

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., February 18, 1980, 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 (Part-time)

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

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

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the February 4th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Dew.

Three of the County's four electrical inspectors, Otto Nance, Lacy Mercer and Jim Bullock, met with the Board to discuss setting a fee schedule for electrical inspectors in the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to appoint Commissioners McPherson and Hinson to meet with the Inspectors at a later time and work out a schedule to be presented to the Board for consideration for adoption.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that Columbus County make application to the State to be designated as a balanced growth center to carry out the Balanced Growth Policy of NC in support of the Governor's goals. The Board designated Jack Ervin to work with the Board in making the application.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to reappoint the following persons to the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee: Ethel Powell, Zola Harrelson, Lyn Thompson, Alice S. Wright and Martin Schulken. Commissioner McPherson was reappointed as an ex officio member.

A request was made by Dempsey Herring, Recreation Director, that the salary of Kim Dudney, CETA employee with the Recreation Department, be increased from \$3.10 per hour to \$3.95 per hour based on her qualifications, dependability and above average performance of her job.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved to grant the increase for Kim Dudney, subject to the availability of CETA funds to cover the expense. Request is to be referred to Bobbie DeWitt to verify funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to reappoint Wilbur Freedman, Leo Mercer and C. R. Ward to the Southeastern Economic Development Commission. Terms for Freedman and Mercer will expire 3/31/83 and Ward in 3/31/84.

C. Waldo Marlowe announced, pursuant to Chapter 159C of the General Statutes of North Carolina and the regulations thereunder, that he had been advised that The Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority intended to file an application with the Secretary of the Department of Commerce for approval of an industrial and manufacturing project in Columbus County, North Carolina, consisting of the renovation of an existing 10,000 square foot industrial building located on a site adjacent to the Town of Whiteville on Route 130, construction thereon of an approximately 1,080 square foot addition to said building, and the acquisition and installation therein of certain equipment for processing and refrigeration of meat products to be financed for Green Hill, Inc. by not exceeding \$850,000 aggregate principal amount of bonds of the Authority. Since such application for approval cannot, under regulations of the Department of Commerce, be officially received until, among other things, the Board approves the project in principle, the Authority has recommended and requested that the Board pass a resolution approving the project in principle without in any way prejudicing the right and responsibility of the Board under G.S. 159C-4(d) to approve or not approve the issuance of the bonds after the Department of Commerce has approved the project and the Local Government Commission has approved the Bond issue, by which time additional information relative to the project, the Company and the proposed financing will have been developed.

Thereupon, Commissioner Marlowe introduced the following resolution which was read:

RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE OF AN INDUSTRIAL AND MANUFACTURING
PROJECT IN COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE FINANCED FOR GREEN
HILL, INC. BY NOT EXCEEDING \$850,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF BONDS
OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AND POLLUTION CONTROL
FINANCING AUTHORITY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus:

Section 1. The proposed industrial and manufacturing project in Columbus County, North Carolina, consisting of the renovation of an existing 10,000 square foot industrial building located on a site adjacent to the Town of Whiteville on Route 130, construction thereon of an approximately 1,080 square foot addition to said building, and the acquisition and installation therein of certain equipment for processing and refrigeration of meat products to be financed for Green Hill, Inc., by not exceeding \$850,000 aggregate principal amount of bonds of the Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority is hereby approved in principle.

Section 2. The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, is directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Department of Commerce.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Commissioner Edward W. Williamson moved the passage of the foregoing resolution entitled: APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE OF AN INDUSTRIAL AND MANUFACTURING PROJECT IN COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE FINANCED FOR GREEN HILL, INC., BY NOT EXCEEDING

\$850,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF BONDS OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AND POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY, Commissioner Junior W. Dew seconded the motion, and the resolution was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners C. Waldo Marlowe, Junior W. Dew, Edward W. Williamson, L. A. Hinson and David L. McPherson.

NOES: None

Mr. Frank Merritt, representing Columbus Baptist Association Brotherhood Executive Committee, met with the Board to ask that they request the Sheriff's Department to allow a Deputy to drop by the Cerro Gordo Elementary School Gym when there are nighttime activities there as they have had several unpleasant incidents there and have asked the Sheriff's Department to send a deputy by but with no results.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that a letter be sent to the Sheriff's Department requesting assistance in the above matter.

The following tax releases were approved upon motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and recommended by Mr. Jolly, Tax Supervisor:

Tax Payer	Township	Valuation
Gordon Hammond	Fair Bluff	\$ 1,500.00
David Earl & Helen Fowler	Williams Township	4,200.00
Walter Dorsch Robert	Bug Hill	5,720.00
Howard R. Faulk	Bug Hill	19,460.00
Howard R. Faulk	Bug Hill	5,760.00
C. H. Faulk	Bug Hill	6,150.00
C. H. Hayes	Cerro Gordo	3,000.00
Homsey Strickland	Cerro Gordo	400.00
Lyman Williams	Williams Township	1,200.00
Mrs. Jessie Hinson	Whiteville	1,470.00
George Edward & Mabel Phipps	Whiteville	12,170.00
R. C. Brown Heirs	Western Prong	1,900.00
Mrs. Franklin L. Cain	Tatum	500.00

The above releases were made due to duplication of property listings, improvements made after January 11, 1979, or Elderly and Permanently Disabled Exemptions, or error in appraisal.

