

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., January 2, 1979, Monday being a legal holiday.

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 Commissioner McPherson.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the December 18th, 19th and 21st were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson.

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

Ordered: that a refund be issued to Mrs. Retha Malott (Joseph Malott Heirs), P. O. Box 99, Chadbourn, N. C., Chadbourn Township, in the amount of \$90.00 for 1978 taxes due to eligibility for Property Tax Relief for the Elderly and Permanently & Totally Disabled Persons Act.

Ordered: that a refund be issued to Duffie Butler, Rt. 3, Box 261, Whiteville, N. C., Lees Township, in the amount of \$65.28 due to error in paying wrong taxes.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that the Board meet with the Department Heads at the regular meeting on the third Monday in February, and quarterly thereafter, and that the Clerk ask the Board of Education to make copies of the County Administrative Policy to distribute to each employee with the following changes:

1. That County employees' holidays be consistent with holidays allowed State employees.
2. That the mandatory retirement age be changed from 65 to 70 in accordance with the Age Discrimination Act revision.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the Cape Fear Council of Governments be designated as the area agency for the aging which includes Columbus County.

Claude Spivey met with the Board to complain that the Tabor City Rescue Squad had refused to transport him to the hospital when he needed assistance and that they accepted tax funds from the County and could not refuse to serve any citizen of the County. The Chief stated that the reason for the refusal was that Mr. Spivey had threatened to sue the Squad if they transported any of his family. The Board asked the Attorney to clarify the

matter concerning the use of tax funds.

The Board asked Cecil Edwards to go out and check the ditches between the property of Edd Frink and Mrs. Empie Watts to see if any violations under his jurisdiction have occurred from stopping of the ditch by throwing motors and other debris in the ditch, and also, the possibility of raw sewage in the ditch. Mr. Frink had reported misuse of his property.

The following Resolution was passed upon motion by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner McPherson:

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Commissioners (herein referred to as "Sponsor") has made a formal application to the Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as the "Department" for State financial aid for Columbus County Airport; and

WHEREAS, a grant in the maximum amount of \$13,500.00 has been approved;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Sponsor be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Department as may be necessary, to effectuate the aforesaid expressed purpose, thereby binding the Sponsor to the fulfillment of its obligation incurred under this resolution and to its agreement under the said Grant Agreement with the Department.

Kirk Grosch, Community Development Director, presented the pre-application to be presented to HUD, for Community Development Funds. He stated that the previously designated areas must be completed before selecting new areas and the the new areas should contain only the number of houses to be rehabilitated or improved that can actually be serviced.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and approved that the pre-application be submitted to HUD upon review and approval by the County Attorney.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until January 15, 1979, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Emogene M. Logg  
Clerk

Waldo Melrose  
Chairman