

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., September 18, 1978, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

- C. Waldo Marlowe, Chairman (Part-time)
- 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 Melvin Vannoy, Good Will Fellowship Church, Whiteville, N. C.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the September 5th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Williamson.

The following tax charge was delivered to the Tax Collector signed by the Chairman as approved by the Board by motion of Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson:

State of North Carolina
County of Columbus

To the Tax Collector of Columbus County:

You are hereby authorized, empowered and commanded to collect the taxes set forth in the tax records filed in the office of the Tax Supervisor and in the tax receipts herewith delivered to you, in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise therein set forth. Such taxes are hereby declared to be a first lien upon all real proerty of the respective taxpayers in the County of Columbus, and this order shall be full and sufficient authority to direct, require and enable you to levy on and sell any real or personal property of such taxpayers, for and on account thereof, in accordance with law.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 18th day of September, 1978.

/s/ Waldo Marlowe (SEAL)
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:
Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

Total Valuation	\$383,782,502.00
Total Tax Levy	4,605,389.85
Dog Taxes	3,501.00
Late List Penalty	684.19

A letter was read to the Board from the Whiteville Chamber of Commerce in response to the toll-free phone call Resolution. Their endorsement was to support toll-free service between Whiteville and Tabor City as a first step in pursuing toll-free service in the County as several telephone companies are located in the County at the present time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to endorse the recommendation of the Whiteville Chamber of Commerce as a first pursuit for toll-free telephone service in the County.

In moving some agencies to various buildings, the question of janitorial service came to the attention of the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner MCPerson and passed that Hattie Oliver work at the Floyd Johnson Center until such time as something definite is known about funding of CETA after September 30th. It was further agreed that Paul Hughes use the present janitorial staff as needed until later decision can be made.

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

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the following names be released due to the Property Tax Relief for the Elderly and Permanently Disabled Person Act:

Nance Benson	Valuation	\$3,000.00	Ransom Township
Carrie Callihan Mills		2,100.00	Bolton Township
D. E. & Ella B. Joyner		6,230.00	Chadbourn Township
Paul C. & Beulah Connor		3,000.00	Bug Hill Township
Elizabeth T. Hammond		3,965.00	Ransom Township
Belton Ward		7,500.00	Williams Township
Thomas A. & Gladys Ward		5,510.00	Bogue Township
Jessie McZeke		4,260.00	Whiteville Township
W. B. Hayes		5,510.00	Cerro Gordo Township
Rayford S. & Mable M. Jones		7,500.00	Whiteville Township
Robert & Zella Boswell		5,120.00	Whiteville Township

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Betty Jean Anderson, Fair Bluff Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$3,810.00, plus late listing penalty of \$4.57 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of George D. & Deloris Simmons, Bug Hill Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$9,420.00 due to an error in transferring property.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Service Telephone Company, Fair Bluff Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,050.00. Seven-tenths acre is listed in Corporate Excess.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Byron Collier, Chadbourn Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$5,150.00 for lot and building being listed in error.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of James A. & Solena B. Graham, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$15,000.00 due to double listing of building materials.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Ed Stephens, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$3,600.00 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Benjamin & Danny M. Stephens, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,190.00 due to error in valuation.

Ordered: that a refund be issued to Jennings L. Prince, Bug Hill Township, in the amount of \$90.00 for Disability Exemption.

The following Resolution was passed upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson:

WHEREAS, Columbus County desires to sell certain vehicles which have been used

previously by the Sheriff's Department and/or the Columbus County Public Safety Commission;
and

WHEREAS, these vehicles are now surplus property; and

WHEREAS, the value of these vehicles are depreciating tremendously through their
lack of use; and

WHEREAS, N. C. G. S. 160A270 (B) allows the Board of Commissioners of Columbus
County to adopt a resolution authorizing the appropriate County officer to dispose of the
vehicles at public auction; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County have elected to
dispose of the vehicles at public auction on the 2nd day of October, 1978, at 11:00 a.m.,
Upon the sale being confirmed by the entire Board of County Commissioners and Junior W.
Dew is an appropriate County official to dispose of the property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners selected
Junior W. Dew as the appropriate County official who will dispose of the following cars on
the 2nd day of October, 1978, at 11:00 a.m. by public auction on the south door of the
Columbus County Courthouse to the highest bidder:

1976 Ford LTD, Serial # 6B53C238717	1976 Ford LTD, Serial # 6B53C198870
1976 Ford LTD, Serial # 6B53C235236	1976 Ford LTD, Serial # 6B53C238718
1974 Dodge Monaco Serial # DK41N4F139042	
1976 Ford LTD, Serial #6B53C235238	1975 Ford Serial # 5U53S185606

and 12 tires (Eight JR 7815 and four HR 7015).

