

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., December 15, 1980, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Edward W. Williamson, Chairman

L. A. Hinson, Vice-Chairman

C. Waldo Marlowe (Morning Session)

Junior W. Dew

Lynwood Norris

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 the Reverend Jeffery Ingham, Pastor, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Whiteville.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the December 1st meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Norris.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to allow Jerry Ledwell, Architect, flexibility in changing the number of long term care nursing beds requested in the various counties he visits if he is refused a transfer in any county. This would allow an increase in the request if he is refused in any county, when he visits the next county.

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

Ordered: that the 1980 (for 1979) taxes listed in the name of Walter L. & Dora B. Hawkins, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$11,150.00 due to double listing of a mobile home.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Walter L. & Dora B. Hawkins, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$8,845.00 personal property for double listing a mobile home as personal and real estate.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Irwin John Cartrette, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,625.00 due to an error in listing the year model of a car.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Hugh Mack Williamson, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,930.00 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Jimmie & Esther Moses, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of 5,080.00 for disability exemption.

Ordered: that the late list Penalty of \$9.49 be refunded to Virgie Long Norris, Lees Township, due to an error in listing.

Ordered: that the 1973 through 1980 taxes listed in the name of J. M. Soles, Jr., South Williams Township, be cancelled due to double listing property that had been transferred to Ralph Jorgenson.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Armond G. Carter, Jr., Whiteville Township, in the amount of \$38.48 due to error in transferring a lot. Taxes are for 1978, 1979 and 1980.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Jessie Edward Stocks, Bug Hill Township, in the amount of \$124.28 due to an error in listing a house that had burned in 1979.

Ordered: that the 1979 (Pickup) and the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Max & Peggy Hood, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$13,920.00 due to an error in appraisal of property that they do not own.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Allen Floyd Garrell, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$11,220.00 due to error in listing township.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Tommy Sherwood & Marcia Hobbs, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$650.00 due to an error in transfer of property.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Mark Eric Gaskins, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$650.00 due to an error in the valuation of a car.

Ordered: that the 1979 (pickup) taxes listed in the name of W. C. & Katie B. Jordan, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$5,710.00 due to an error in listing a house that was not on the property at time of listing.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Milton Mayes, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$9,205.00 due to an error in listing a mobile home.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Mrs. Alma Fisher, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,560.00 to comply with new survey by Mrs. Fisher.

There was a discussion of the updating of the Position Classification and Pay Plan of the County which was adopted in fiscal 1976. A request had been made by the Board to the State Personnel Office for this service. The minimum cost was to be \$2,000.00 with an additional cost prorated on the number of employees selected to be interviewed by the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris to table updating the Plan at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to amend the Sheriff's budget to allow the purchase of two used autos at a cost of \$3,800.00. Funds are to be appropriated from Surplus.

Melissa Sigmon met with the Board to review the regulations for operating the Community Development Program and to point out some changes in the Contract between the County and the Council of Governments that were mandated by HUD.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that the Program be operated under basically the same regulations as the preceding Community Development Program with some flexibility allowed the Board to adjust and amend

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the guidelines and procedures, subject to Federal, State and local statutes. (Copy on file)

Miss Sigmon stated that HUD officials in Greensboro prefer all HUD programs to be operated under the Regional Authority rather than have two authorities operating in the same territory, competing for grants. She stated that she had invited a representative from HUD to meet with COG, and any County Commissioners who wished to attend, to clarify their reasons for the above request. The Board expressed complete satisfaction with the Section Eight Program staying under the Columbus County Housing Authority (County Commissioners) and unanimously passed the following resolution, upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Norris:

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Public Housing Rental Agency was organized in Columbus County North Carolina in 1976; and

WHEREAS, said Columbus County Public Housing Rental Agency has continued thereafter until the present time; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners has periodically reviewed the performance of the Columbus County Public Housing Rental Agency and have listened to the citizens concerning the services of the said Agency concerning the proper rendition of benefits; and

WHEREAS, after a thorough investigation the Columbus County Board of Commissioners have in the past been extremely satisfied with the performance of the Public Housing Rental Agency officials in Columbus County.

BE IT THEREFORE, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED by the COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that they are in full support at the present time of the continuation of the Columbus County Public Housing Rental Agency as a local agency in face of a request by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the possible joinder of the said agency with other county agencies throughout the region, although the COMMISSIONERS will remain open minded concerning any presentation which the Department of Housing and Urban Development would like to make concerning any unification.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTESTED BY: /s/ Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

/s/ Edward W. Williamson, Chairman

The following road petition was approved upon motion by Commissioner Norris and seconded by Commissioner Dew: Request for maintenance Improvement for SR#1119. Road is 1.5 miles in length and has 11 occupied homes located on it.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and approved to appoint Florence Brown, Bolton, NC, to serve on the County Health Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and approved to appoint C. L. Tate, Jr., Lake Waccamaw, NC, to serve on the County Health Board. The above appointments are for a term of three years, ending on December 31, 1983, and they replace W. E. Brown and B. T. Elliott.

The County Attorney presented the Board with a Contract between Whiteville Board of Education and the County to allow Edgewood School to use the County's property on Thompson

Street for a playground. A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to authorize the Chairman to sign the Contract.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed that Ralph Jolly, Tax Supervisor; Beasley Strickland, Chairman, Gapway Drainage District; and Jim Hill, Jr., County Attorney to work together to add Gapway Drainage District tax notice to the County tax notice rather than the District having to prepare separate notices. Mr. Strickland stated that any added expense would be paid by the Drainage District.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that checks be given to Catherine Nance and Dewitt White for \$50.00 each for immediate relief.

