

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 17, 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 (Part-time)

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by The Reverend Jay, Director, Good Shepherd Home, Lake Waccamaw.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the March 22nd and April 2nd meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Dew.

An amended contract with Moore & Price, PA, was approved by the Board upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson to audit County funds for the fiscal year 1978-79, including CETA Funds and HUD Funds.

Applications were reviewed for the maintenance/cleaning job at the Miller Building and Claude Boswell was selected from the four applicants upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Dew.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to amend the budget of the Tax Supervisor to contract with Steve Whitacre to assist him in appraising certain property in the County to be added to the tax valuation this fiscal year. The estimated cost is \$4,500.00 to be appropriated from Surplus.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to amend the Airport Construction Budget to include any donations for improvements at the Airport such as paving, hangers, ect.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to appoint Howard Stanley as the energy crisis coordinator for Columbus County. The Chairman was designated to ask Mr. Stanley to report to the Board on any matters that are related to his work, in making reports to other agencies.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that Paul Hughes have the necessary repairs made to the trailer now occupied by the Red Cross Office and to anchor the unit down for safety.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to approve the following as recommended by Wray Thompson regarding publishing Columbus County, North Carolina: Records and Recollections:

1. Approve the appropriating of funds for publishing the book with the net receipts from the sale of the book reimbursing the County.

of Elections strongly preferred the Valtec System but stated that they would use either system purchased by the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to proceed with the tentative agreement already made with the Computer Elections Systems to purchase their system, and as stated in an earlier meeting, appropriate the funds from Surplus and pay at the time of invoice in total.

The Reverend Jay, Director, Good Shepherd Home, met with the Board to express appreciation for all assistance given to the Home and request that the Board include an appropriation for the Home in the uncoming budget. He presented letters from Senator R. C. Soles, Jr. and Representative Richard Wright supporting the work done by the Home to rehabilitate alcoholics and asked that funds appropriated be increased to the Home from the 5¢ ABC Tax which must be used to rehabilitate alcoholics. Reverend Jay expressed a desire to extend services to women and teen age alcoholics. No action was taken at this time.

A budget request was also presented to the Board by Retired Senior Volunteer Program Director, Susan Harmon. She reviewed the services now given by their Program and asked the Board to appropriate \$10,000.00 for their share of the 1979-80 budget. She was accompanied by some program participants who expressed full support and enjoyment in working as volunteers.

Paul Pone, Spokesman for the Interagency Council, presented a budget request to the Board to continue a transportation program now funded by a Department of Transportation grant. Total funds requested from the County is \$26,000.00. This Program would continue to be operated by SENClard Community Action coordinated with another transportation program.

A letter was read to the Board from Judge Frank Grady requesting that the County furnish a "holding" room in the Courthouse for prisoners being brought to court. Commissioner Dew made a motion to table the matter until funds can be provided, possibly through a grant.

Thomas Cassell again met with the Board, along with Representatives from local lending agencies, to further discuss the benefits of participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. Al Hackney, SNB, stated that they do not make loans in flood designated areas. Pioneer Savings & Loan Company stated that this was also their policy. Waccamaw Bank Representative stated that they may make loans in flood designated areas but must make this information known to the borrower. He stated that we (Bank) think the Flood Insurance Program is a good Program. The Board did not make a decision at this time.

A drainage problem in the eastern part of the County was discussed at the request of Clifford Pierce. After the discussion Commissioner Dew was designated to talk with DOT Personnel to see if any help could be given to the problem.

Upon motion the meeting recessed until 9:00 a.m., April 19, 1979, for Equalization & Review, and unfinished business.

APPROVED: Eurogene M. Suggs Clerk

Waldo Melrose Chairman