

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., July 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

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 July 7th meeting were approved upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that the Tax Collector be allowed to accept partial payments for taxes up to a maximum of three payments.

The following tax release was approved upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Williamson, and upon the recommendation of the Tax Collector:

Ordered: that a refund be given to Pioneer Savings and Loan Association, Whiteville Township, in the amount of \$286.69 due to an error as taxes should not have been paid by PS&L for George & Flossie Inman for 1979 taxes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to adjourn into executive session at the request of the County Attorney for a lawyer/client matter. The meeting began at 11:15 and at 11:24 a motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to reconvene in regular session.

As a result of the discussion in executive session a motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that Jim Hill, County Attorney file a motion to intervene, as an interested party plaintiff, in the suit of the State of North Carolina VS Doug Horne and Others in Onslow County concerning the hazardous materials that are now stored at Lackey Industries, Inc., on Pinelog Road near Whiteville, and were shipped here from Onslow County. If the Judge allows the intervention the County will receive notice of any hearings etc. concerning the case and shorten the time in getting the matter resolved..

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the Chairman work out an agreement with Howard Stanley for reimbursing Mr. Stanley for the use of his personal car for energy inspections within the incorporated areas of the County and for which the County has received payment from the State for said inspections.

At 11:45 it was announced that it was time to open bids for the purchase of cars for use by the Sheriff's Department. Bids were opened and read aloud as follows:

Wheeler Chevrolet, Whiteville.

Impala \$ 8,000 each
Malibu 7,655 each

The above includes sales tax of \$120.00 each.

Fair Bluff Motors, Fair Bluff

LTD 7,624 each
Fairmont 6,876 each

The above does not include sales tax.

Commissioner McPherson asked Deputy Sasser what the recommendation of the Sheriff is on purchasing full size or intermediate size cars. Sasser stated that his personal opinion is that all cars should be full size as all are to be used for patrol cars. It was pointed out by the Board that several taxpayers have suggested that smaller size cars be used that are presently being used by the Department.

After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to purchase 6 full size cars from Fair Bluff Motors at the price quoted above. Commissioner Dew voted not to purchase all full size cars and the motion was withdrawn and the following motion passed :

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Williamson that five LTDs and one Fairmont be purchased from Fair Bluff Motors at the above price and that the Sheriff's budget be amended to cover the cost above \$42,000.00 which was appropriated in the budget. (Additional cost \$3,715.00)

At Noon it was announced that bids would be opened to purchase gasoline to be used by the Sheriff's Department for the year ending June 30, 1981.

Only one bid was received, opened and read aloud as follows:

Yam City Oil Company, Tabor City .042 off tank wagon load

The present price is \$1.129 per gallon.

There was a stipulation that the gasoline be metered as transferred to the County's tanks.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to accept the bid from Yam City Oil Company and that the Sheriff make available a person to check the gasoline in the tank at the time of delivery and again after the delivery to account for the gallons transferred.

There was an advertisement for the sale of voting booths but no bids were received.

Commissioner Dew told the Board that he wished to resign from the Library Board of Trustees as the ex officio member. His resignation was accepted and the following motion was passed with all members voting in favor of the motion except Commissioner Hinson who voted against the motion:

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner McPherson to appoint Commissioner Hinson to serve as the ex officio member on the Library Board of Trustees to replace Commissioner Dew.

Commissioner Dew brought it to the attention of the Board that he had some request from handicapped persons to build a ramp at the Courthouse to accommodate handicapped persons. No action was taken on this matter.

Also, Commissioner Dew stated that the Clerk of Court and Register of Deeds need additional space. Chairman Marlowe suggested that this matter be delayed for about three months and there will be a possible solution at that time.

The Board was asked if they would consider allocating CETA slots to the State Board of Education to fund teacher aides for Columbus County. As there is no certainty of any CETA funds being allocated and no request by the local Boards of Education, no decision was made on this matter.

A letter was presented to the Board from The Local Government Commission with several recommendations regarding county funds appropriated to community colleges. They were asked to study the recommendations until next meeting and decide if they wished to implement any or all of them. The Clerk was asked to consult with the business manager at Southeastern Community College on the recommendation that the County disburse funds only on an "as needed" basis.

The Grand Jury Report was reviewed by the Board but no action was necessary.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until August 4, 1980, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

Waldo Marlowe
Chairman