

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., August 21, 1978, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

C. Waldo Marlowe, Chairman (Part-time)  
 Junior W. Dew, Vice-Chairman  
 Edward W. Williamson (Absent)  
 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 Vice-Chairman and the invocation was given by Commissioner McPherson.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the August 7th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner McPherson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that the air conditioner which was removed from the compactor at the Landfill be advertised for sale by sealed bids if no other county vehicle can use it.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the Chairman be authorized to sign the STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES which sets out guidelines for spending General Revenue Sharing funds, and assures that Columbus County intends to follow the guidelines.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that Commissioner Dew be responsible for having air conditioning/heating units installed in the County Hall wing that is now occupied by the Mental Health Department. The estimated cost is \$2,450.00 per unit and the County is to be reimbursed on a depreciation basis by the Department of Human Resources.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the HUD office staff and the Building Inspector be moved to the Floyd Johnson Center in the four rooms in the west end of the building and that the Farmers Home Administration offices occupy the remainder of the building.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the Clerk write a letter to DOT Member, A. W. Williamson and request that he investigate the possibility of relieving the problems on SR #1548 and 1945. This request was made due to several visits from citizens who live on the roads.

The Clerk was instructed to respond to letters from the County Police Chief and the Sheriff in which they requested space for detention facilities in or near the Courthouse for prisoners being taken to court. The response is that no space is available at this time but they will be added to the growing list of space requests.

The following people appeared before the Board to relate to the Board complaints concerning the Columbus County Mental Health Center and the Halfway House: Mr. Bill Brogden, Mr. Donnie Graham, Mr. Jimmy Hudson, Miss Brenda Smith, Mrs. Peggy Walton, Mrs. Leona Kinlaw, Mrs. Cors Caldwell and others.

After a lengthy presentation by most of the people present, a motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the Board refer the complaints to the proper authority, which is Southeastern Regional Mental Health Authority.

The following tax releases were made upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson; and approved by the Tax Supervisor and/or Tax Collector:

Ordered that the taxes listed in the name of J. Ross Spivey, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,450 for the Property Tax Relief for Elderly and Permanently Disabled Persons exemption.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Pioneer Savings & Loan Association, Whiteville, N. C., in the amount of \$284.05 for an error in paying taxes for Homer Lee & Evelyn Edwards for the years 1976 and 1977. Taxes should be for Homer Lee and Brenda Edwards.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of the following persons be released for the Property Tax Relief for the Elderly and the Permanently & Totally Disabled

exemption:	Name	Valuation	Township
	John Sanford	\$ 6,170.00	Bogue
	Mary Alice Keplar	7,500.00	Whiteville
	Lee Roy Poston	4,460.00	Whiteville
	Van Spears Heirs	3,370.00	Bogue
	Ebbie S. Duncan Heirs	7,180.00	Whiteville
	Charlie G. & Rosa Tedder	3,920.00	Whiteville
	Mrs. Walter Russ	4,190.00	Bogue

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Claude & Mary F. Bowen, Whiteville Township be released on the valuation of \$1,845.00 due to mobile home not being furnished and the deterioration of the home.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of H. B. Gibson, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,100.00 due to an error in listing a Ford pickup model, should have been 1972 and was valued at 1977.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Norma Faye Peters, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$2,850.00 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of James C. Shepherd, Fair Bluff Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,320.00 due to double listing car & mobile home.

Ordered: that the 1977 taxes listed in the name of Peggy Arlene Lee, Riegelwood Sanitary District, be cancelled on the valuation of \$2,750.00 as she does not reside within the District.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and approved to appropriate \$2,500.00 from the Section 8 Housing Fund for accounting costs to be paid to the General Fund, for the year ending June 30, 1979.

Mr. Kirk Grosch, Community Development Manager, requested a CETA slot to continue to hire an employee who has worked with Community Development as a trainee. No slots are available but his request will be added to the list of requests.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until September 5, 1978, at 10:00 a.m., as September 4th is a legal holiday.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Soyars  
Clerk

Waldo Marlowe  
Chairman