SR 1145	SR 1415	SR 1530	SR 1767	SR 1940 Ext.
SR 1163	SR 1417	SR 1539	SR 1802	
SR 1169	SR 1425	SR 1554	SR 1803	
SR 1170	SR 1432	SR 1557	SR 1839	
SR 1185	SR 1436	SR 1577	SR 1845	

This the 2nd day of March, 1978

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

ATTESTED:

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

There was further discussion concerning the preparation of parts of the Miller Building to be used by the Health and Mental Health Departments.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved that Commissioner Dew work with Steve Smith to hire a person to do plaster repairs and other necessary minor repairs, that cannot be done by the Sheltered Workshop, to ready the rooms for painting.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved that Commissioner Dew be authorized to sign purchase orders for materials and supplies used at the Miller Building.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner ~~McPherson~~ and passed that the Clerk contact Ralph Rogers, Hospital Administrator, and request a joint meeting with the Board of Trustees to further discuss the possibility of using a part of the Miller Building as a skilled nursing facility and make some decisions in getting information together.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 6, 1978, which is regular meeting time.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

Waldo Marlowe
Chairman