

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., August 17, 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

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.

The following business was transacted:

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

At 9:00 a.m. the Board had interviewed applicants for a position at the Solid Waste Department and a motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to employ Charles David Powell as a general laborer at the Solid Waste Department to begin work today (August 17th).

Jerry Ramsey, COG Director, and Jack Ward, Community Development Director, met with the Board to report on the progress of the Community Development Program. Mr. Ramsey stated that the present program should be completed by December 31, 1981, and that they are working on an application for another grant. He stated that the rehabilitation of houses has been very expensive and in some instances they are providing relocation rather than rehabilitation.

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Ramsey, a motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to amend the budget of the Community Development Fund to transfer \$15,000.00 from Contingency to Relocation.

The following resolution was also passed upon the recommendation of Mr. Ramsey, and upon motion by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Dew:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, Columbus County, North Carolina has assumed the responsibility for implementing a Community Development Program for Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board realizes and accepts it's responsibility to adhere to the requirements of Public Law 91-646, Chapter 4, Part 4-11, entitled "Optional Coverage Under Community Development Block Grant Program", and desires to provide adequate relocation benefits to all households which are voluntarily and temporarily relocated, and to do so in a responsible, even-handed manner; and

WHEREAS, a Relocation Policy Manual and Relocation Plan has been prepared by the Community Development Office staff and has been reviewed by this Board,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the above Relocation Policy Manual and Relocation Plan be and hereby is adopted for use by the Community Development Office in its management of the Community Development Program for Columbus County.

The above was approved to adopt the RELOCATION POLICY MANUAL AND RELOCATION PLAN FOR COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, this the 17th day of August, 1981.

/s/ Edward W. Williamson
Chairman

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to allow the Finance Officer to advertise and sell the Burroughs Computer which is no longer used by any department.

The following tax releases were approved by the Board upon the recommendation of the Tax Supervisor or Tax Collector and upon motion by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Norris:

Ordered: that a refund be given Terry Suggs in the amount of \$95.80 for taxes paid in error for 1980 taxes in Lees Township listed to Raleigh Simmons.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Charco-Burger Drive-In, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$3,010.00 for a building that has been removed from the property.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Billy Gore, Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$10,770.00.

Commissioner Hinson reported to the Board on the activities of the Solid Waste Department and the progress on the clean-up around the containers. He requested letters of appreciation be sent to Federal Paper Corporation, Sheriff's Department, Dempsey Herring, Bob Richardson at Federal Paper in Bolton, State Highway Department, Kaiser Chemical Corporation and John Russ Wrecker Service. Mr. Hinson stated that many man hours had been spent in cleaning up around the sites and eight persons had been indicted for littering.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed that SR#1547 be put on top priority for improvement by the Department of Transportation. This road is located in Whiteville Township, and is 1.4 miles in length. (Resolution, page 460)

The Board reviewed the request from Sencland Community Action for reimbursement for expenses of transporting dialysis patients to New Hanover County for treatment. Robert Clark and Dave Godwin met with the Board to explain the items billed for reimbursement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to approve the payment to Sencland Community Action, Inc. in the amount of \$816.13 for the above services and that the funds be appropriated from Surplus to cover the cost. Mr. Godwin stated that they would receive some funding from the North Carolina Kidney Foundation through September to help defray the expenses.

Philip McPherson met with the Board again to ask for a 'yes or no' answer on whether the County will continue to accept funds from the State for abortions. There was a discussion on the matter and Mr. McPherson suggested that the Board not take the advise of the Attorney on this issue and reject the funds. Again, Attorney Hill advised the Board to await the outcome of Alamance County's decision to not accept abortion funds from the State before a decision is made by this Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew to table the matter as advised by the Attorney. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed.

It was ordered by the Board, by general agreement, that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Finance Officer sign the application for renewal of the Republic Public Officials Liability Insurance for 1981-82.

Dr. Kirk Partin, Veterinarian in Tabor City, met with the Board to discuss the idea of passing a pet ordinance for the County. He stated that stray animals are a growing problem in the County and he would be glad to review ordinances from other counties and make a recommendation to the Board on a model ordinance if they are interested in an ordinance for animal control. The Board agreed to review a proposal from Dr. Partin.

Dr. Partin also expressed interest in establishing a humane society for animals in the County.

At 11:30 bids were opened to purchase two pick-up trucks, one for the Dog Warden and one for the Solid Waste Department.

The following bids were received:

Wheeler Chevrolet, Whiteville, NC	\$7,515.00 Per Vehicle Plus NC Sales Tax
Fair Bluff Motors, Fair Bluff, NC	7,843.00 Per Vehicle Plus NC Sales Tax
Ricks Chevrolet-Oldsmobile, Elizabethtown	7,552.45 Per Vehicle Plus NC Sales Tax

One pick-up bid by Wheeler Chevrolet did not meet specifications for bid.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson to purchase one truck from Wheeler Chevrolet and one from Fair Bluff Motors. No second was received. The decision was delayed at this time.

The regular quarterly department head meeting was held at 11:30. The following were present:

Garland McCullen, Paul Hughes, Ila Penny, S. T. Enzor, Roscoe Enzor, Irene Young, Dr. J. R. Black, Marion Duncan, Otis Collins, Amanda Bible and Emogene Suggs.

Those present were given the opportunity to present any problems they may wish to discuss. None were given and the meeting was dismissed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to reappoint Jack Ervin and Commissioner Williamson to serve on the Lower Cape Fear Water & Sewer Authority.