All bids are subject to the entire Board's approval and any or all bids may
be rejected or accepted by the said Board. Within ten days from the date of confirmation
by the Board of County Commissioners all successful bidders must deposit the entire bid
amount with the Columbus County Accountant in the Columbus County Administrative Building,
Washington Street, W hiteville, North Carolina, during regular business hours, Monday
through Friday. Any questions concerning the automobiles should be directed to the office
of the Columbus County Accountant at the aforementioned address. The Board of County Comm-
issioners reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

Attested:

/s/ Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

A further Resolution was passed as follows:

WHEREAS, Columbus County desires to sell surplus sinks previously used in the
Columbus County Hospital; and

WHEREAS, this equipment is now surplus equipment; and

WHEREAS, the value of this equipment is depreciating tremendously through lack
of use; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 160A270 (B) allows the Board of County Commissioners of

to adopt a resolution authorizing the appropriate County Official to dispose of this equipment at public auction; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County have elected to dispose of the property at public auction on the 2nd day of October, 1978, at 12:00 Noon and upon the sale being confirmed by the entire Board of County Commissioners and Junior Dew is an appropriate County official to dispose of the property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners selected Junior Dew as the appropriate County official who will dispose of the following equipment on the second day of October, 1978, at 12:00 o'clock noon by public auction on the south side of the Columbus County Courthouse to the highest bidder:

25 wall mounted sinks and one double stainless steel sink.

All bids are subject to confirmation by the entire Board of County Commissioners and any or all bids may be rejected or accepted by the said Board. Within one day from the date of confirmation by the Board of County Commissioners all successful bidders must deposit the entire bid amount with the Columbus County Accountant in the Columbus County Administration Building, Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday. Any questions concerning the sinks should be directed to the Office of the Columbus County Accountant at the aforesaid address. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids,

All sinks may be viewed and examined inside the fence next to the boiler room of the Dr. W. E. Miller Building (Old Columbus County Hospital).

COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
/s/ C. Waldo Marlowe

Attested:

/s/ Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The following proclamation was passed upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson as presented to the Board by Virginia Harris of Chadbourn:

ENERGY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our Nation, our State and our County face a shortage of energy from fossil fuel sources; and

WHEREAS, it behooves all of our citizens to learn more about how to conserve our limited supply of energy; and

WHEREAS, we should learn more about alternate sources of energy so we may use it more efficiently.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Commissioners, as governing body of Columbus County do urge all citizens to attend the "Synergetics Exposition For 1978", October 11, 1978.

AND NOW, declare the week of October 8-14, 1978, as Energy Conservation Week" in Columbus County.

/s/ Waldo Marlowe, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to hire Ethel Bellamy as secretary at the Section Eight Housing Office upon the recommendation of Otis Collins, Director of Housing.

Mr. E. D. Meares, Fair Bluff, met with the Board to report on the progress to date on establishing a fire district in the Fair Bluff area. The Board gave tentative approval of the work accomplished thus far and appointed Brooks Stanley as the person responsible for sending valuation notices to property owners within the proposed district upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner McPherson. The approved date for the hearing was set for November 14th at 7:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and approved to allow the Finance Officer to destroy the following records in accordance with the Department of Archives & History records Manual:

The following list is for the year 1967-1968:

General Fund - Supporting Data 6068-7568
 Salary Warrants
 AFDC Bank Statements
 AA Bank Statements
 AD Bank Statements
 General Fund Bank Statements
 Revaluation Bank Statements
 Library Bank Statements
 Facilities Fees Bank Statements
 Sanitary District Bank Statements
 Columbus County Schools - General Fund
 ESEA Title II & Title I
 Comprehensive Water & Sewer Planning Grants
 Undistributed Tax Check Copies
 Southeastern Community College Current Expense Check Copies
 Dunn Swamp Drainage No. I Check Copies
 Chadbourn Drainage Check Copies
 Gapway Drainage Check Copies
 Columbus County Undistributed Current Expense
 Economic Development Bank Statements
 Miscellaneous Social Services Papers
 Mental Health Levy Check Copies
 Health Levy Fund Check Copies
 Co-operative Health Check Copies
 Schools Undistributed Current Expense Check Copies
 Board of Education, Clerk of Court, Register of Deeds,-Deposits
 General County Expense Check Copies
 Library Fund Check Copies
 Undistributed Tax Account Deposits
 Riegelwood Sanitary District Check Copies
 Revaluation Fund Check Copies
 Deferred Water Account Bills
 Returned checks for Undistributed Tax, Health Dept., General Fund
 Water & Sewer Grant Check Copies
 Economic Development Check Copies
 General County Deposits

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that Mrs. Sarah Koonce, Chadbourn, be appointed to the Library Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Miss Alice Lowe who is deceased.

