

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 2, 1980, Monday being a legal holiday.

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 the Reverend John S. Walkup, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Whiteville, N. C.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the August 18th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Hinson.

The Board had asked for a recommendation from the Columbus County Association of Rescue Squads regarding the appropriation of funds for the Brunswick Ambulance Service. There was a member from each Squad present at this meeting with "Butch" Meares as spokesman. Mr. Meares stated that the Association had never unanimously endorsed the County appropriating funds to Columbus County Emergency Medical Services, nor were they standing in the way of any ambulance business. He stated that the Association would like to see a set of rules and regulations drawn up by the County and every agency live by those guidelines. He suggested that the Board and the Attorney look over the ordinance drawn by New Hanover County and pass something with some force to it.

Commissioner McPherson stated the reason the Board had subsidized the CCEMS was primarily for long distance hauling to alleviate the volunteers from being away from their jobs but he hoped that the community spirit of volunteers was never eliminated.

After a long discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that Commissioner Hinson have a work session with a representative from each Squad and representatives from the private ambulance services, along with the County Attorney, to discuss the matter further and bring a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting how to best handle the appropriation of funds and the regulations to abide by in order to receive funds from the County. (The meeting was set for Thursday, September 4, 1980, at 7:30 p.m.)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to appoint Carolyn Baldwin to serve on the Columbus County Nursing Center Board as Mrs. Elviria Baldwin could not accept the appointment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to authorize Leo Mercer to sign the necessary documents to apply for a certificate

of need for a skilled nursing center in Columbus County in the Miller Building.

Upon motion by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Commissioner Dew, the following resolution was passed, Commissioners McPherson, Dew and Marlowe voting in favor of the resolution and Commissioners Hinson and Williamson voting against the resolution:

WHEREAS, partisan and non-partisan elections have for numerous years been held at various times, including primary elections, which should be devoted entirely to nominations of candidates by each political party; and

WHEREAS, numerous citizens have requested that all non-partisan elections be held at times other than during the primary elections;

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of Columbus County North Carolina, that the said Board respectfully requests Senator R. C. Soles, Jr., and Representatives O. Richard Wright, Jr., Edd Nye, and Ron Taylor to introduce and support a local law in the General Assembly requiring all non-partisan elections after January 1, 1982, in Columbus County to be held at some date other than the primary of the political parties or the second primary of the said political parties.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
By: /s/ C. W. Marlowe, Chairman

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to appropriate funds left over from Construction Project 184A at Southeastern Community College to extend the road which is a part of the Project. The amount of the funds is \$2,395.03 in Revenue Sharing funds.

A request was presented to the Board by Commissioner Hinson asking the RSVP be allowed to use the front part of the old Board of Elections Building. Commissioner Dew asked this to be tabled until they could get more information on where the books and other materials would be stored that are now in the building.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that Commissioner Williamson look into the use of the building and try to find space for the RSVP to use, possibly the trailer behind the Social Services Department.

It was announced by the Chairman that it was the appointed time to open bids for the purchase of gasoline for various County departments to use from County tanks. Only one bid was opened and read aloud as follows:

Yam City Oil Company, Tabor City, NC	.041 per gallon discount off tank wagon price. Present price is \$1.099.
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A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to accept the bid from Yam City Oil Company for one year ending August 31, 1981.

*Rescinded -
See Minutes of
10-6-80*

By general agreement the Board approved the reappointment of Mrs. Nellie Shaw to the Library Board of Trustees as recommended by Chairman Marlowe.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to hire Janice Ezzell for the Clerk/Typist position in the CETA Office. This work is now being done by Ms. Ezzell under the CETA Program. The position is to continue as a temporary position as CETA contracts are funded. (Budget appropriation from Surplus of \$6,234.)

Hobson Ivey met with the Board to request that he be allowed to purchase a used bulldozer for the Landfill. After considering the amount of funds spent for this type of work in the past, it was decided not to purchase a bulldozer at this time but to contract with a private owner to do the work.

A notice was read to the Board from the Fair Bluff Farmers Festival Committee to request that the County sponsor a unit in their parade in November. A decision will be made at their next meeting on this matter.

A request was made, by letter, by the Department of Transportation that the County participate in "Litter Clean Up" week September 8th through 12th. The Board instructed the Clerk to send letters to the Board of Education and the Extension Service to ask that the Schools and 4-H Clubs participate in the clean-up as they did last year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that the additional Title XX Funds in the amount of ~~\$155,198.00~~ to be appropriated as follows:

Increase	10-349-02	\$ 69,494.00	Title XX Funds for Chore Service
Increase	10-611-05	89,095.00	Title XX Expenditures " "
Decrease	10-690-95	19,601.00	Sencland Transportation Program
Increase	10-349-06	48,377.00	Title XX Funds for Transportation
Increase	10-335-00	5,000.00	Contribution from Sencland
Increase	10-611-06	64,502.00	Expenditures for Transportation
Decrease	10-690-95	11,125.00	Transfer to Match Title XX Funds from Sencland Transportation
Decrease	10-399-00	4,656.00	Revenue reverted to County
Decrease	10-690-95	4,656.00	Decrease Expenditures for Sencland Transportation

The above provides funds to Sencland Community Action, Inc. for the operation of the transportation program and additional slots to chore services by transferring funds to match additional Title XX Funds not anticipated at budget time.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until September 15, 1980, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

C. Woods Marlowe
Chairman