At 12:00 Noon bids were opened to re-roof the East Hall on the Miller Building. Only one bid was received which was opened and read aloud as follows:

E. L. Hawks, Inc., Whiteville, NC \$15,150.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to accept the bid from E. L. Hawks, Inc. with the stipulation that the work be completed within 60 days.

At 12:30 p.m. bids were opened to purchase containers for the Solid Waste Department to purchase 50 refuse containers. Bids were opened and read aloud as follows:

Container Products, Inc. Wilmington, NC	Options # 1 \$ 369	2 \$ 398	3 \$ 439	4 \$ 474
Waste Industries, Inc. Wilmington, NC	363	378	403	413
Sanco, Inc. Winston-Salem, NC	425	450	460	485

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to accept the bid from Waste Products, Inc., Wilmington, NC.

Commissioner Norris stated that he was called to the Beaverdam Community at two o'clock in the morning to see the flooding in that area along SR#1324.

The following resolution was passed upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Marlowe:

WHEREAS, the Secondary Roads of Columbus County are in poor and unacceptable condition at the present time and many parts are in need of repairs; and

WHEREAS, SR 1324 is a secondary road in Columbus County and is in need of additional drainage tile because of flooding which has forced the evacuation of residents within the area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee Duncan, who resides on SR 1324 in Columbus County has been forced to leave his home and evacuate the same four times within the last three years and has suffered substantial property loss; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina performed a study approximately four years ago which concluded that the rain and water shed affecting the evacuation of Mr. Duncan's home would take place only every fifty years or thereabouts; and

WHEREAS, the said report has proven to be errorish over the last four years and there exists at the present time a hazard to health and property;

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, North Carolina, that they go on record respectively requesting the N. C. Department of Transportation, by and through its member, the Honorable Lenwood Rich, Fairmont, N.C., North Carolina Legislators, the Honorables O. Richard Wright, Ron Taylor and Edd Nye and State Senator, the Honorable R. C. Soles, Jr. to cause any legal manner within their power to have the N. C. Department of Transportation to correct the improper drainage situation which presently exists on SR 1324, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the aforementioned persons and Department of Transportation to be brought to their attention.

Attested; Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

/s/ Edward W. Williamson, Chairman

The Board adjourned to the Law Enforcement Center to auction surplus autos at the Sheriff's Department. The following bids were recieved:

1977 Ford - 8U63C181702	\$ 650.00	by Bill Smith ✓
1977 Ford - 7B635243160	600.00	by Jennings Prince ✓
1978 Ford - 8U63C185868	1,100.00	by H. Elbert Ward
1977 Ford - 7U630181699	750.00	by Rodney Hammond ✓
1975 Ford - 5V53C185612	620.00	by H. K. George ✓

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to accept the above bids.

Commissioner Marlowe was absent from the afternoon session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to send a total of \$244.00 to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners for Columbus County's share of costs in the Defense by Counties of Railroad Lawsuit Challenging Property Taxes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to pay for the following from the facilities fees:

General Statutes for Magistrates' Office in Whiteville.
Sixteen inch typewriter for Magistrate's Office in Fair Bluff (Used).
Cleaning & repairing Judge Hunt's typewriter.

Commissioner Williamson was designated to locate a used typewriter for the Fair Bluff Magistrate's Office.

The above items were brought to the attention of the Board by Attorney Hill who had been contacted by Judges Wood and Hunt. It was also stated in a letter to Attorney Hill that it is no longer necessary to rent office space for a magistrate in the Town of Bolton as there will not be a magistrate appointed to work there.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to send a notice to the Town of Bolton stating that the County will no longer pay for space for a magistrate's office for the reason stated above.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to allow the air conditioner in the Old Board of Elections Building (now used by the Library for storage) to be moved to the Courthouse Annex by Mr. Callihan, but the air conditioner will be available to the Library, should they need it as it was purchased for their use.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to accept the bid from Fair Bluff Motors to purchase two pick-up trucks for which a \$300.00 rebate is allowed on each truck. Commissioner Hinson voted against this motion. All others present were in favor of the motion.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING IMPROVEMENT ON SR#1547 BY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the secondary roads of Columbus County are in poor and unacceptable condition at the present time in many parts and are in need of repair; and

WHEREAS, SR 1547 between SR 1002 and SR 1005 is a secondary road consisting of one and four-tenths miles which is in need of upgrading and repairs and paving; and

WHEREAS, each of the residents along the said road have petitioned the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina to facilitate in any manner in which the Board is able, the upgrading and paving of the said road; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina are cognizant of the fact that the upgrading is necessary for maintaining of a suitable road for the said residents;

BE IT THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, that they do hereby request that North Carolina Department of Transportation, to grant the necessary funds and money for the improvement and paving of SR 1547 between SR 1002 and SR 1005; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Linwood Rich of Fairmont, North Carolina, North Carolina Highway Commissioner; the Honorable R. C. Soles, Jr., North Carolina Senator; the Honorables Richard O. Wright, Jr., Ron Taylor, and Edd Nye, North Carolina House of Representatives, along with a copy of the petition received by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina for consideration by each of the respective officials for the request herein made.

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to give a check for \$50.00 from the ODP Fund for immediate relief to Mrs. O.D. Godwin.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to give a check for \$50.00 to Dianne Johnson from the ODP Fund for immediate relief.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until September 8, 1981, Monday being a legal holiday.

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

APPROVED:

Edward W. Williamson
Chairman