

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 9:30 a.m., December 18, 1978, according to adjournment and at 10:00 a.m., 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 a motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the meeting adjourn into executive session to further discuss the personnel problem at the Landfill.

At 10:00 a.m. the meeting convened in regular session and the invocation was given by Commissioner Hinson.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the December 4th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the following persons be appointed to serve on the initial Nursing Home Committee for Columbus County:

Ms. Lynn Thompson	Lake Waccamaw
Ms. Ethel Powell	Chadbourn
Ms. Zola Harrelson	South Whiteville
Mr. C. H. Pinner	Tabor City
Mr. Martin Schulken	Whiteville

A further motion was passed to appoint Commissioner McPherson to serve as ex officio member of the Nursing Home Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to approve the budget transfer for the Economic Development Commission to allow payment of the 201 facilities study which was in cooperation with Whiteville.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that all County payroll checks be released as soon after December 20th as possible.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to give Louise Stone, Fair Bluff, a check from the ODP Fund in the amount of \$50.00.

The annual report for the Youth Task Force Study Committee was presented to the Board by Chairman, Jimmy Godwin, accompanied by several other Committee members. The following is a list presented by the Committee and approved by the Board as the needs for status offenders and youth-at-risk in Columbus County:

1. Emergency shelter care facilities for abused and neglected children and for some undisciplined and delinquent children.

2. A public awareness program which would inform citizens needing help about programs already available in the County.

3. A program whereby volunteers would help children who are likely to appear or have already appeared before the court for status and delinquent offenses.

4. Parent training classes in Columbus County as a juvenile delinquency prevention program. We recommend that Southeastern Community College be utilized.

5. A program which would enable human service agencies that are familiar with children who appear before the juvenile court to provide information to the Juvenile Court Judge prior to court disposition.

6. Expansion of the Youth Work Experience Program funded by the Comprehensive Training and Employment Act and currently operated by Sencland Community Action., Inc.

7. A suspension plan which would eliminate children from being unsupervised while suspended from the regular public school program.

Mr. Godwin also presented a revised budget to transfer funds between line items to better serve the children with the total cost remaining the same, which was approved by the Board. (Copy filed with the Finance Officer)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that the Finance Officer be responsible for filing the accident reports to the Workmen's Compensation Insurance Company and a copy of each report be filed with the OSHA Officer. Also, the Clerk was instructed to write each Department Head and request that a list of their employees be submitted to Howard Stanley and any future employment or terminations be reported to him.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to allow the Finance Officer to pay the CETA employees working on the Title VI Library Project from the General Fund and be reimbursed by the Office of Community Employment.

It was further approved that the two part-time slots at the Tabor City Library be made full time beginning January 1, 1979, and the Library budget be increased in the amount of \$2,574.00 to cover the cost of salaries and fringe benefits.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that the County appropriate \$250.00 to participate in a shade tree program for Columbus County. This request was presented to the Board by John Spaulding, Extension Agent.

At 2:00 the Finance Officer announced that it was the designated time for the budget hearing concerning the transfer of Revenue Sharing Funds from the Public Safety Commission to the Sheriff's Department.

No citizens came to be heard and no comments were received in writing.

The Board revised the budget to not include the CETA employee who is a cook at the jail and that amount of funds is to be deleted from the proposed budget as presented by the Sheriff. It was also clarified that the understanding of the Board from the Sheriff's Department was that the employees transferring from the Public Safety Commission be treated

as new employees as they were paid for accumulated vacation by the Public Safety Commission and they will start with no vacation or sick leave as employees of the Sheriff's Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that the General Fund loan the Airport Fund sufficient monies to pay the building contractor who constructed the airport terminal. The loan will be repaid with funds from the Department of Transportation when final inspections are made and approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to adjourn into executive session to discuss a personnel matter in the Tax Supervisor's Office.

The meeting adjourned back into regular session and the Board were presented with applications for the position of Tax Supervisor.

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for Tax Supervisor.

Commissioner McPherson nominated Ralph Jolly for the position.

No other nominations were made and Commissioner Hinson moved that the nominations be closed.

Mr. Jolly, of the Tabor City area, was appointed Tax Supervisor by acclamation, and is to begin employment on January 1, 1979, and will be open for appointment (or reappointment) in each odd year on July 1st according to the North Carolina General Statutes.

Reports reviewed by the Board were Tax Collector's Report, Grand Jury Report for November session and the WATS-line Report for November.

Shelton Hooks, County Forest Ranger, met with the Board and informed them that he will be moving to a position with the Whiteville District Office. He reviewed the requirements for the position and asked that the Board submit any names they wish to be considered in filling the vacancy. Three names were discussed as applicants who are Joel McClellan, Melvin Brown and Mitchell Stephens. The Board understands that the State has the final approval of the person hired to fill the position.

A mutual aid agreement was presented to the Board that had been prepared by the American National Red Cross Chapters as the Red Cross would not sign the Agreement formerly approved by the Board as presented by the Civil Preparedness Office. The Board advised that the Attorney and the Civil Preparedness Coordinator prepare an Agreement that will be acceptable by both the County and the Red Cross for adoption.

Henry Molden, State Personnel Office, met with the Board and reviewed the proposed Affirmative Action Plan he had prepared for Columbus County. The Board commended him on his presentation and told him that they would further study the Plan and make a decision by the third Monday in January on the adoption of changing the plan.

Commissioner Hinson brought to the attention of the Board that he learned in the Governor's Energy Conference that the State offered the service to Counties to do a walk-through audit of County buildings and make recommendations to the County how to improve

the buildings to conserve energy. The Clerk was instructed to contact the State office and request this service for Columbus County.