Commissioner Williamson reported to the Board on the meeting at Wrightsville Beach with the Council on Developmental Disabilities, Department of Human Resources. A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to invite Karan Chester to Columbus County to present the Developmental Disabilities Program to the Board and other concerned departments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and approved that no copies of the minutes of the Commissioners' meetings be sent to the news media until the minutes are approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that Commissioner Hinson work with Johnny Powell and Howard Stanley to fix the ironwork at the end of the upstairs hall to be safer for children, by adding additional iron strips horizontally to the existing retainer to make the open spaces smaller.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and approved that the office space now occupied by the Section Eight Housing Offices be measured and that the rent charge be adjusted according to local rent charges for similar space.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that the Register of Deeds be allowed \$35.00 per month for travel expenses and that the budget be amended to appropriate the funds from surplus.

Paul Hughes, Maintenance Supervisor, presented bids from Memory's Fire Extinguishers and Strickland's Fire Extinguisher Service to place fire extinguishers in the Miller Building as designated by the Whiteville Fire Chief. A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew that the extinguishers be purchased from the low bidder which is Strickland's Fire Extinguisher Service of Cerro Gordo.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that a copy of the letter and attachments which were sent to Southeastern Regional Mental Health Area Board be forwarded to District Attorney Lee J. Greer, with a letter to Mr. Greer stating that the copies state the position of the Board of Commissioners.

Lois Sparks with International Systems met with the Board to explain the services offered by that Company to assist counties in obtaining grants. She stated the cost for a year for Columbus County would be \$22,000.00, payable at the time a contract was signed. She stated also that if International Systems did not obtain grants in the amount of the charge, the difference would be refunded to the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and approved that the decision on hiring (or not hiring) International Systems be tabled until the next Board meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to request a representative from MICA to meet with the Board again at the next

Board meeting to answer further questions on services offered by MICA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to designate the first week in November as clean-up week in Columbus County and that committee members be named at the next Board meeting.

By general agreement the Board decided to assign the two rooms back of the County Hall, formerly occupied by Soil Conservation Service, to Plant Protection & Quarentine Service, USDA, now located in Chadbourn.

There was a discussion concerning the trailers used by the County but owned by the Board of Education, and the sale of the trailer at the County Airport. The Board asked the Attorney to contact L. R. Bowers, Airport Authority Chairman, and discuss the possibility of the County assisting with the purchase of airport terminal furniture and offer the trailer located at the airport in exchange for one of the trailers owned by the Board of Education. The Chairman was asked to discuss the matter with the Board of Education and relay the fact that if the trailers are moved from the zoned area that no trailer replacement can be made in that area.

The Chairman was also asked to get a price from Crowell Construction Company for the cost of paving parking lots and driveways at the County Hall.

The WATS line report was presented to the Board stating that the line was still being used by the citizens and also officers throughout the County.

Information was given to the Board Members on appointing a Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee which must be done in the near future.

The following Resolution was adopted upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Williamson relating to open meeting laws:

WHEREAS, the 1978 Legislature of North Carolina provided in a new law, effective October 1, 1978, that all Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County meetings shall be open, in addition to numerous other boards, and to that end specific notices must be given and filed with the proper authorities;

BE IT, THEREFORE, KNOWN that the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, holds its regular meetings at 10:00 o'clock, a.m. on the first and third Mondays of each calendar month. When the first or third Monday of any calendar month is on a holiday, the Board then delays its meeting until the next successive normal working day. The Board of County Commissioners of Columbus Cuntly meets and deliberates in its office behind the Accountant's Office in the Columbus County Administrative Building, Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina.

All special meetings of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, are held at the same location for regular meetings. If a special meeting is to be held, the place of the said regular meeting and the time of the special meeting

of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County will, within forty eight (48) hours before the meeting, be posted on the Board's principal bulletin board which is at the first floor, rear entrance to the Administration Building, Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina. In addition thereto, the Board will mail or deliver to each news media which has requested notice of the said special meeting. It is understood that the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County will not charge any amount of money for the mailing of written notice of any special meetings to any of the news media; however, it is understood that any of the respective news media shall be responsible for all long distance phone calls made for their benefit to notify them of any special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, pursuant to the Emergency meeting provision of the new law, is defining "Local News Media" as all Columbus County newspapers provided a request notice is submitted to the said Board, the Wilmington Morning Star, and the Fayetteville Observer.

This the 18th day of September, 1978.

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until October 2, 1978.

APPROVED:

Euogene N. Suggs
CLERK

Waldo M. Lawrence
CHAIRMAN