

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., March 16, 1981, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Edward W. Williamson, Chairman

L. A. Hinson, Vice-Chairman

C. Waldo Marlowe (Part-time)

Junior W. Dew

Lynwood Norris (Absent)

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 Commissioner Hinson.

Kent Patrick and Stoney Locklear from the Waccamaw Siouan Community, met with the Board to further discuss their request for \$2,000.00 to match a federal grant, which was received June, 1980. The grant was for economic development of the Siouan Community. The Board told Mr. Patrick and Mr. Locklear they would make a decision later in the meeting as the full Board was not present at this time. Later, in discussion with the Attorney, it was decided that further clarification was needed from the Attorney as to the legality of using tax dollars to match the grant. The request was tabled until later.

Members of the Clarkton Rescue Squad met with the Board to request funds to help support the Squad. Larry Revel, former Chief, acted as spokesman for the group and stated that during 1980, 24% of their calls were from Columbus County residents and that in the past five years of service, 17% of the calls were from Columbus County. He also stated that there are a number of Columbus County residents that are members of their Squad.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that an annual appropriation of \$1,000.00 be made to Clarkton Rescue Squad and that amount be prorated for the remainder of this fiscal year. It was further stipulated that the Attorney draw a contract, as is used by County Squads, to be signed between the County and Clarkton Rescue Squad. The above appropriation is to be made from Surplus. (\$291.67)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the County participate in the "Clean-Up Litter" campaign set aside by the Department of Transportation the weeks of April 13-18 and September 14-18. Commissioner Williamson was delegated to coordinate the County agencies that will agree to participate.

Commissioner Marlowe came to the meeting at 10:45

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to amend the budget for the Board of Elections as follows:

430-03	\$ 1,100.00	430-21	\$ 750.00	430-57	\$ 45.00
430-11	1,860.00	430-32	3,350.00		
430-14	1,200.00	430-54	2,395.00		

Funds in the amount of \$10,700.00 is to be appropriated from Surplus.

These funds are total amounts that may be spent and are to be approved by each expenditure.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to appropriate \$4,000.00 from Surplus to partially fund the summer program for handicapped children as requested by the Parents of Handicapped Children in the February 16th meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to allow Tracy Floyd to prepare specifications to install a central air conditioning unit in the Miller Building for Sadler Hall to replace the window units that were left by the Hospital and some are beyond repairs. After specifications are prepared, Mr. Floyd may proceed to get bids for the above.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to install carpet in the Register of Deed's Office in the records room at a cost of \$717.60. Funds are to be appropriated from Surplus.

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

Ordered: that a refund be given to Oliver Young, Waccamaw Township, in the amount of \$131.35 for 1978, 1979 and 1980 for a house that had been removed from Mr. Young's property and is listed to G. A. Redwine.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Mrs. Addie B. Smith, P. O. Box 73, Chadbourn Township, in the amount of \$57.59 for 1980 taxes as Mrs. Smith was eligible for Senior Citizens Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Inman Greene, Western Prong Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,400.00 for a house that has burned.

Ordered: that the 1980 (for 1979) taxes listed in the name of Amy Jane Hill, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,680.00 due to an error in appraising house.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Carol B. McKeithan Bernhardt, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,260.00 due to double listing a lot.

Ordered: that the 1972 taxes listed in the name of William Hubert Fowler and David Carroll Martin, Tatum Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,500.00 due to double listing the inventory of Evergreen Service Center.

The following resolution was approved upon motion by Commissioner Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Dew: to allow the transfer requested:

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE WHITEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDS TO CURRENT EXPENSE FUNDS FOR 1980-1981 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, there is an emergency need for additional funds with which to pay for an increase in the costs for providing electricity and natural gas to the Whiteville City School System for the school year 1980-1981; and

WHEREAS, the increase in cost was caused by an increase in the price and consumption of electricity and natural gas which was necessitated by record breaking cold temperatures during the Winter months and which was unforeseen at the time the budget was adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Whiteville City Board of Education now desires to transfer the sum of \$46,000.00 from the unappropriated fund balance of the Capital Outlay Fund to the Current Expense Fund to be used to pay for an increase of \$41,000.00 in electricity costs and \$5,000.00 in natural gas costs; and

WHEREAS, there will not be any elimination or reduction in the objects of the expenditure of the Current Expense Fund as the result of such a transfer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Whiteville City Board of Education hereby amends their budget resolution as adopted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1981, subject to the approval of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, by transferring the sum of \$46,000.00 from the unappropriated fund balance of the Capital Outlay Fund to the Current Expense Fund to be used to pay for an increase of \$1,000.00 in electricity costs and \$5,000.00 in natural gas costs for the school year 1980-81.

On motion of Board Member Donnie W. Graham, seconded by Board Member Tim Ownes, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted at a regularly called meeting of the Whiteville City Board of Education on the 10th day of March, 1981.

/s/ W. C. Burns, DVM, Chairman  
Whiteville City Board of  
Education

ATTEST:  
/s/ Samuel C. Stell, Secretary  
Whiteville City Board of Education

/s/ Edward W. Williamson  
Chairman, County Commissioners

ATTEST:  
/s/ Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk  
Board of Commissioners

The following dates were approved by general agreement of the Board and the Tax Supervisor to hold Equalization & Review meetings: April 23, 24, 27 and 28 to begin at 9:00 a.m. and April 29 to begin at 7:30 p.m. All meetings to be held at the Commissioners regular meeting place.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until March 30, 1981, at 11:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

*Emogene W. Suggs*  
Clerk

*Edward W. Williamson*  
Chairman