Ordered: that the 1969 through 1979 taxes be cancelled on the property listed in the name of Annie Powell, Whiteville Township, due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Raymond Wayne Ivey, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,500.00 due to error in listing bulk barns.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Mrs. Franklin L. Cain, Tatum Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$450.00 for Disability Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Nettie Sue Bryan, Tatum Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$700.00 due to Disability Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Gayle Hines, Lees Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$680.00 due to double listing.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Mrs Carrie Grainger, P. O. Box 533, Fair Bluff, NC, Fair Bluff Township, in the amount of \$30.00 due to an error in listing.

Ordered: that a refund be given to John Moore Lennon II, etal, Trustees for Victor W. Lennon, Western Prong Township, in the amount of \$175.92 due to an error in transferring property.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Lloyd D., Sr. and Doris Bryant, Bug Hill Township, in the amount of \$144.00 due to an error in listing too many bulk barns.

Approximately twelve citizens who live in the Cedar Branch area, on SR 1324, met with the Board to ask their assistance in getting some relief from the flooding at the Cedar Branch Bridge. Earlier a study had been done by the Hydrographic Unit of the Department of Transportation and they felt that the bridge is adequate for a "Fifty Year Storm".

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to request the Columbus Soil and Water Conservation to make an extensive study of the water contributors to Cedar Branch and give the updated information to the Department of Transportation on the amount of water coming into the branch and the Board will request DOT to further consider the problem if the information warrants it.

The following resolution was unanimously passed by the Board upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson:

BE IT RESOLVED that as the result of upgrading, and also realignment necessary on a portion of SR 1326, certain segments varied from the original road location, the Board of County Commissioners request that those segments, where applicable, be abandoned or added to the State System in order that the Department of Transportation maps may be corrected to show the road as it now exists.

In the afternoon session there was a meeting of the Department Heads and the following persons attended:

Sasser	Sheriff's Dept.	Ervin	Economic Development
Floyd	Miller Building	Collins	HUD
Hughes	County Buildings	Greene	Board of Elections
Enzor	Building Inspector	Enzor	Tax Collections
Jolly	Tax Listing	Penny	Register of Deeds (Part-time)
Baldwin	Social Services	McCullen	Extension Service (Part-time)
Bible	Library	Black, Young and Duncan	- Health Dept.

The Board emphasized the importance of responding to the census questionnaire which will be mailed soon and asked the Department Heads to assist in informing others of the importance in responding as most federal funds are distributed or partially distributed by population basis.

Jack Ervin asked the Board to look into the possibility of a group insurance policy for disability for County employees. The Board asked Mr. Ervin to assist in getting information on a group policy and it would be considered when computer equipment is available to handle additional deductions from payroll checks.

It was announced that employees who could not come to work on February 6th will be allowed administrative leave for that day due to hazardous driving conditions.

There was a discussion of the inventory records of the County's property as the Tax Supervisor's Office felt that they could no longer keep the records updated. The Tax Collector, Roscoe Enzor, agreed to assume the responsibility on a temporary basis.

At 2:00 p.m. the Department Head meeting adjourned and a motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that the Board adjourn into executive session to discuss a personnel matter at the Solid Waste Department. At 4:15 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to reconvene in regular session.

As a result of the meeting in executive session, a motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that a letter be sent to Hobson Ivey, Max Walker and Toney Floyd stating that after hearing four partially or almost completely conflicting statements on the matter discussed that the Board has unanimously agreed that no disciplinary action is necessary at this time. The Clerk was also instructed to write Mr. David Frink to express the appreciation of the Board for his taking time out of his busy day to meet with the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to allow Dr. J. R. Black to remain on as Director of the Health Department after July 1, 1980, on a part-time basis for a period of six months, after which, the matter will be reviewed again to determine if he may continue in the same capacity.

The Board visited the Library Building on US 74-76 to decide the amount of space they would allot the Board of Elections.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to give the Board of Elections a part of the Library Building space at such time as Ms. Bible can move the materials stored there.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to allow Tracy Floyd \$125.00 for travel expenses. The funds are to be appropriated from Surplus.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to allow Cecil Edwards, Sanitarian, to add 31 days of sick leave accumulated while working in Brunswick County, to his retirement time. This is subject to the approval of the State Retirement System.

Charles Enzor, Court Room Officer, met with the Board and requested an expense account to defray travel expense to and from work. The Board told him they would discuss this request later in the day.

The Tax Collector's Report for January, 1980, was presented for review.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until March 3, 1980, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Logg Clerk

Waldo M. Nelson Chairman