

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 16, 1979, according to adjournment.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

C. Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

Junior W. Dew, Vice-Chairman

Edward W. Williamson

L. A. Hinson

David L. MCPerson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

There was a discussion with the Sheriff and Chief Deputy concerning a plain-clothed detective department being established under the Sheriff's Department. The Board had received requests from Tabor City Town Council to establish a detective department to assist towns in major crimes such as murder and rape, which had been available before the merger of the County Police Dept. and the Sheriff's Dept. Deputy Sasser stated that the Sheriff could organize his Department as he sees fit to best serve the public and he feels the present set-up is the best service to the public. He also stated that they would go back to a detective division under the Sheriff's Department when they have qualified and dedicated personnel.

There were approximately 20 persons present, including the press, who were given a chance to be heard on the matter.

In finality, the Sheriff indicated that he would set up a detective division in the future but no definite time was quoted.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until February 5, 1979, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs  
Clerk

Waldo Marlowe  
Chairman

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Board be designated as the Affirmative Action Officer.

About ten interested wildlife hunters met with the Board and presented petitions protesting the adoption of the Resolution passed by the Board in the October 2nd meeting which requested that local legislation be passed to close bear season in Columbus County.

After a discussion of the matter between the hunters, Denton Baumbarger, Wildlife Biologist, and the Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to rescind the Resolution of October 2nd and leave the decision on bear hunting season for Columbus County up to the wildlife personnel. It was further ordered that a notice be sent to the respective Legislators who have been sent the original Resolution and request that they not introduce local legislation for the County on this matter.

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

Ordered: that the late listing penalty of \$11.56 on the 1978 tax listing of Clyde Dale Bradley, Ransom Township, be released due to an error in typing the receipt by leaving off the amount of the penalty on the copy mailed to the taxpayer.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of J. B. Williamson and Bobby Floyd, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$6,000.00 due to double listing of 2/3 ownership of a tobacco harvester also listed by American Lease Plans, Inc.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Raymond Wayne and Dana W. Ivey, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,000.00 due to double listing 1/3 ownership of a tobacco harvester also listed by American Lease Plans, Inc.

Ordered: that the taxes listed for 1978, in the name of Dock McCoy Heirs, % Sue McCoy, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$8,440.00 due to an error in transferring taxes to Mrs. McCoy for which she was exempt by the Senior Citizens Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of E. E. Wright, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$6,800 due to an error in transferring property.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Fred Smith, Rt. 1, Box 301, Nakina, N. C., in the amount of \$15.33, Lees Township, due to an error in numbering the tax receipts. Fred Smith paid Foster Smith's taxes and returned the receipt.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Pioneer Savings & Loan Association in the amount of \$81.74 due to an error in paying taxes for Stuart Kuykendall, Jr.'s/taxes and should have been Stuart Kuykendall, Sr.'s only, Whiteville Township.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Sadie S. Buffkin, Rt. 4, Whiteville, N. C., due to an error in paying the wrong persons' taxes for 1978 in Lees Township.