

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., May 19, 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 Sam Galloway, Minister of Education & Youth, First Baptist Church, Whiteville, NC.

The following business was transacted:

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to amend the Public Assistance Budget to increase AFDC Grants in the amount of \$33,676.00 with the revenue being transferred from Special Assistance to Adults in the amount of \$8,580.00 (County's Share) and AFDC - Foster Care in the amount of \$3,435 (County's Share). The remainder is to be appropriated from the General Fund in the amount of \$21,661.00 from the special appropriation by the General Assembly in 1979 for Social Services and Health Departments.

At 10:10 a public hearing was held by Melissa Sigmon to allow any citizen to be heard on the community development block grant full application for \$500,000.00. Ten percent will be used for administration and ninety percent for rehabilitation of 49 units, demolition of 7 units, thirty relocations and one replacement of homes.

No citizen came to be heard.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to proceed on schedule with the full application for the community development grant.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to approve the minutes of May 5th as recorded.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to authorize the Chairman to sign the Easement to allow CP&L the right to go in and upon the tract of County property located behind Hill's Supermarket located between West Smith Street and Washington Street on the 100 block. This approval is given subject to the approval of the County Attorney.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that the Blue Cross-Blue Sheild Hospital Insurance Group coverage remain the same as it now is and not change to the alternative plan offered by the Company which would require the insured to pay 20% of the hospital costs while an inpatient.

The following tax releases were approved upon motion by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and recommended by Ralph Jolly, Tax Supervisor:

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes on the Late List Pick-up listed in the name of Charles V & Betty L. Blackburn, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$6,280.00 due to an error in picking up an addition to their house which has already been listed.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed on the Late List Pick-up in the name of Milton Newton and Karen H. Hayes, Western Prong Township, be released on the valuation of \$6,040.00 due to an error in listing a house that had already been listed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to approve the appointment of A. Glasgow White to replace C. H. Hughes on the Chadbourn Zoning Board of Adjustment. This was recommended by the Chadbourn Town Council.

At 11:12 a motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that the Board adjourn into executive session to discuss a lawyer-client matter as requested by the County Attorney.

At 11:27 the Board adjourned back into regular session upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner McPherson. No action was taken in executive session.

Justin Oliver met with the Board to request that the County sell gasoline to SENCLand Community Action to be used in the operation of the transportation program. He felt they could purchase the gasoline at a cheaper price than buying it from retail pumps.

It was suggested that Mr. Oliver contact suppliers (at least two) to see if the tanks at the Miller Building can be cleaned to use for gasoline storage and set up their own tank.

There was a meeting of Department Heads at 11:30 and all Departments were represented except Recreation and the Library. The Finance Officer asked that each Department Head check their inventory list before June and make the necessary updating. Also other end-of-year items were discussed and copies of a budget print-out was given to each Department Head and anyone who had any problems with their expenditures were asked to stay and discuss them with the Board.

Hobson Ivey, Solid Waste Department Supervisor, stated that he needs additional funds for maintenance and repairs to equipment, surveyor costs and automotive supplies.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to appropriate funds from Surplus to cover the current outstanding bills and that future purchases be approved by Commissioner Dew before being finalized for the Solid Waste Dept.

It was further approved that the Finance Officer be allowed to transfer funds from one line item to another within a Department as long as no additional funds are needed.

Commissioner McPherson presented a "CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT" to the Board from the Department of Labor. This Certificate was given to Columbus County for outstanding accident prevention efforts which resulted in a substantial reduction of accidents during 1979 bringing about much safer working conditions. He asked the Clerk to write a letter to each employee commending them for their part in this achievement.

Each Department Head was asked to consult with their employees and give some input on the County paying a part of the family hospital insurance premium in lieu of a salary increase as a consideration in the upcoming budget estimate.

Earlier in the meeting Howard Straughan, Library Board Chairman, and Beth Woody, Library Board Member, met with the Board. Mr. Straughan stated that the Library Board of Trustees had called a special meeting after he had met with Attorney Hill and Chairman Marlowe to make a recommendation on a policy for dispensing adult books in the Columbus County Library. He stated that books come into the library classified as adult or juvenile according to a national rating service. He stated that the Trustees had passed a resolution but that he did not have a copy with him but would have a copy delivered to the Commissioners by 12:00 Noon.

At 12:10 p.m. the following letter was delivered to the Board by Ms. Bible, Director of the Library:

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Ivan Wilson moved that "On an experimental basis, the Library will restrict the checking out of books from the adult section to children under the age eighteen (18) if the parent or guardians register an objection. The objection can be made in person, in writing, or by phone for those currently registered. Parents of children under age eighteen (18) currently registered will be notified in writing of this procedure as soon as possible. New registration cards will be imprinted with a statement, 'My child _____ may or may not borrow materials from the adult section of the Library.' which must be signed by the parent or guardian. 'Restricted - J' will be embossed on the library cards of all children whose parents register an objection. The restriction can be removed only by the parents or guardians appearing and making the request in person at the Library." Seconded by Beth Woody, the motion carried unanimously."....."

Commissioner Hinson expressed concern that this would be much of a conflict as some children need to use adult books.

No action was taken by the Board of Commissioners concerning the resolution passed by the Library Board of Trustees at their meeting on May 4, 1980, at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Edward W. Williamson introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been distributed to each Commissioner and the title of which was read:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE COLUMBUS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AND POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY OF ITS INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BOND (GREEN HILL PROJECT) IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$800,000 TO FINANCE AN INDUSTRIAL PROJECT FOR GREEN HILL, INCORPORATED.

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

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners has determined and does hereby declare as follows:

(a) The Board of Commissioners of The Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority (herein referred to as the "Authority") met on May 19, 1980 and took the following action in connection with the proposed issuance and sale of the Authority's Industrial Revenue Bond (Green Hill Project), in the principal amount of \$800,000:

1. approved and authorized the execution and delivery of a Loan Agreement, to be dated as of April 1, 1980, by and between the Authority and Green Hill, Incorporated (the "Company");
2. approved and authorized the endorsement without recourse and pledge of a promissory note of the Company, to be dated as of April 1, 1980;
3. approved the form of a Security Agreement, to be dated as of April 1, 1980, by and between the Authority and the Company;
4. approved the form of a Deed of Trust, to be dated as of April 1, 1980, from the Company to C. C. Brewer, III, as Trustee, for the benefit of the Authority;
5. approved and authorized the execution and delivery of an Assignment, to be dated as of April 1, 1980, from the Authority to United Carolina Bank, Whiteville, (the "Purchaser");
6. approved the form of a Guaranty Agreement, to be dated as of April 1, 1980, from the Company to the Purchaser;
7. authorized the issuance of an Industrial Revenue Bond (Green Hill Project) of the Authority, in the principal amount of \$800,000 and directed the execution and delivery of said Bond; and
8. approved and authorized the Bond Purchase Agreement, to be dated as of April 1, 1980, among the Authority, the Purchaser and the Company, providing for the issuance and sale of the Bond.

(b) The Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus has reviewed the action taken by the Board of Commissioners of the Authority in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bond and has made such other examination and investigation as it deems necessary and relevant as the basis for the approval set forth herein.

Section 2. Pursuant to and in satisfaction of the requirements of Section 159C-4(d) of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the Board of Commissioners for the County of

Columbus hereby approves the issuance by the Authority of its Industrial Revenue Bond (Green Hill Project) in the principal amount of \$800,000.

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

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Commissioner McPherson moved the passage of the foregoing resolution and Commissioner Williamson 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.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until June 2, 1980, at 10:00 a.m. which is regular meeting time.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Logg
Clerk

Waldo Marlowe
Chairman