

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., January 5, 1981, it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Edward W. Williamson, Chairman

L. A. Hinson, Vice-Chairman (Part-time) (See minutes of 1/19/81)

C. Waldo Marlowe

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 Edd Moore, Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Whiteville.

The following business was transacted:

Susan Green, with the Department of Commerce, Division of Energy, met with the Board and made a slide presentation on energy conservation. She stated that technical assistance is available through the Department of Commerce, at no cost to the County, to set up an accounting system for energy used.

A motion was made later in the meeting, by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to apply to the Department of Commerce for technical assistance for Columbus County to set up the above and that Howard Stanley be designated as the contact person to work with the technician.

The following CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT was unanimously passed upon motion by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Marlowe:

This Contract and Agreement, made and entered into this the 5th day of January, 1981, by and between Columbus County, North Carolina, party of the first part, also referred to hereinafter as "the said county", and the Williams Township Community Volunteer Fire Department, a non-profit corporation, party of the second part, also referred to hereinafter as "the fire department",

W I T N E S S E T H

That whereas, N. C. G. S. 115A-233, provides that a County is authorized to appropriate funds to volunteer fire departments to enable them to obtain fire fighting equipment and to finance the operations of the volunteer fire department, either within or outside the boundaries of said county and "the said county" is further authorized to contract with the said fire department and to make annual appropriations pursuant to said contract; and

WHEREAS, it is desirous that the fire department make application to United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, for a loan in the amount of \$36,000.00; and

WHEREAS, in consideration for mutual promises and agreements herein contained and pursuant to the general powers and authority of the fire department to furnish fire

protection and the general powers and authority of the said county to provide for the said protection for its inhabitants throughout the county, the parties hereunto mutually contract and agree as follows:

(a) The said fire department agrees to furnish and provide continuing fire protection to the citizens and inhabitants of Columbus County, North Carolina, by properly dispatching calling upon calls of any resident within the said fire department's district with the fire department's equipment and adequate personnel to operate the same and then making diligent efforts to provide fire fighting services necessary for protection of life and property.

(b) Said fire department, in providing these services, shall use its own means and methods which shall not be subject to control, direction, or supervision, by the party of the first part. That all equipment and personnel necessary and proper for the performance of this contract shall be provided by the said fire department at its sole cost and expense and all persons engaged in the missions, pursuant to the provisions of this contract shall be subject to exclusive control, supervision, and direction of the said fire department. That the party of the first part shall not have in any way the right nor power with respect to the employment, control, direction, or supervision, suspension, or discharge of any persons who may engage in missions and activities and performances of obligations imposed by this contract upon the said fire department in furnishing services to the party of the first part for the benefit of the inhabitants of Columbus County.

(c) That the procedures for communicating the existence of emergency to the said fire department shall be established by mutual agreement by the parties hereto and shall be properly published.

(d) Beginning on the first day of the month following the adoption of this resolution, Columbus County will offer financial assistance for the maintenance and operation of the said fire department and for the payments of any loans made by the Farmers Home Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture as aforesaid in the amount of at least \$240.75 monthly, payable on or before the 10th of each month. The monthly payment to the said department shall be used for the afore mentioned purposes and no individual fire department member or group of fire department members shall receive any pay or remuneration from the monthly payments herein provided for services rendered as fire department members.

(e) That all funds paid to the party of the second part by the party of the first part shall be used exclusively for providing fire fighting protection and services within the said county and to pay all legitimate fire department expenses, including principal and interest on the aforementioned loan made by Farmers Home Administration.

(f) That this Contract shall extend for a term of twenty (20) years from the date of the Farmers Home Administration loan closing and may be renewed or extended for such term or terms as may be agreed upon by the parties hereto.

(g) That this Contract is hereby pledged to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, as part of the security for the loan from the United States of America.

IN WITNESSETH WHEREOF, the County of Columbus, party of the first part, has caused this Contract to be executed in its name, by its Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, attested to by its Auditor, and the County seal hereunto affixed, all by authority of the Board of Commissioners duly given, and the Williams Township Community Volunteer Fire Department, incorporated body, has caused this instrument to be executed in its name by its Chief and attested to by its Secretary and its corporate seal has hereunto been affixed, all by authority of the Board of Directors duly given, as of date and year first written above.

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS:
BY: /s/ Edward W. Williamson
Chairman

SEAL

ATTEST:
/s/ Emogene W. Suggs, Auditor

WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
/s/ Willis Burroughs, Chief

SEAL

ATTEST:
/s/ Azier Carteret, Secretary

CERTIFICATION

Provision for the payment of the monies to fall due under this agreement, has been made by application duly made, or bonds or notes duly authorized as required by the County Fiscal Control Act.

/s/ Emogene W. Suggs
County Accountant

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing instrument and approved same as being legal and in proper form.

/s/ James E. Hill, Jr.
Attorney for Columbus County, NC

This the 5th day of January, 1981.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to appoint Commissioner Dew to certify the signatures of Edward W. Williamson and L. A. Hinson to sign Community Development documents and checks, to replace the names of Waldo Marlowe and Junior Dew.