Chairman Williamson brought it to the attention of the Board, for Consideration, that there may be a need to pass an ordinance to regulate the buying and selling of gold and silver in Columbus County. He asked to Board to consider this until the next meeting.

Commissioner Norris asked the Clerk to contact the Representative for the Blue-Cross-Blue Shield Hospital Insurance Group and ask him to meet with the Department Heads and the Board at the next quarterly meeting to answer some questions by County employees.

The Board reviewed reports for November from the Tax Collector and Register of Deeds.

The following Resolution was adopted upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Norris:

WHEREAS, the petition was filed with the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, seeking a resolution defining the Klondyke Volunteer Fire District in Chadbourn, North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, the petition defines certain proposed boundaries of the said proposed fire district and sets out standards for the Commissioners to consider; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners met at a public hearing with all interested parties in the Civic Center in Chadbourn, North Carolina, after due advertisement as set forth in NCGS 153A-303; and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing there was a strong vote in support of the establishment of a service fire district pursuant to the General Statutes of North Carolina;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, that it is in the best interest for the fire protection of the citizens of Columbus County, North Carolina, North Carolina, and in particular the Klondyke Fire District's citizens, that the fire district be established;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, that the Klondyke Volunteer Fire District be established as a service fire district; that the service fire district is shown on a map which is attached to this resolution and marked "Exhibit A" and incorporated by reference as it fully set out herein;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, that the present tax rate of Columbus County, North Carolina, as applicable to the citizens and property owners of the Klondyke Volunteer Fire District is One and 30/100 Dollars (\$1.30) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) valuation and the County tax value does not exceed the limitations as set forth in the General Statutes of North Carolina;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, that the tax value for sustaining the Klondyke Volunteer Fire District is up to but not exceeding ten cents (.10) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) valuation and that the property owners and residents of the service district have the ability to sustain the additional tax necessary and that the total tax within the district is not in excess of the limitations set forth in the General Statutes of North Carolina, and can be exceeded by the sum of ten cents (.10) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) valuation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, that the County of Columbus and the Klondyke Volunteer Fire District, Inc., a non-profit corporation, further obligates themselves as follows:

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(1) That the contract made in addition to and not to supercede and other contracts which may exist between the County of Columbus and the Klondyke Volunteer Fire District, Inc. or the Town of Chadbourn, North Carolina.

(2) That the Obligations set forth herein on the Klondyke Volunteer Fire District, Inc. are in addition to those presently incurred by the said District.

(3) That the County of Columbus hereby contracts with the Klondyke Volunteer Fire District, Inc. to collect annually, the additional taxes of the Klondyke Volunteer Fire District, Inc. at the rate of up to but not in excess of ten cents (.10) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) valuation to be dispersed to the said District as actually collected from the Klondyke Volunteer Fire District tax payers, except for the said sums in the execution of the contract, the said District hereby agrees to accept all of the terms thereof and including the establishment of the said District and the maintaining and providing of adequate fire protection within the said District. That the said payments are to be made annually to the said Klondyke Fire District and that the active members of the organization must remain in good standing and must show some identification, such as a badge, hat, or care plate to identify themselves as a bonfide fire fighter and that no other person other than the active members of the said non-profit corporation shall be allowed to use this identification.

(4) That the Klondyke Volunteer Fire Department shall have the minimum equipment as specified by the North Carolina Insurance Services Office as necessary in maintaining a grade rating of Nine (9) Community. That the said equipment shall be kept in good operating order at all times, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, have the authroity to accept minor deviations from such specified equipment when such deviations do not affect the ability of the fire department to fight fires.

(5) That the Klondyke Volunteer Fire Department shall carry liability insurance on its firemen and equipment, leaving the County of Columbus free from any and all obligation for damages and claims resulting from activities of the fire department, shall also carry Workmen's Compensation Insurance on the active members with the benefit of the Workmen's Compensation Act.

(6) That the fire department shall carry out organized training programs as necessary and specified by the fire chief.

(7) That this contract will expire on the 15th day of December, 1981.

(8) That the County of Columbus may at its option automatically renew the same by making payments to the Klondyke Volunteer Fire District within one hundred eighty days (180) after the expiration of the said date.

(9) That if the County of Columbus does not automatically make payments, then the contract will automatically expire.

This the 15th day of December, 1980.
Attested by: Emogene E. Suggs, Clerk

Board of County Commissioners
/s/ Edward W. Williamson, Chairman

A description of the proposed service district was entered into the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Commissioners on November 17, 1980. A revised description is entered on page 380 of this Minute Book of the Klondyke Volunteer Fire District that is now established.

Bonds were approved for the Sheriff, Finance Officer, Tax Collector, Register of Deeds and Coroner for the next year.

The Board recessed until 2:00 o'clock p.m. to have lunch with the Agriculture Extension Service and hear their yearly report on the activities of the Extension Service.

Commissioner Marlowe and Jim Hill were absent from the afternoon session.

Letters had been sent out to five applicants for the position of County planner to be interviewed this afternoon and only one appeared. Mrs. Peggy Willis was interviewed by the Board for the planner position.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew to table the hiring of a planner today and it was decided to interview five additional applicants at the next meeting on January 5, 1981.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until January 5, 1981, at 10:00 a.m.

Emogene E. Suggs
Clerk

APPROVED:
Edward W. Williamson
Chairman