

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

(Part-time) James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

David L. McPherson (Absent)

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by the Reverend David Jay.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the November 3rd meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Dew.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to amend the Extension Service budget to purchase a set of cattle scales and the funds be appropriated from Surplus in the amount of \$2000.00 to cover the cost.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to approve the following budget amendment as requested by Dr. J. R. Black for the Health Department budget:

Increase Home Health Expenditures	10-593-03 & 09	\$4,850.00
	10-593-57	100.00
Increase Home Health Revenue	10-350-02	\$4,950.00

No additional county funds are required.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to allow an advance of funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Sencland Community Action, Inc. because of the "time lag" in their being reimbursed for Title XX funds for transportation service. The advance is to be recovered from their June 1981 reimbursement through the County Finance Office. This action is subject to approval of the external CPA as a valid transaction.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to approve the purchase of a set of General Statutes of North Carolina to be used by the District Court Judge, at a cost of \$395.00. This action was taken by request of the County Attorney. Permission was given by the Board to allow the present Judge, Wilton Hunt, to take the Statutes to his home for use as long as he is judge, but are to remain on the County's inventory .

Mr. B. A. Mills, District Engineer, DOT, met with the Board and presented a letter of request from Corbett Fields that the State abandon SR #1515 in the Evergreen area, Tatum Township. The request was presented by Mr. Mills, but not as a recommendation by the Department of Transportation. Mr. Fields stated that the road is an inconvenience to him because it divides his farm which is used for pasture. A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson to table the matter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that the Board agrees to assess property owners on SR #1967 for their share of costs to pave said road if the State makes funds available to carry out said project. This action is subject to the County Attorney reviewing the documents presented to the Board by Robert Gore and Mr. Gore stating that the documents contained over 75% of the property owners signatures saying they are willing to pay their share of the costs (\$4.00 per centerline foot) required by the State to pave the road and over 75% of the property is owned by those who have signed the agreement. Mr. Gore is to leave a copy of the documentation with the County Attorney for review.

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

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Julian Dale Gore, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$20,500.00 due to an error in transferring property.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Pargas of Whiteville, Inc., Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$670.00 due to an error in transferring the wrong tract of land.

Ordered: that the 1979 and 1980 taxes listed in the name of B. E. Altman, Bolton Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$5,320.00 due to double listing.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Julian Dale Gore, Whiteville Township, in the amount of \$246.00 due to an error in transferring property.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Pargas of Whiteville, Inc., Whiteville Township, in the amount of \$8.04 due to an error in transferring property

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Troy Worley Heirs, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,500.00 for disability exemption.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Dallie & Zelma Walters, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,000.00 due to an error in listing a ½ ton truck.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Archie R. Smith, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,840.00 for Senior Citizens Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Otis Link Washam, Jr., Lees Township, be released on the valuation of \$500.00 due to error in listing year model of car.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Lloyd Paul Ward, Lees Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,000.00 due to an error in listing a grain bin that he does not own.

Ordered: that the 1979 and 1980 taxes listed in the name of Paul Ward, Lees Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$3,000.00 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Donald D. & Judy Cartrette, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,200.00 due to selling a house to Thomas S. Hobbs. House is on late list in Mr. Hobbs' name.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Alton W. & Eunice Baldwin, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$450.00 for property listed in error.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes (for 1979) listed in the name of Bobby McArthur McPherson, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,820.00 due to appraisal error (double listing).

Ordered: that a refund be given to Lloyd Paul Ward, Whiteville, NC, Lees Township, in the amount of \$48.00 for 1978 and 1979 taxes due to an error in appraisal of grain bins.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that the next slot that is vacated on the CETA program be reported to the Board to be considered for the Town of Brunswick as they have requested to be allowed to replace a slot that was vacated under Title VI. Title VI CETA Program has been discontinued by Congress as of September 30, 1980. It was reported to the Board that the majority of terminations of CETA employees that have worked at the Town of Brunswick have been negative terminations and the County is required to have 80% positive terminations to continue participation in the CETA Programs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that the Whiteville City Schools be allowed to use the county-owned property near Edgewood School under the terms of their letter which reads as follows:

".....If we are allowed to use the aforementioned property, we promise not to erect any temporary or permanent structures of any kind. We understand that usage of the property would be on a temporary basis only. We would keep the grass mowed and improve the general appearance of the property."

It was also stipulated that a contract be drawn by the Whiteville City Schools to include the above and in addition, that the Schools assume any liability that may arise from their using the property.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that Jerry Ledwell, AIA, proceed with contacting the counties in the health planning district that included Columbus County, to discuss the possibility of agreeing, on paper, that the County will reallocate beds back to any county, as soon as possible, if the county requests it, that will allocate beds to Columbus County for skilled nursing care.

