

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., April 21, 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 (Absent)
- Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by the Reverend Thad Prevatte, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Chadbourn, NC.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the April 8th, 9th and 14th were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Hinson.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that Solon Nobles be hired to work with the Dog Warden. This action was taken upon the recommendation of the Dog Warden, Junior Babson, who selected Mr. Nobles from the applications submitted for the position. Mr. Nobles is to begin work today (4/21/80).

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A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the Budget of the Recreation Department be amended to include \$1,925.00 in donations to be expensed under line item 10-620-34 in the Recreation Department.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that Dempsey Herring, Recreation Director, make application for a Young Adult Conservation Corporation Grant. No County funds are required to participate in the grant.

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A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and approved that Dempsey Herring be allowed to hire a recreation supervisor and that the Recreation Budget be amended in the amount of \$1,400.00 for this fiscal year for salary and fringe benefits. Funds are to be appropriated from Surplus.

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A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the Chairman sign the Memo of Understanding which is a working agreement between Columbus County Commissioners and State College Extension Service.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that James Norris and Robert Shaw be given a salary increase of \$83.33 per month, effective May 1, 1980. No additional appropriation is necessary as funds are available due to a vacancy in the Extension Service Department. Total funds to be used are \$333.32.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that Commissioners Dew and Williamson find office space that can be used temporarily for a part-time person who is handling the preliminaries necessary to open a group home for mentally retarded adults in Columbus County.

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The following tax releases were approved upon motion by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Williamson, and upon the recommendation of the Tax Supervisor and/or Tax Collector:

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Daniel Thelston Peacock, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,150.00 as vehicle listed to him is not owned but leased from Fair Bluff Motors.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Pioneer Savings & Loan, Chadbourn Township, in the amount of \$147.80 for taxes paid for Jesse E. & Louise Turbeville as Mr. Turbeville wanted to pay the taxes himself.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that the Chairman send a letter of support by this Board for Southeastern Economic Development's District Overall Development Program.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that Columbus County apply to Southeastern Economic Development Commission for assistance in the control of beavers and fire ants which are causing problems in the County. This service is to be provided by the Marine Science Consortium through various colleges at no cost to the County.

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Susan Harmuth, Retired Senior Volunteer Program Director, met with the Board to request that the County appropriate \$13,000.00 for RSVP for fiscal 1980-81. This is an increase of \$3,000.00 over the present year. She, and members of their Advisory Board, commented on their present programs and stated that they expected to add other programs next year. No decision was made at this time.

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The Reverend Jay, Director, Good Shepherd Home, met with the Board to ask for an increase of funds for the Home. He stated that the percentage of rehabilitation of alcoholics for the Home is far above any other agency in the State that provides this

service. He stated that this was due to a change in the environment and a change in life style. No decision was made but will be considered in the upcoming budget.

Jo Anne Vereen, Social Services Director, presented the Public Assistance budget estimate and the estimate for administration of the services. She stated in her presentation that Title XX Funds will not be available in the same amount for non-mandatory services in the upcoming fiscal year as in the present year as mandatory services will use a larger amount of funds. No decision was made on any part of the request at this time.

Justin Oliver, Sheltered Workshop Director, presented a budget request for SENCland Community Action, Inc.'s Transportation Program for 1980-81. He was accompanied by Davis Godwin and Robert Clark. He stated that their request was in conflict with the budget estimate presented by Ms. Vereen for Social Services as they are asking for the same amount of Title XX funds as they are receiving this fiscal year and requesting the County to match Title XX funds with \$20,000.00. No decision was made at this time.

Richard Wright, Attorney, met with the Board to request that the Board do whatever is necessary to set a date to hold a hearing for Max Walker. Mr. Walker, Solid Waste Department employee, has requested that his grievance be heard earlier but has not been held. Also, Mr. Wright asked that the Commissioners ask the Grievance Committee make known their decision on the hearing held for Carlton Cartrette, also a Solid Waste Department employee.

The Board assured Mr. Wright that some action will be taken by April 28, 1980 by 9:00 p.m. and the Chairman would contact Mr. Frank Stanley, Chairman of the Grievance Committee and make the request known to him so a meeting can be scheduled for Mr. Walker to be heard.

The Board agreed that Otis Collins, Director, Section Eight Housing Program, and the County Finance Officer work out the amount needed to operate the Section Eight Housing Office for FY 1980-81 and incorporate the amount that is available for indirect cost within the amount specified in the Cost Allocation Plan which cannot exceed \$52,533.

The Board adjourned to the Columbus County Hospital for lunch and hear the annual audit report for the FY year ending September 30, 1979, for the Hospital.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until May 5, 1980, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Logg Clerk

Waldo Marlowe Chairman