

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., November 6, 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 Vice-Chairman and the invocation was given by Commissioner McPherson.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the October 16th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that the Dog Warden be allowed to purchase and install a radio for his pick-up so that he can have contact with Law Enforcement in the County and especially after five o'clock p.m., which he does not have at the present time. Further, that the Budget not be amended until later in the FY if it is determined that additional funds are necessary to pay his expenses for the FY the Budget may be amended at that time.

*See minutes  
of November 20th  
for correction*

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that Relay Emergency Assistance Communications Team (REACT) be assigned space in the basement of the Miller Building for meeting purposes, until such time as better facilities are available.

A further motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and approved that Commissioner Dew be responsible for having heating facilities installed in the area to be used by REACT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson but not voted on, to appropriate \$200.00 for the Council on the Status of Women to be used for postage and telephone. The Board asked the Attorney to verify if this is a legal expenditure.

Informal bids were received for the paving of approximately 1890 square yards of space in front of the County Hall Building. The following bids were received:

Frank Horne Construction Company, Fair Bluff, N. C.	\$6,415.50/ Alt. \$6,783.75
Hughes Construction Company, Chadbourn, N. C.	Not extended to this date.
Barnes Paving Company, Lumberton, N. C.	5,607.00
Smith Brothers Construction Company, Bladenboro, N. C.	6,139.25

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to award the bid to Barnes Construction Co. and to negotiate to pave a driveway around the building at the same rate per square yard which will be in addition to the bid.

The following tax release was approved upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Dew:

Ordered: that a refund be given to Eston & Glen B. Blackmon, Whiteville, N. C., Bogue Township, in the amount of \$23.40 due to error in valuation on two lots.

David Mazo, Representative of David M. Griffin & Associates, LTD, made a presentation to the Board on services offered by that Company which is principally to help counties and local governments recover indirect costs on programs administered by the County, but operated by federal funding. After the presentation several questions were asked, and, later, a motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that upon the review and approval by the County Attorney, a contract be signed with said Company to assist Columbus County in recovering indirect cost from federal agencies for which the County administers the program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the Board write a letter of support to the Environmental Protection Agency endorsing the emergency exemption request for Mississippi Department of Agriculture & Commerce to formulate and use a new biodegradable formulation of mirex, and that the North Carolina Department of Agriculture be allowed to purchase and use this formulation in North Carolina in the control of fire ants.

A letter of resignation was read to the Board from Col. (Ret.) R. B. Walters, Executive Director of Columbus County Economic Development Commission. The resignation, effective December 1, 1978, was accepted with regret.

A recommendation, from the Town Council of Lake Waccamaw, to reappoint Mr. Ben Douglas and Ms. Helen Coleman to the Lake Waccamaw Planning Board was presented, by letter to the Board for consideration.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to approve the recommendation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and approved to transfer the title of a 1954 GMC Truck to the Volunteer Fire Department of Evergreen which was purchased from federal surplus and is presently being used by that Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Williamson to renominate Donnie Graham to be appointed to the Area Mental Health Board in Lumberton.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner McPherson to nominate Carl Bryant, Rt. 1, Hallsboro, for the appointment.

The following Members voted in favor of the motion to nominate Carl Bryant:  
Commissioners Dew, McPherson and Marlowe.

Commissioners Hinson and Williamson were in favor of the first motion.

Upon taking a vote on the motion to nominate Carl Bryant the following Members voted in favor of Mr. Bryant's nomination: Dew, McPherson, Williamson, and Marlowe

Commissioner Hinson voted against Mr. Bryant's nomination.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved that ADAP be allowed to pick up the pecans at the Miller Building and purchase equipment for that Program with the funds being deposited in the General Fund and the disbursements being made by the County Finance Officer.

Members of the Whiteville Chamber of Commerce, with Sam T. Gore as spokesman, met with the Board to ask the support of the Board to work in favor of extending area telephone service toll-free between Whiteville and Tabor City. The Board had already supported this service in a prior meeting and agreed to support the Chamber of Commerce in further efforts to accomplish this. A public hearing was set for November 13, 1978, at 7:30 pm in the County Courthouse to invite the public to be heard.

The Clerk informed the Board that a letter was being sent to the Administrator of each nursing home in the County to invite them to nominate persons to be considered to serve on an advisory board for nursing homes within the County. This is a requirement forty-five days prior to naming the Committee.

Steve Whitacre, Carroll-Phelps Representative working in Columbus County, met with the Board to make a progress report on the revaluation for the County. He stated that at this time the work was 7% complete. The Board asked that he make a monthly report on the progress of the revaluation.

Dr. Jerry Paschal presented the Board with a book which was a report on the operation of the County Schools Administrative Unit for the year 1977-78.

The Tax Collector's Report for the month of October was also reviewed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus presently has twelve (12) certified fire departments within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the present time there are three hundred and fifty-nine (359) certified firemen and that only sixteen (16) of the said firemen are members of the Firemen's Pension Fund; and

WHEREAS, many members of the various Columbus County certified fire departments are desirous of becoming members of the Firemen's Pension Fund and would like the "doors open" in order to pay back membership dues; and

WHEREAS, there are also numerous rescue squads within Columbus County which need to be added to and covered under the North Carolina Firemen's Pension Fund,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY that the said Board is now requesting the Legislators representing the said County, to wit; The Honorable R. C. Soles, Jr., Senator; The Honorable O. Richard Wright, Jr., Representative; The Honorable Edd Nye, Representative; and The Honorable Ron Taylor, Representative; to introduce a bill in the North Carolina General Assembly

which would allow the doors to be open pursuant to Chapter 118 of the General Statutes which created the North Carolina Firemen's Pension Fund for retroactive membership in the said funds by payment of prior membership dues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY THAT A COPY OF THIS FOREGOING RESOLUTION be forwarded to the Honorable James B. Hunt, The Honorable James C. Green; Local Government Commission; the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (Mr. Ron Aycock, Director); and the Honorable Henry L Bridges, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Firemen's Pension Fund.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
/s/ C. W. Marlowe, Chairman

Attested:

/s/ Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to amend the Health Department budget in the amount of \$11,384.00 in the Home Health Program Expenditures, with the State grants for clinics to be increased in the same amount.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until November 20, 1978, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs  
Clerk

Waldo Marlowe  
Chairman