

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., October 16, 1978, it being third 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 Price, Pastor, Bethel, Lebanon Church, Rt. 1, Clarendon, N. C.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the October 2nd meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson.

A resolution was presented to the Board by R. B. Walters, Director, Economic Development Commission, giving endorsement to continuing the Southeastern Economic Development Commission, which was established in 1968. There was a discussion of the Resolution in which the benefits to Columbus County were itemized. A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson to endorse the Resolution which was followed by a motion by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner McPherson to table the first motion until further information could be obtained for clarification on a study for duplication of services. The Chairman voted to table the motion which was carried.

Later in the meeting Beverly Paul, Director, Council of Governments, stated that the Council definitely supported SEDC and clarified the issue concerning duplication of services study. Commissioner Dew then withdrew his motion to table approval of the Resolution and the original motion by Commissioner Williamson was approved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Economic Development Commission was formed by the intergovernmental cooperation of its constituent counties to serve the economic development interest of these counties as a regional economic development district; and

WHEREAS, since its creation in 1968 it has carried out economic development and public works pursuits within this designated development district in cooperation with the individual member counties, cities and private businesses as directed by its Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus has benefited from the economic development planning, project development and other assistance from the staff and Board Members of the Southeastern Economic Development Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission Members of Columbus County

do hereby endorse the organizational concept of the Southeastern Economic Development Commission and encourage the Southeastern Economic Development Commission to continue to carry out economic development and public works activities as directed on behalf of and in cooperation with Columbus County to assure future growth and development of Columbus County.

/s/ Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

The following budget revision was approved upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner McPherson:

Transfer \$5,969.81 from Relocation to Administration

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

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

John Bullard	South Williams Township	\$7,500.00 Valuation
Henry Layton & Pearl Buck	Bug Hill Township	7,500.00 "
Ruby Dale Simmons	Bolton Township	2,520.00

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Hazel Taylor, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$10,100 for house listed in error.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved that the titles for a 1962 Jeep and a 1956 ½ ton GMC truck be transferred to the respective fire department and rescue squad that now has possession of said vehicles. These vehicles were purchased from federal surplus and have been titled to the County for the required four years and can now be titled to respective owners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved that a purchase order be issued to Motorola, Inc. to purchase cable and install same, to move the antenna for the Columbus County Law Enforcement communications system to a height of 500 feet. No bids were received in response to the advertisement and Motorola extended their offer of October 2nd for 30 days, and this acceptance is subject to issuance of a sole source approval by the State through which the grant for payment is approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the County offices be closed the same days as the State offices for the November holidays, which are: November 13th, Veterans' Day and November 23rd and 24th, Thanksgiving Holidays.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the Chairman approve the purchase order and payment of invoices in the Office of the Tax Supervisor until a Tax Supervisor is appointed.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and approved that the Board adjourn into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

The meeting returned to regular session after a short discussion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that Ms. Chester, Developmental Disabilities Council, be contacted and request that a study be made in Columbus County of the developmental needs that are under the jurisdiction of the Council.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and approved that the Estate of the Brooks Stanley be paid for the remaining part of the month of October not covered by sick leave.

The Attorney was instructed to write a letter to John Porter, who bought the house on Thompson Street in July of 1977, and inquire his plans to remove the house from the County property. The Board has received complaints from the neighborhood area and the City of Whiteville concerning the partially demolished house.

The Adult Parole/Probation Office asked to retain the offices now occupied by them in the Administrative Building as they feel the space assigned to them in the Old Jail is insufficient. No decision was made until the Board can review the space.

Reports presented to the Board were the Tax Collector's Report for the month of September and the WATS line report from the County Police Department.

No decision was made at this meeting on the Mosquito Control Water Management Program as Mr. Oates could not confirm the State matching funds at this date.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until November 7, 1978, at 10:00 a.m.

Approved:

Emogene M. Soggs
Clerk

Waldo Marloune
Chairman