

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., April 3, 1978, it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

C. Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

Junior W. Dew, Vice-Chairman

Edward W. Williamson, (Part-time)

L. A. Hinson

David L. McPherson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by The Reverend Ray Justice, Pastor Trinity Baptist Church, Whiteville, North Carolina.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the March 20th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner McPherson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and approved that Helma English attend the IV-D Seminar in New Orleans.

The following tax release was granted upon the recommendation of the Tax Supervisor, and upon motion by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson:

Ordered: that the 1977 taxes listed in the name of Willard Paul & Janice W. Clewis, Whiteville Township be released on the valuation of \$7,300 because of house being appraised on the wrong grade.

The following proclamation was declared upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson:

PROCLAMATION FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 2---8, 1978

WHEREAS, libraries are one of our County's most valuable resources bringing information and entertainment to nearly every Columbus County resident; and

WHEREAS, the libraries serving Columbus County- Columbus County Library and its branches, Columbus County Public Schools and Whiteville Public Schools' Libraries, and Southeastern Community College Learning Resources Center- contribute to our County's vitality and growth;

BE IT SO RESOLVED THAT COLUMBUS COUNTY observes the week of April 2--8, 1978 as National Library Week and recognizes the Library's enormous contribution to everyone from the preschooler to the professional, all year long.

/s/ Waldo Marlowe  
Waldo Marlowe, Chairman  
Columbus County Commissioners

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and approved to give a check in the amount of \$50.00 each to Tony Shell, Lucy Bullinger and Mary Lee Batten for immediate relief.

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

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners herein called the "Applicant" has thoroughly considered the problem addressed in the subgrant application entitled Columbus County Jailers and has reviewed the project described in the application; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of Public Law 90-351 as amended, the United States of America has authorized the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, through the North Carolina Law & Order Section to make federal grants to assist local governments in the improvement of the criminal justice system,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN OPEN MEETING ASSEMBLED IN THE CITY OF WHITEVILLE, North Carolina, THIS THIRD DAY OF APRIL, 1978, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the project referenced above is in the best interest of the Applicant and the general public.
2. That Waldo Marlowe, Chairman, be authorized to file, in behalf of the Applicant, an application in the form prescribed by the Law & Order Section for a subgrant in the amount of \$15,122.00 to be made to the Applicant to assist in defraying the cost of the project described in the application. This individual shall act as the authorized representative of the Applicant in connection with all aspects of the application process.
3. That if the subgrant is made, the Applicant shall provide or make arrangements to provide, a local cash matching contribution in the amount of \$7,445.00 as required by the most current guidelines.
4. That to the full extent the law allows, the applicant agrees that upon submission of an application for this subgrant, the applicant intends to continue the program at its own expense and to appropriate funds therefore subject only to budgetary limitations should the program be useful, effective and pertinent.
5. That applicant understands that approval of the subgrant application in no way implies or commits the United States of America, the Law Enforcement Administration or the Law & Order Section to approve any application for continuation funding or to provide any continuation funding whatsoever; rather, applicant understands that continuation funding will probably not be available and applications therefore will only be considered, if at all, under only unusual circumstances.
6. That the Project Director designated in the application form shall furnish or make arrangements for other appropriate persons to furnish such information, data, documents and reports pertaining to the project, if approved, as may be required by the Law & Order Section.
7. That certified copies of this resolution be included as part of the application referenced above.
8. This resolution having been read aloud in its entirety at the meeting above mentioned, shall be effective upon its adoption and shall be recorded in its entirety in the minutes of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners.

Adopted this the 3rd day of April, 1978.

/s/ Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

A motion was made that Commissioner Dew be appointed to contact the Department of Transportation and find out if any consideration can be given to SR#1945 located behind Hallsboro Elementary School for improvement. A request was made by Doris Moore, who lives on the road, that the road be widened and paved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Williamson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to appoint Commissioner Hinson to work with Leo Suggs, DOT, to get improvements made on SR#1532 and 1537. This request was made to the Board by Levonne Bellamy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the Board recommend the proposed changes be granted to Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System participants identical to the changes granted to State Employees' and Teachers' Retirement System participants which were made by the 1977 Session of the General Assembly and that the County assume the financial liability.

Garland McCullen, Chairman, Extension Service, asked the approval of a budget amendment for funds previously designated for a program for the aged, to be redesignated for travel expenses for persons involved in Soil Sample and Pest Management Programs in the County. These persons are employees of other agencies but are rendering a free service to the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to approve the budget change.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and approved that the Budget Officer include \$1,000.00 in matching funds in the 1978-79 budget estimate, over and above the usual \$2,500.00, to be used to match funds from the N. C. Arts Council for a summer/<sup>music</sup>program for children and young people in the County. This request was presented to the Board by Edd Miller who stated that the deadline for making application for a matching grant is April 3, 1978. (Today)

Steve Smith and Berline Graham met with the Board to request the approval of the Board for applying for State funds from the Department of Transportation for a transportation program for the service agencies of the County. The application requires a commitment of local funds in the amount of 10% of the total program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and approved to authorize the Chairman to sign the application and also agree to provide local funds for the 10% matching funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to approve the budget amendment requested by John Minton for Community Development to transfer \$1,000.00 from RELOCATION to ADMINISTRATION.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and approved to allow the Finance Officer to adjust the budget estimate on the Hospital Construction Budget to the actual amount owed on construction contracts as of July 1, 1977.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved that the Finance Officer amend the Recreation Department Budget to include all funds received as donations for recreation activities.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and approved that the Finance Officer amend the Budget to include Anti-Recession Funds in the amount of \$18,584.00 (App.) which is the amount above the original estimate received but not included in the Budget. This is to be applied to salaries in the General Fund.

By general agreement the eleven additional temporary slots under Title II (CETA) were designated as follows:

One to Recreation	One to Good Shepherd Home for cook
One to Social Security Office	One to County Hall for Housekeeper - Maintenance
Two to Landfill	Five to Miller Building

All are to be \$2.65 phr. and for six month duration.

By further agreement the Board set days for Equalization & Review meetings as April 14th and 19th to begin at 9:00 a.m.

The Board members were presented a copy of the Social Services Budget Estimate for 1978-79. They were briefed by Mrs. Vereen on the request which included 15 additional workers. No action was taken by the Board at this time but will be given consideration when the total budget estimate is considered.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until April 14th at 9:00 a.m. to meet as a Board of Equalization & Review.

Emogene M. Loggia  
Clerk

APPROVED:

James M. Mason  
Chairman