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

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Robert Charles Howe, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$5,380.00 due to an error in listing land that he does not own.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of John McNeill, Jr., Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$30,580.00 due to an error in transfer.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of C. B. Bullock, Jr., Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,583.00 due to error in value on truck.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Sam Herring, Cerro Gordo Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,500.00 for Senior Citizens Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of James B. & Patricia J. Martin, Bogue Township, be released on the valuation of \$325.00 due to error in value of Volkswagen.

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 Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Albert C. Gore, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$800.00 due to an error in transfer of property.

A refund is to be made in the amount of \$10.40 to Mr. Gore.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by ~~Commissioner~~ Commissioner Norris and passed to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter allowing the Compensation Rating & Inspection Bureau of North Carolina to release Columbus County's modification rating for Workmen's Compensation Insurance to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners to be used in a study of costs to counties across the state for Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to designate Commissioner Marlowe to be responsible for renting the County's allotments on the county farm for 1981 as set out by the ASC Office.

Reports by the Grand Jury and the State Jail Inspector were reviewed by the Board.

At 11:00 a.m. Attorney Hill came into the meeting.

At this time the Board met with New Hanover County Commissioners, Claud O'Shields and Karen Gottovi, and County Manager, Felix Cooper to hear their proposal for a solid waste disposal site in Columbus County.

Commissioner O'Shields stated the purpose of the meeting is to get the "feel" of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners about New Hanover County purchasing land in Columbus County for a landfill, with all capital outlay being furnished by New Hanover County, and work toward a regional landfill. The number of acres they are interested in purchasing is 300 to 500 acres. Commissioner Marlowe questioned Mr. O'Shields if their intentions is for a permanent landfill site and he answered "yes".

Commissioner Hinson came into the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the landfill and the New Hanover Commissioners indicated that they are willing to negotiate all aspects of the operation of a landfill and are willing to spend whatever amount of money necessary to have a first class landfill. After the discussion Chairman Williamson stated that there is much pressure on our Board to not allow New Hanover County to put their solid waste in Columbus County but there might be at a later time after public hearings etc. The Board decided to discuss the matter later in the day and give the New Hanover Board an answer today. At this Commissioner O'Shields thanked the Board for being invited to this meeting for a discussion of their problem.

Later in the afternoon Commissioner Marlowe made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to not accept the proposal made by New Hanover County Board of Commissioners to locate a solid waste disposal site in Columbus County because of unforeseen problems that may arise and because of the numerous citizens who have contacted the Board opposing same.

The following road petition was passed upon motion by Commissioner Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Dew:

Petition request for addition to the State System of road known as Swimming Pool Loop Road in Wooded Acres, Waccamaw Township, .2 mile in length and has 5 occupied homes located on it having entrances into the Road.

Informal bids were presented to the Board by Commissioner Dew to purchase and install carpet for portions of County Hall, used by Social Services and the Sheriff's Office in the Courthouse. Bids were opened and read as follows:

Whiteville Carpet & Tile Company	\$5.95 per sq. yard
Todd Furniture Company	5.75 " " "
Lowe's of Whiteville	7.80 " " "

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to accept the bid from Todd Furniture for \$5.75 per sq. yard for purchase and installation of carpet in portions of County Hall and Sheriff's Office in the Courthouse.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to allow the expenditure of \$2,500.00 to place duct work under the floor of Sadler Hall to heat that area of the Miller Building with steam heat. Tracy Floyd stated that no additional appropriation is necessary for this work.

At 2:30 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to convene in executive session to interview applicants for the planner position for Columbus County. Three persons appeared for interviews.

The Board reconvened in regular session upon motion by Commissioner Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Dew.

There was a discussion concerning the sale of gold and silver at various locations in the County. The Board asked the Attorney to draw a proposed ordinance to be considered at the next meeting to regulate the sale of same.

The following proclamation was passed upon motion by Commissioner Norris and seconded by Commissioner Hinson:

WHEREAS, North Carolina's Community College System has for twenty years served the educational needs of the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, the fifty eight community colleges and technical institutions in the system make available a wide range of services to virtually every person in North Carolina at minimal cost; and

WHEREAS, these institutions have provided hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians with skills needed for good jobs, adult basic education, a high school diploma or its equivalent, college transfer courses, and a variety of cultural activities; and

WHEREAS, the Community College System is entering into an exciting new era, with a new governing board, a new president, and some new sense of mission; and

WHEREAS, the System is being called upon to rise to even greater challenges, principally to fulfill the role as the State's major resource in training North Carolina's people for the thousands of high-skill, high-wage jobs that will bring about a new industrial revolution; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the people of North Carolina recognize the contributions of their community colleges, support these institutions in their new mission, and promote public awareness of the services available to our citizens;

THEREFORE, WE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, do hereby proclaim 1981 as:

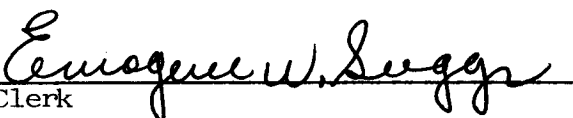
THE YEAR OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN NORTH CAROLINA and commend this observance to our citizens.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
/s/ Ed Walton Williamson, Chairman

ATTESTED:

BY: /s/ Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until January 19, 1981, at 10:00 a.m.


Clerk

APPROVED:


Chairman