

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., August 20, 1979, it being third 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

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

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

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the August 6th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson.

Approximately 20 persons met with the Board, who live on SR#1967 or own property on same, (Waccamaw Shores). Ervin Stocks acted as spokesman for the group to ask the Board to support them in getting the Department of Transportation to pave SR#1967. The road is 2.8 miles in length and has 85 homes located on it.

As a result of the request the following action was taken:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County respectfully request the Department of Transportation to place SR #1967 as one of the top priorities for paving of secondary roads should any funds become available for Columbus County as a result of the Department not being able to secure a right-of-way on roads already budgeted in the 1979-80 budget for Columbus County in their secondary roads allocation.

The above resolution was passed upon motion by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Williamson.

Members of the Riegelwood Sanitary District Commission met with the Board to allow them to contract with Acme-Delco-Riegelwood Fire Department for protection of the Sanitary District which is enclosed by ADR District. Their interest in making this request to the Board was that the County continue to collect taxes for the Sanitary District and distribute a designated amount to ADR Fire Department for their service.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that the County Attorney work with the Commission to draw the contract with the Sanitary District and the Fire District and the County would continue to collect and distribute as designated by the Sanitary District Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to appropriate \$75.00 from Surplus to fund expenses for the Columbus County Youth Task force such as postage and telephone calls.

The following Resolution was passed upon motion by Commissioner Williamson

and seconded by Commissioner McPherson:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION CONTRACT FOR
COLUMBUS COUNTY

WHEREAS, The County of Columbus proposes to enter into an Annual Contributions Contract with the United States of America, Department of Housing & Urban Development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by PHA as follows:

Section 1. The Contract, numbered Contract No. A-3242-E, is hereby approved and accepted both as to form and substance and the Housing Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Contract in triplicate on behalf of the PHA, and the Clerk to the Board is hereby authorized and directed to impress and attest the official seal of the PHA on each such other documents evidencing the approval and authorizing the execution thereof as may be required by the Government.

Section 2. The Housing Director is hereby authorized to file with the Government from time to time, as monies are required, requisitions together with the necessary supporting document, for payment under the Contract.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

/s/ Waldo Marlowe, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with David M. Griffith & Associates, Ltd. to prepare an indirect cost plan for Columbus County and that \$7,000 be appropriated from Surplus to cover the cost of the contract.

Kirk Grosch, Community Development Director, met with the Board to advise them that the Community Development office in Chadbourn will be closed by the end of this week (8/24/79). He expressed thanks and appreciation to the Board for their support during his employment with Community Development. He suggested that the County not participate in a shared agency with more than one other agency in the future as it was too demanding with four agencies involved to do the best job in these types of projects. The Board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Grosch for a job well done.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to amend the Community Development budget, as approved by Housing & Urban Development, and as follows:

Decrease: Relocation	\$ 5,970.00	Increase: Administration	\$ 5,970.00
Demolition	1,250.00	Planning & Management	1,250.00
Public Works	8,128.00	Administration	13,089.00
Rehab	28,961.00	Relocation	24,000.00

Commissioner McPherson commented on subjects discussed at the N. C. Association of County Commissioners Annual Convention in Raleigh. Information presented by Commissioner McPherson was that Governor Hunt will ask the Legislature to appropriate two million dollars, during their mini-session, to be used to assist counties which were underbudgeted for Medicaid which was due to changes made by the Legislature in the percent counties were

charging for nursing home care.

As a result of the information, a motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the Clerk obtain the necessary forms to apply for a loan from the State of N. C., interest free, and make application for a loan in the amount of \$20,977.63 to cover the Medicaid deficit for 1978-79. The loan is to be paid at such time as the Legislature appropriates the funds to aid counties.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved that the Chairman sign a contract with the Department of Corrections to continue to house certain prisoners at a rate of \$10.00 per day for one year rather than the two years requested in the contract.

There was a discussion of the time for the Bond referendum and a motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and approved that the date be set for December 1, 1979, in accordance with the request made by the Board of Education. (County)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that advertisement be made for purchasing a chasis to replace the Ford chasis at the Landfill using the same specifications as used in the most recent advertisement. The Board will make a decision at the time of the bid opening as to whether they will purchase the chasis or not. The advertisement does not commit the Board to purchase the chasis and no funds are appropriated at this time.

A request was made by Robert Clark, SENCLand Director, that the County advance funds on the transportation programs operated by SENCLand on a reimbursement basis. He stated that SENCLand did not have funds available to pay operating expenses.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to advance SENCLand \$12,000.00 for the operation of the transportation programs subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to its legality.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to amend the Economic Development budget to appropriate from their surplus \$400.00 to cover expenses for June that have not been paid.

There were letters presented to the Board from the Sheriff requesting salary increases and promotions for various employees of the Sheriff's Department and Jail. Eleven salary increases were requested and two reclassifications. After a discussion of the request with the Sheriff and the Attorney consulting by phone, with the Governor's Economic Advisor, Ken Flynt, a motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that no salary changes be made at this time as any increase over 7% would be in violation of the President's guidelines and each employee had been given a 7% salary increase July 1, 1979. The motion was to table the matter until the next budget time but if slots became vacant during the year the Sheriff could promote present employees as he desires.

