

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., March 5, 1979, 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 (Part-time) Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by Commissioner McPherson.

The minutes of the February 19th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson.

Robert Clark, SENClad Community Action Director, met with the Board to ask their approval of making application for five vehicles for their transportation program for the FY 1980. Mr. Clark explained that this application is made subject to availability of matching funds by the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that SENClad Community Action, Inc. make application for the five busses subject to availability of County matching funds but no definite commitment be made at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that Community Development budget be amended in the amount of \$6,628.00, to be transferred from Construction to Administration.

It was also ordered that the Chairman sign the encroachment agreements for the right-of-way for the Construction Project for street and drainage improvements to SR1448, located south of Chadbourn and being paid for from Community Development Funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that SENClad Community Action, Inc. make application for funds from the State Department of Human Resources, Division of the Aging, to implement a "Focal Point" service for the aging as a pilot program and appoint an advisory board with Clifton McClellan as Chairman.

Larry Mincy, Juvenile Task Force Member, presented a request to the Board to make application for funds through the Division of Crime Control of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety to implement a volunteer tutoring service to be administered by the Columbus County Board of Education for Juveniles-at-risk and/or Juveniles already in the Justice System.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the Board write a letter of intent for Columbus County to participate in the above named program.

A further motion relating to the Task Force was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to appoint Elaine Canup, a juvenile who is a consumer of services, to serve on the Youth Task Force to fulfill the requirements of the program referred to above.

Other persons on the Task Force are:

Jimmy Godwin	Jeanette S. Wyche	Sue Prescott	Thelma Blackmon	Olive Wright
Berline Graham	Garland McCullen	Jo Anne Vereen	Debra McNeil	Larry Mincey
Reuben Kesner	George Allen	Wm. Morrison	Clarence Brown	Jim Bellamy

At 12:00 Noon bids were opened and read aloud, for the purchase of voting equipment.

Bids were recorded as follows:

Valtec	Option 1.	Total System	\$ 92,000.00
Tulsa, Oklahoma	Option 2.	22 Precincts	75,000.00
	Option 3.		88,900.00
	Option 4.		71,900.00

Computer Electronics System			
Greensboro, N. C.	Option .	Total System	103,480.00

Other options presented by CES were various plans for payment and not different equipment purchases. There was a discussion of the bids as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to purchase the voting equipment from Computer Elections Systems. The purchase is for a complete system, Option 1 and the Finance Officer is to work out a payment plan with Mr. Sloss, the Sales Representative. There were several citizens of the County present who endorsed the Computer Elections System.

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

Ordered: that a refund be given to Ronald Thompson, Rt. 4, Whiteville, N. C., Leesons Township, in the amount of \$78.84 for 1978 taxes paid in error,

Ordered: that a refund be given to Lillian Floyd Furdie, Rt. 1, Box 229, Evergreen, N. C. Tatum Township, in the amount of \$38.54 for 1975 taxes paid due to an error in transferring property. And that the 1974, 1976, 1977, and 1978 taxes be cancelled.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Woodrow R. & Anilou Scott, Rt. 1, Box 88D, Lake Waccamaw, N. C., Waccamaw Township, for \$62.28 due to an error in the valuation of their house for 1978 taxes.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Joseph Paul and Genevieve Murray, Chadbourn, N. C., Chadbourn Township, for 1978 taxes double listed, in the amount of \$41.70.

Ordered: that a refund check be given to Royal & Udell Cribb, Williams Township, in the amount of \$174.72 due to an error in transferring property for the years 1977 and 1978.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Etta Spaulding, Rt. 2, Clarkton, N. C., in the amount of \$38.52 for the 1978 taxes paid in error due to error in transferring property, Welches Creek Township.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Joseph Allen Strickland, Whiteville, N. C., Whiteville Township, in the amount of \$125.40 for 1974-1978 taxes due to an error in transferring property.

Ordered: that the following valuations be released for the respective years for taxes listed to Annie Mae Lennon Heirs, Tatum Township, due to an error in listing.

(double Listed):

1971	\$ 680.00	1975	\$ 880.00
1972	680.00	1976	880.00
1973	440.00	1977	880.00
1974	880.00	1978	880.00

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Ardle P. Duncan, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$425.00 due to an error in listing... (Double listing an auto.)

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Foster V. & Deloris Brown, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$6,340.00 due a house being burned in 1977.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Charlie L. Norris, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$10,470.00 due to an error in the amount of property owned by Mr. Norris.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of George Alford & Dianne O. Blackwell, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,900.00 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Frank B. Workman & Wife, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,990.00 due to a house being destroyed by fire.

Ordered: that the 1974, 1976, 1977 and 1978 taxes listed in the name of Lillian Floyd Purdie, Tatum Township, be released due to an error in transferring property.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that a letter be written to the Legislators representing Columbus County and ask their support for the following bills: House Bills #256 and 123; Senate Bills #166 and 7. Also express opposition to House Bill 132.

The Board reviewed applications for the Maintenance/ Cleaning position at County Hall. After the review, the following persons were nominated for the position, Alex Riddick, nominated by Commissioner Williamson and Howard Osbourne, nominated by Commissioner Dew.

Upon taking a vote, Commissioners McPherson, Williamson and Marlowe voted to hire Mr. Riddick.

Commissioners Dew and Hinson voted to hire Mr. Osbourne. Mr. Alex Riddick was hired for the position.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to give Tony Shell \$50.00 from the Out-Door-Poor Fund.

Dr. Jerry Paschal appeared before the Board and announced to the Commission-

ers that he had presented his resignation to the Board of Education effective when his present Contract expires in the Spring. He expressed deep appreciation to the Board for their fine relationship during his work as County School Supt. for the past six years in Columbus County. In return, the Board expressed regrets in his resignation and commended him on a job well done.

Several citizens appeared before the Board requesting improvements on the following roads; SR# 1802, 1800, 1532 and 1534. These citizens had appeared before the Board in the past for this same purpose and stated that no improvements had been made. ~~The~~ Board expressed a need for these roads to be improved but stated that the process was slow and that the repairs that had to be made to US #74-76 had delayed other road work.

Claude Spivey appeared before the Board to request the County to appropriate funds to transport indigent patients to the hospitals. The Board discussed the matter and stated that no decision should be made without consulting with the rescue squads in the County who render a great service as volunteers.

Other reports presented to the Board were:

Tax Collector's Report for February

Revaluation Report - Process is 18% complete.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until March 19, 1979, at 10:00 a.m. which is regular meeting time.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Seagr
Clerk

Waldo Marshall
Chairman