

addition to the physical education building.

The Clerk was instructed to write a letter to each agency Board and invite them to a meeting on July 23rd at Southeastern Community College to discuss the proposals and invite the Columbus County Board of Education to present a proposal by that time to be considered in the bond referendum. Other items that need to be decided concerning the referendum will be discussed at this meeting to make preparation for the referendum.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved to increase the salary of the Childrens' Librarian to \$10,784.00. The funds are to be appropriated from State Aid that was not included in the original budget estimate.

The following proclamation was passed upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner McPherson:

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, through its Federal Insurance Administration, (FIA), has identified certain areas of this community as flood prone; and

WHEREAS, in response to that action we have undertaken measures to reduce the incidence of flooding in these hazardous areas; and

WHEREAS, the FIA has now accepted this community into the National Flood Insurance Program and has made low cost federally subsidized flood insurance available to our property owners; and

WHEREAS, individual owners in identified areas must purchase flood insurance to be eligible for federal financial assistance for building purposes in these areas,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That we, Columbus County, endorse the National Flood Insurance Program as a sound step in developing a more sensible approach to flood plain management; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That we urge all owners of property in identified flood prone areas to take advantage of the program as a solid financial protection against property damage caused by future flooding, and also to ensure that they will continue to be eligible for federally related financial assistance for buildings in areas where floods may occur.

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

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes and the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Danny & Mary Price, Whiteville Township, be cancelled due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1977 taxes listed in the name of Danny Paul & Mary Sue Price, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$10,580.00 due to error in paying the wrong tax receipt.

Ordered: that the Late Listing Penalty be released on the 1978 taxes listed in the name of Horace Edward & Barbara H. Watts, Williams Township, in the amount of \$27.25.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Flossie M. Jernigan, Rt. 1, Box 93, Tabor City, N. C. 28463, Williams Township, in the amount of \$69.96 due to an error in computing valuation of property for 1976.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to appoint Commissioner McPherson as the voting delegate to the N. C. Association of County Commissioners Convention in Raleigh.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed authorizing the Chairman to sign the Child Support Enforcement Contract with Burns & Maxwell, Lawyers for the fiscal year 1979-80.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to suspend action taken in the meeting of July 2nd concerning sending a letter to Georgia-Pacific Company, Inc., concerning reports from citizens concerned about the increasing lease rates on Georgia-Pacific's property for hunting purposes.

Hugh Clark, FMHA Manager, met with the Board to ask that renovations be made to the Floyd Johnson Center as he felt the office could better serve the public with certain changes, i.e. move the entrance from the front to the east end of the building and build a counter to divide the working area from the lobby. This question has been discussed at earlier meetings. The Board told Mr. Clark they would visit the building and make a decision later in the day.

After a visit to the Center, a motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the structure of the building not be changed, but that the Board work in cooperation with Mr. Clark to provide adequate space to curb persons from going into the working area and to be compatible with their needs.

Hobson Ivey, Landfill Supervisor, requested the purchase of a chasis for use at the Landfill to replace the Ford chasis now in use but excessively expensive to operate due to many repairs needed. The Board will consider this request until the next meeting.

There was further discussion concerning the purchase of a tank and pump to store gasoline to be used by various County Departments. The Board decided to advertise for the purchase of two 6000 gallon tanks and two pumps, with an option to purchase either one or two and, also, an option on the installation of the tank, either by the County or the seller.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Monday, July 23, 1979, at the College to meet with the Boards of Education, College and the Library concerning a proposed bond referendum.

APPROVED:

Eugene W. Suggs
Clerk

Waldo McElowe
Chairman