

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., March 17, 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 The Reverend Charlie Walton, Pastor, Grace Episcopal Church, Whiteville.

The minutes of the March 10th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson.

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Representatives from the Department of Social Services, Health Department, Services for the Blind and SENClard Community Action met with the Board to present and discuss their proposal for In-Home Services Programs for FY 1980-81. Mrs. Vereen was speaker for the delegation and she explained that the agencies had compiled an agreement for co-ordinating in-home services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to approve the Agreement as presented by the four Agencies to provide in-home services for Columbus County for FY 1980-81 and the Chairman is authorized to sign same.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to enter into executive session to hear a personnel matter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to reconvene in regular session and the following motion was made as a result of the executive session:

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that John Sellers be suspended from work for three days, without pay, for not working satisfactorily with his Department Head, Junior Babson, i.e., walking off the job without notifying Mr. Babson of his whereabouts or when he would return to his job. It was also stipulated that Mr. Sellers study the Personnel Administrative Policy while he is out of work.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that the following letter be signed by the Chairman and forwarded to the appropriate agency in support of Fair Bluff Housing, Inc. and Fair Bluff Rotary Club:

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Dear Ms. Stafford:

The Columbus County Board of Commissioners agreed on December 4, 1978, to implement to the greatest extent possible the Cape Fear Council of Governments' Housing Allocation Plan for assisted housing (Areawide Housing Opportunity Plan).

The proposal by Fair Bluff Housing, Inc., Borrower, and the Fair Bluff Rotary Club, Sponsor, to construct forty (40) units of Section 202 Housing for the Elderly and Handicapped in the Town of Fair Bluff is consistent with and will help achieve the goals of the Areawide Housing Opportunities Plan.

The County of Columbus supports the efforts of its citizens to provide much needed housing opportunities for the elderly and handicapped, as well as all others, on a fair share and non-discriminatory basis.

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

Recommended by Tax Collector:

Ordered: that a refund be written to Thomas Kea in the amount of \$9.32 for 1978 and 1979, Ransom Township for taxes paid in error. Mr. Kea paid taxes in the name of Thomas Keaton.

Recommended by Tax Supervisor:

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Homer C. & Mamie T. Brown, Bolton Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,500.00 for the Disability Exemption, for 1979.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Judy Rich Howell, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,035.00 for Disability Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Barry Todd, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$9,100.00 on the Late List Pickup as property was already on regular listing.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of John R. & Sandra R. Martin, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,200. on the Late List as property should not be on the 1979 listing but begin in 1980.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Elton C. Stevens, South Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$20,400. for property picked up in error on the Late List for the years 1976, 1977 and 1978.

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A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that the County enter into contract with Jerry Tyler to remove the house from the County's property on West Smith Street and clean up the lot within a period of 90 days. He is to deposit \$500.00 with the County and if the Contract is not completed within 90 days, the \$500.00 will be forfeited to the County. Mr. Tyler may have the lumber from the house at no cost if it is removed within 90 days.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that Hobson Ivey be designated to have the lot on Thompson Street, which is owned by the County, cleared of all debris.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the Equalization & Review Meetings be held on April 9th and 16th, to begin at 9:00 a.m. in their regular meeting place.

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There was a discussion in regard to purchasing cars for the Sheriff's Department for the next fiscal year and a motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that Commissioner Dew work with the Sheriff to prepare a suggested list of specifications for the cars, and that smaller car specifications be considered. It was further stipulated that the specifications be presented to the Board at their next regular meeting for consideration.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that Harold Hill be allowed to pick up cardboard and plastic materials at the Landfill to be recycled by him with his own equipment. The Attorney is to draw up an agreement that the County will not be responsible for any damages that may occur to his equipment or person while at the Landfill and that he not interfere in any way with the work at the Landfill. The agreement is to be signed by Mr. Hill and the County.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that the County lease the property which was leased to them by the State of North Carolina, to Columbus County Agriculture Fair, Inc. This property is the property located near the Town of Brunswick, north of the Department of Transportation.

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The Tax Collector's Report for the month of February was reviewed by the Board.

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The Board agreed to allow administrative leave to all employees who were to report to work on March 3rd and one hour on March 4th due to adverse weather conditions.

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Claude Spivey met with the Board and complained that the FmHA Administrator, Hugh Clark, did not deal adequately with the wants and needs of the people of Columbus County, especially the farmers. He requested that the Board take appropriate action to replace Mr. Clark with a local person. The Board advised that they had no authority over the FmHA Office personnel except that the County rents them office space.

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The Board asked the County Attorney to send certified letters to each member of the Columbus County Grievance Committee in response to a letter from Richard Wright, Attorney,

requesting that a hearing be held to listen to the complaints of Max Walker, Landfill employee.

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The Board agreed to allow Mr. Ralph Jolly, Tax Supervisor, to select a temporary employee from the applications received, to work as a clerk in the Supervisor's office as needed during the revaluation process.

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A. W. Williamson, Department of Transportation Board Member, met with the Board to set an agreeable time to hold a hearing concerning the use of secondary roads funds for the upcoming fiscal year. He stated that less funds ~~are~~ available next year than are available this fiscal year. The hearing is set for Monday, April 14, 1980, at 10:00 a.m., at the regular meeting place of the Board of Commissioners.

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Upon motion the meeting adjourned until April 8, 1980, at 10:00 a.m., Monday being a legal holiday.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Logg
Clerk

Walter S. Rowland
Chairman