Chairman Marlowe brought it to the attention of the Board that the two year guarantee on the hospital building would soon expire and he felt the Board should make sure all items had been taken care of and the proper repairs made if any new deficiencies had occurred. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Hospital Board of Trustees and arrange a joint meeting with them to discuss any items that any member of the Board of Commissioners may be aware of that need to be repaired.

The following Resolution was unanimously passed upon motion by Commissioner MCPerson and seconded by Commissioner Williamson:

RESOLUTION FOR WATER & SEWER POLICY FOR COLUMBUS COUNTY, N.C.

The following is adopted as a policy for normal purposes, there is a possibility that some special developments might require special treatment, therefore this policy is not intended to preclude consideration of any special problem, on its merits, that might not be eligible under said policy.

Wherein the limitation of available funds, Columbus County will lay or cause to be laid at County expense, water and sewer lines of required sizes from the corporate limits of any municipality in Columbus County subject to the following terms and/or conditions:

(1) That each proposal of the water and sewer lines will be considered on its own merits.

(2) That the city or town will lay or cause to be laid water and sewer lines of adequate size(s) to the city or town limits of the respective city or town involved.

(3) That request for such lines must be made by the Columbus County Economic Development Commission and the city or town involved. Such request must be accompanied by an outline of the proposed industrial project showing the following:

1. Location and acreage of land involved.
2. Types of proposed business to be located on the said site.
3. Size of proposed business, buildings and descriptions.
4. Estimated cost of land, buildings and machinery.
5. Estimated number of employees and scale of wages.
6. Approximate starting and completion date of project.
7. Statement that the requested water and sewer lines will be adequate in all respects to serve the needs of the proposed plan for sanitary and potable purposes for the process and use (if required) and fire protection including sprinkle service and increased demands which might be incurred as a result of the plan or foreseeable of the price at a later date.
8. Satisfactory evidence that the municipal water and sewer systems of the municipality to whose system or lines will be connected will be capable of the requirements on No.7 and any state and federal requirements, and/or that addition to the said system will be made to achieve the capabilities.

(4) That the total cost of the water and sewer project shall not exceed the estimated tax recovery from said project to be determined by the multiplying the total cost of the land, machinery and buildings by the current tax rate and then multiplying the said result by ten.

(5) That the cost shall conform to all applicable zones, ordinances and codes.

(6) That the County's commitment shall be limited to the cost of laying the lines, including the cost of pipe, but shall not include any other fees or charges, such as tapping fees or hydrant costs which are imposed by city ordinances.

(7) That Columbus County shall not be responsible in any way for services through said water and sewer lines, which services shall be the exclusive responsibility of the municipality to whose system the said lines are connected.

(8) That Columbus County shall not be responsible for the maintenance of the said water or sewer lines.

(9) That the municipality affected must enter into an agreement with Columbus County pursuant to which the said municipality takes title of said lines and assumes the responsibility for the maintenance; said agreement to be in accordance with all applicable county, state, city and federal laws.

(10) That the municipality whose system lines are connected shall enter into an agreement with the County providing that in the event the industrial plant served by the said lines is annexed by the municipality, then the latter shall pay the County one-half of the original cost, less the depreciation at the annual rate of two (2%) percent of the lines, said amount to be made by the municipality to the County in ten (10) equal annual installments.

(11) The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to review, alter or amend the foregoing provisions as it may deem appropriate and necessary at any time in the future.

The foregoing policy adopted this the 20th day of August, 1979.

Board of County Commissioners

BY: /s/ C. W. Marlowe, Chairman

Attest:

/s/ Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

We approve the foregoing Policy:

/s/ Waldo Marlowe
 /s/ Junior Dew
 /s/ L. A. Hinson
 /s/ David L. McPherson
 /s/ Edward W. Williamson

There was a meeting of the Department Heads as designated to meet quarterly. All Departments were represented except Tax Collector, Sheriff, Civil Preparedness and Economic Development.

Chairman Marlowe asked that each Department be very conscious of saving energy. There was also a discussion of CETA employees and Commissioner McPherson emphasized the fact that most departments would be affected by the terminations coming up on September 30th as a result of new CETA regulations, and stated there was no way the County could employ all the CETA employees that will be terminated.

Other points of discussion were that each Department fill in the Affirmative Action forms showing changes in personnel by department, cautioned each Department to be aware of the inventory charged to their Department and keep it current and instructed each Department Head to have new W4's and NC4's to replace all present ones over three years old. This was requested by Moore & Price CPA personnel who are in charge of the County audit for 1978-79. (Final item)

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until September 4, 1979, Monday being a legal holiday.

Emogene W. Logg
Clerk

APPROVED:

Waldo Marlowe
Chairman