The following Contract Agreement was approved upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT

This contract and agreement, made and entered into this the 18th day of December, 1978, by and between Columbus County, North Carolina, party of the first part, also referred to hereinafter as "the said county," and the White Marsh-Welches Creek Community Volunteer Fire Department, a non-profit corporation, party of the second part, also referred to hereinafter as "the Fire Department."

WITNESSETH:

That WHEREAS N. C. G. S. 153A-233 provides that a County is authorized to appropriate funds to Fire Departments to enable them to obtain fire fighting equipment and to finance the operations of the Volunteer Fire Departments, either within or outside the boundaries of said county and "the said county" is further authorized to contract with the said Fire Department and to make annual appropriations pursuant to said contract; and

WHEREAS, it is desirous that the Fire Department make application to United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, for a loan in the amount of \$25,000.00, and

WHEREAS, in consideration for mutual promises and agreements herein contained and pursuant to the general powers and authority of the Fire Department to furnish fire fighting protection and the general powers and authority of the said county to provide for the said fire protection for its inhabitants throughout the county, the parties hereunto mutually contract and agree as follows:

(a) The said Fire Department agrees to furnish and provide continuing Fire protection to all citizens and inhabitants of Columbus County, North Carolina, by properly dispatching, calling upon calls of any resident within the said county with the Fire Department's emergency equipment and adequate personnel to operate the same and then making diligent efforts to provide emergency assistance necessary for the sustaining of life and property.

(b) Said Fire Department, in providing these services, shall use its own means and methods which shall not be subject to control, direction, or supervision, by the party of the first part. That all emergency equipment and personnel necessary and proper for the performance of this contract shall be provided by the said Fire Department at its sole cost and expense and all persons engaged in the fire missions, pursuant to the provisions of this contract shall be subject to exclusive control, supervision, and direction of the said Fire Department. That the party of the first part shall not have in any way the right nor power with respect to the employment, control, direction, or supervision, suspen-

suspension, or discharge of any persons who may engage in Fire missions and activities and performances of obligations imposed by this contract upon the said Department in furnishing emergency services to the party of the first part for the benefit of the inhabitants of Columbus County.

(c) That the procedures for communicating the existence of emergency to the said Fire Department shall be established by mutual agreement by the parties hereto and shall be properly published.

(d) As full compensation for the fire services to be rendered by the Fire Department as herein provided, the party of the first part agrees to pay to White Marsh-Welches Creek Community Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. a sum equal \$4,000.00, annually on or before the 1st day of September, or as follows: As soon as the fiscal year shall commence.

(e) That all funds paid to the party of the second part by the party of the first part shall be used exclusively to provide fire service within the said coverage area, and to pay other legitimate fire expenses including principle and interest on the aforementioned loan made by the Farmers Home Administration.

(f) This contract shall extend for a term of 20(Twenty) years from the date of the Farmers Home Administration loan closing and may be renewed or extended for such term or terms as may be agreed upon by the parties hereto.

(g) That this contract is hereby pledged to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, as part of the security for the loan from the United States of America.

IN WITNESSETH WHEREOF, the County of Columbus, party of the first part, has caused this contract to be executed in its name, by its Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners, attested to by its Auditor, and the County Seal hereunto affixed, all by authority of Board of Commissioners duly given, and White Marsh-Welches Creek Community Volunteer Fire Department, incorporated body, has caused this contract to be executed in its name by its President and attested to by its Secretary and its corporate seal has hereunto been affixed, all by authority of the Board of Directors duly given, as of date and year first written above.

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

By: /s/ C. W. Marlowe  
Chairman

Attest:

/s/ Emogene W. Suggs  
Auditor

WHITE MARSH-WELCHES CREEK  
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE  
DEPARTMENT

By: /s/ Burris V. Sellers

Attest:

/s/ Faye S. Pierce, Secretary

## CERTIFICATION

## COUNTY ACCOUNTANT

Provision for the payment of the monies to fall due under this agreement, has been made by application duly made, or by bonds or notes duly authorized as required by the County Fiscal Control Act.

/s/ Emogene W. Suggs  
County Accountant

This the 18th day of December, 1978.

## COUNTY ATTORNEY

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing instrument and approved same as being legal and in proper form.

/s/ James E. Hill, Jr.  
Attorney for Columbus County, N. C.

This the 18th day of December, 1978.

The following tax releases were approved upon motion by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner McPherson:

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

Albert Eugene Richardson	Williams Township	\$3,655 Valuation
Hugh Nobles	Whiteville Township	7,500. "
Lucy & Neal Hawes	Bug Hill Township	2,700. "

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Robert Loyd Jacobs, Bolton Township, be released for the years 1976 through 1978 on the valuation of \$7,000 due to an error in listing a house.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Billie Faye and James Malone, Cerro Gordo Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$12,000 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Alexander Graham, Welches Creek Township, be released on the valuation of \$6,660 due to an error in listing a dwelling that had burned.

Ordered: that a refund be issued to Carl Meares, Fair Bluff Township, for the year 1978 due to an error in listing two lots valued at \$16,650.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Sidney R. & Barbara Hill, Whiteville Township, for the year 1978 due to a trailer being double listed in Columbus County and Columbia, S. C. The trailer was located in S. C. on January 1, 1978.

Upon motion the meeting recessed until December 19, 1979, at 3:00 p.m. to continue unfinished business.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs Clerk

Waldo Malone Chairman