

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., July 3, 1978, 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



Emogene W. suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by The Reverend Tommy Beaver, Pastor, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Whiteville.

The following business was transacted:

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Dew:

Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County:

(1) That for properly maintaining the school term in Whiteville City Schools, Whiteville Administrative Unit, as required by Article IX, Section 3, of the Constitution and the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina, it is necessary that certain improvements be made therein of the following character: Repair fire damage to administrative offices and three classrooms, and renovate old gym for a media center.

(2) That in order to provide said improvements it is necessary that the sum of \$164,700.00 be obtained by borrowing the same, to be used by the Whiteville City Board of Education for said purpose.

(3) That the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County does hereby approve of and authorize the application for, and procurement of, a loan for said purpose from the State Literary Fund of the State of North Carolina, operated under G. S. 115, Article II, and said Board does hereby authorize and direct that all necessary steps be taken to procure said loan under the terms of said statutes and the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education governing the making of loans from said fund, and the Chairman and Clerk to this Board are hereby authorized, empowered and directed for and on behalf of this board to join with the Whiteville City Board of Education in making the necessary application therefore, and to take such action under this resolution and under said statutes, rules and regulations as may be necessary for said purpose. The County Accountant is hereby authorized and directed to make application to the Local Government Commission for approval of the issuance of such notes.

(4) That the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County hereby agrees to levy, at the appropriate tax levying period in each and every year, upon all taxable property in said County, ad valorem taxes at a rate sufficient to meet the interest and principal payments on such part of the loan requested herein as may be approved by the State Board of

Education, and thereby provide the funds necessary each and every year to meet and repay the interest and principal payments due on such approved loan, under the terms of the statute by authority of which the loan is made, and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education governing such loans.

The resolution was duly adopted by the following vote:

Those voting in the affirmative were:

C. Waldo Marlowe
 Junior W. Dew
 Ed Walton Williamson
 L. A. Hinson
 David L. McPherson

Those voting in the negative were:

None

Whereupon the Chairman announced that the Resolution was duly adopted .

Mr. John Yates met with the Board to discuss the flood hazard maps which were prepared by HUD for Columbus County.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to adopt to follow hazard maps as the official map to be used to determine the location of the flood hazard areas and appointed Mr. Yates, Garland McCullen and Hugh Clark as contact persons to certify the areas.

Commissioner Hinson stated that many people would like to have the special election to decide whether Columbus County would continue to have dual law enforcement, in November at the same time as the general election. A discussion followed the statement and Commissioner Williamson suggested that the Public Safety Commission be included in the decision making. Representative Wright gave a brief history of the events leading to the passage of the Bill allowing such an election and recommended that the election be held in November at the time of the general election.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that the Board have a special meeting and invite Senator Soles, Representative Wright, Sheriff Norton, and Members of the Public Safety Commission to resolve the issue of when to hold the election and to explain the wording of the Bill if there is any misunderstanding. It was further agreed to set the meeting time at 8:00 p.m., July 6, 1978, and the Clerk is to notify the persons included in the motion and invite them to participate in the meeting.

Mr. Kirk Grosch with Community Development, met with the Board to report on the progress made in obtaining rights-of-way. He stated that he is unable to obtain the right-of way on SR #1804 and 1903 in the Hallsboro and Bolton Areas but was successful securing rights-of-way for SR #1448 and 1480 in the Chadbourn Area. He requested that the Board reappropriate funds from the public works account to the rehabilitation account due to the fact that the roads could not be improved. (1804 & 1903). This request was approved upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner McPherson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Mc-

Pherson and passed to approve the Annual Certification for Firemen for Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department to entitle the roster of active firemen for North Carolina Firemen's Pension Benefit.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that the Attorney investigate the availability of liability insurance for elected officials and purchase insurance that he feels adequate for the Board Members.

The following tax releases were approved upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner McPherson, and recommended by the Tax Supervisor:

Ordered: that the 1977 taxes listed in the name of Dennis Cox, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,240.00 due to incorrect house sketch.

Ordered: that a refund check be given to Dennis Cox, West 2nd Street, Box 303, Tabor City, N. C. for the years 1975 and 1976, in the amount of \$77.76.

The following tax release was approved upon the recommendation of the Tax Collector and upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner McPherson:

Ordered: that a refund check be given to Rufus Sumter, c/o Walter Powell, Attorney, Courthouse Square, Whiteville, N. C., in the amount of \$103.41. Mr. Sumter paid taxes in 1968 through 1978 in error for Annie Powell's taxes, Whiteville Township.

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

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Columbus finds that:

WHEREAS, there exists a definite need in Columbus County for a comprehensive examination and evaluation of the present Columbus County solid waste program; and

WHEREAS, the long-range solid waste management plan is a public necessity and will result in environmental benefits for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the long-range solid waste management plan for the County of Columbus should be compatible with State, regional and local planning:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that the Board intends to implement the Solid Waste Management Plan, developed under this study, if it finds that it is economically feasible, environmentally sound, does not interfere with legal requirements in effect, is not contradictory to community needs and protects the public health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such plan will become effective when adopted by this Board.

Adopted this the 3rd day of July, 1978

/s/ Waldo Marlowe, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to appoint Commissioner Williamson as the voting delegate to the National

Association of Counties' meeting in Atlanta and that Commissioner Hinson be appointed as alternate.

The following resolution was passed upon motion by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Hinson and subject to the approval of the Department of Transportation:

THE STATE BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION BE AND IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO DESIGNATE THE FOLLOWING ROAD AS NC 903.

PROPOSED NC 903 FROM JUNCTION OF NC 903 & NC 111 IN DUPLIN COUNTY SOUTHWARD TO US 74 IN COLUMBUS COUNTY:

Beginning at the junction of NC 903 and NC 111 at Albertson in Duplin County, thence along NC 111 southward course to a junction of NC 111 and NC 11, thence along NC 11 southward course to the junction of NC 11, NC 50 in the City of Kennansville, thence along NC 11 southward course to the junction of NC 41 and NC 11 in Tin City, thence along NC 11 southward to the junction of NC 11 and US 117, thence along US 117 and NC 11 southward course to the junction of NC 11 and US 117 Pender County, thence along NC 11 southwest course to the junction of NC 11 and US 421, thence along NC 11 and US 421 southward course to the junction of NC 11, US 421 and NC 53 in Wards Corner, thence along NC 11 and NC 53 westward course along NC 11 and NC 53 in the City of Atkinson, thence along NC 11 and NC 53 southward course to the junction of NC 11 and NC 53, thence along NC 11 southward course to the junction of NC 11 and NC 53, thence along NC 11 southward course to the junction of NC 11 and NC 210 in Bladen County, thence along NC 11 southward course to the junction of US 11 and NC 87, thence along NC 11 south course to the junction of US 74 and NC 11 to be terminated in Freeman in Columbus County.

Delete the following routing of NC 11 from the junction of NC 11 and NC 111 southwest course to the junction of NC 11 and US 74 in Columbus County.

/s/ Waldo Marlowe, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
/s/ Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that a contract be drawn by the County Attorney to give the house located on the Library property in the City of Whiteville, to the Good Shepherd Home subject to the conditions set out in the contract. This house has been advertised for sale but no one came to offer a bid.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to authorize the Chairman to sign an Agreement with the Department of Corrections to increase the per diem from \$8.00 to \$10.00 for confinement of prisoners in local jails.

A request was made by the Clerk of Superior Court for additional space for new workers that have been assigned to his office. No action was taken at this time.

Upon motion the meeting recessed until 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 6, 1978.

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

APPROVED:
Waldo Marlowe
Chairman