Further, a motion was made to appropriate \$2,000.00 to cover the additional costs of this work, to be appropriated from Surplus.

The following Capital Projects Ordinance was passed upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Dew:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 159-13.2, the following capital projects ordinance is adopted, with Commissioner McPherson being absent:

Section 1. The Project authorized is Community Development Block Grant Program, Project B-80-DN-37-0028.

Section 2. The Council of Governments, Wilmington, North Carolina, is hereby directed by the Board of Commissioners to proceed with the Project in accordance with the Contract for administrative services and in accordance with the regulations set out by HUD and agreed upon by the Board as conditions for accepting the grant, and executed by the Board of Commissioners and the Region "0" Council of Governments.

Section 3. Revenues for the Project will consist if a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for Community Development Block Grant Programs in the amount of \$500,000.00.

Section 4. The following amounts are to be appropriated for the Project:

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| 1. Rehabilitation                      | \$384,000. | 2. Demolition       | \$11,000. |
| 3. Relocation                          | 40,000.    | 4. Contingency Fund | 15,000.   |
| 5. Program Administration and Planning | \$50,000.  |                     |           |

Section 5. The Board may request reports as desired by giving proper notice to the Council of Governments.

Section 6. Copies of this Capital Projects Ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this Project.

ATTEST: Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk /s/

/s/ Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

The Board agreed to include political affiliation as a condition of nondiscrimination in the Affirmative Action Statement. It was also discussed that the Grievance Committee has not been active and there must be an active Committee to be in compliance with CETA regulations. The Clerk was asked by the Board to contact, by letter, each member on the Grievance Committee to find out if they will continue to serve and bring to the attention of the Board at the next meeting so some action can be taken.

The Clerk informed the Board that notice had been received from the N. C. State Personnel Office that they are ready to begin work on the request from the Board to update the County's Classification & Pay Plan. A request had been made in the Spring of 1979 for this service. A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson to table the matter.

Garland McCullen met with the Board and presented information to them concerning a fire ant control program. He was accompanied by Rick Gregory, Specialist in pesticides and plant protection, and John Murray, Inspector for the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. McCullen explained that there are three programs that may be used in the control of fire ants using the new pesticide called "Amdro".

1. Public areas of the County will be treated by the Department of Agriculture.
2. The Department of Agriculture will treat non-agriculture land by furnishing the personnel, equipment and  $\frac{1}{2}$  the cost of the pesticide. The landowner will pay the other  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the pesticide costs.

3. The Department of Agriculture will provide the pesticide and train personnel to treat lands other than the above. They will allow the use of their equipment in this category for lands that have 30 or more mounds per acre.

The pesticide used to control fire ants, "Amdro", is not on the market.

Reverend David Jay met with the Board to request support for the home he plans to open for teenage alcohol and drug abusers. He stated that there is a great need for this type of service for teenagers and asked the Board for both financial and moral support for the home. No action was taken at this time.

The annual audit report was presented to the Board by David Breeden and Allen Price, PA. Mr. Breeden stated that the County was in good financial condition and had adequate reserves for sound operation. He asked that the Board review the Report and feel free to ask any questions, either now or at their convenience at a later date. Mr. Breeden pointed out that a different reporting format is required this year and it is difficult to compare with previous years.

The quarterly meeting for Department Heads was held with the following persons attending: Paul Hughes, Hobson Ivey, Tracy Floyd, Ila Penny, Dempsey Herring, Otis Collins, Dr. Black, Marion Duncan, Irene Young, Junior Babson, Howard Stanley, Ralph Jolly and Roscoe Enzor.

Dempsey Herring volunteered to be Chairman for the Christmas Party and select others to assist him.

The Department Heads were again reminded that if they have any surplus property that needed to be sold to report it to the Finance Office. They were also reminded to check their inventory list in the Tax Collector's office and bring it up to date by making the necessary entries on the records.

Members of the County Board of Education, John F. Carter, David Small, Richard Dameron, and William McNeill; Attorney, Edward L. Williamson; and Administrative Personnel, Mitchell Tyler and Ralph King met with the Board to relate their problem with the Sheriff's Department to the Board. Mr. Tyler stated they only received a three day notice from the Sheriff that he would no longer furnish a deputy to attend school functions. He stated that they had no money in their budget for this service and are in the middle of the fiscal year. He had tried to meet with the Sheriff and work out a solution to the problem, at least through basketball season. The Board tried to reach the Sheriff or Chief Deputy Sasser but was unable to do so. No action was taken by the Board on this matter.

Reports presented to the Board for review were:

Tax Collector's Report for October; Register of Deeds' Report for October and the Grand Jury's Report.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until December 1, 1980, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs Clerk

C. W. Walden Chairman