

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., October 19, 1981, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Edward W. Williamson, Chairman

L. A. Hinson, Vice-Chairman

C. Waldo Marlowe

Junior W. Dew

Lynwood Norris

James E. Hill, Jr.,

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by Davis Godwin.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the October 5th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Norris, and subject to the resolution being entered when prepared by the County Attorney and reviewed by the Board.

"Butch" Meares, Buddy Irman and Henry Rowan, representing the County Association of Rescue Squads met with the Board to discuss some problems being encountered by the Squads. Mr. Meares presented the Board with a summary of the request from the Association as follows:

1. Columbus County contract with Columbus County EMS to transport any/all non-emergency, ambulatory Columbus County residents to and from hospitals, doctors' offices or clinics and to make the emergency transfers from Columbus County Hospital to other hospitals.
2. Columbus County EMS bill each patient for two thirty-day billing periods. If the bill is uncollected after this, EMS will then bill Columbus County for 80% of the normal bill. Columbus County will reimburse EMS for uncollected calls; the County then has the right to collect 100% of this bill. In cases where an insurance company or medicare denies the bill, EMS will bill the customer and follow the same procedure as above.
3. The funds originally budgeted for Columbus County EMS will be used to make these payments and if the funds are insufficient to complete operations of this fiscal year, we request the County to transfer enough funds from other less critical areas to fund this project.
4. This contract should be continuous as the contract with the rescue squads; not on a year contract which would require this negotiation and problem each year.

The request further stated that if this is not a workable solution, they request that immediate arrangements be made to purchase and staff an ambulance at Columbus County Hospital to make these calls. Lake Waccamaw Squad asked that they not vote on the above but remain neutral on the issue.

There was a lengthy discussion of the above and the Board stated that they would give the matter their attention in the near future and planned a joint meeting with the Hospital Board of Trustees as the first step in resolving the matter.

The following Contract was approved upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Dew between Columbus County and Sencland Community Action, a nonprofit North Carolina Corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of North Carolina laws:

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus by and through its Commissioners in July, 1981, agreed beginning on July 20, 1981, that fifteen (15) patients of the Kidney Center in Wilmington, North Carolina would be transported back and forth from Columbus County for dialysis; and

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus further agreed to make application to the North Carolina and American Kidney Foundations for reimbursement and to be responsible for all bills over and above the amount of reimbursement

That the party of the first part for and in consideration of services performed by the party of the second part for the citizens of Columbus County, agree and covenant with each other as follows:

(1) That Sencland Community Action, Inc. agrees to transport all Columbus County kidney patients for dialysis from Columbus County at their various homes to the Kidney Center in Wilmington, North Carolina as needed and prescribed by the patients' various respective physicians.

(2) That the County of Columbus agrees to be responsible for expenses incurred in providing services up to but not in excess of twenty one thousand, three hundred and fifteen dollars per year and the County of Columbus and Sencland Community Action agree to collectively request reimbursement or funding from the North Carolina Kidney Foundation and the American Kidney Foundation for financial assistance in the reducing of the cost of the said service. All such monies funded by either the North Carolina Kidney Foundation or the American Kidney Foundation or any other reimbursement organization shall be deducted from the bills submitted to the County of Columbus for the respective months of their funding and shall be deducted from the total obligation as heretofore set forth.

(3) That each of the bills submitted by Sencland Community Action shall be submitted on or before the 5th day of each month and shall be approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, if correct in form, on the 3rd Monday of each respective month at the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the County of Columbus, by and through its duly elected County Commissioners, have caused this Contract to be signed in its corporate name by the Chairman and attested by its Secretary and the corporate seal and the County seal have hereunto been affixed the day and year first written above.

ATTESTED:

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ Edward W. Williamson, Chairman

ATTESTED:

SENCLAND COMMUNITY ACTION, INC.
/s/ Robert C. Clark, Director

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to appropriate \$4,523.00 in matching County funds to purchase buses for Sencland Community Action, Inc., if funds are available, during this fiscal year.

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

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Gregory Howard & Judith W. Singletary, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$8,890.00 due to an error in transferring property.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Lynwood Charles Spivey, Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$5,200.00 due to house being removed from property.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Sylvester Jacobs, Jr., Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,000.00 in the Acme-Delco Fire District as Mr. Jacobs does not live within the District.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Raymond H. & Jan Butler, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,000.00 for error in listing a bulk barn in error.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of W. C. Black, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,000.00 due to error in listing a bulk barn which he does not own,

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Ellis Sterling Pivard, Lees Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$450.00 due to being double listed.

Ordered: that the 1978, 1979 and 1980 taxes listed in the name of G. H. Beck Heirs, Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$250.00 due to double listing to Hugh Williams.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of P. B. Leasing, Ransom Township, be cancelled as same is listed to Pitney-Bowes Credit Corp.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Elouise Jackson, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,175 due to double listing a 1975 Buick.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of W. B. Buffkin, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$8,270.00 due to error in listing number of acres of land.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of W. B. Buffkin, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,460.00 due to error in billing for two lots and he owns only one.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Monty Kim Buffkin, Chadbourn Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$15,415.00 due to error in listing real and personal property.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Elizabeth C. & William S. Wilkins, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,250.00 due to double listing .58 acres of land.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Calhoun McDonald, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,160.00 due to house burning.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Andrew & Flaudia Fowler, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$670.00 due to error in appraisal of .75 acre of land.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Sterling E. Hinson, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,160.00 due to error in listing the number of acres of land.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Ruth Duncan Williams, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$200.00 due to error in listing two lots.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Z. V. Williamson, Jr., Cerro Gordo Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,150.00 due to error in listing number of acres of land.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Dempsey Strickland, Fair Bluff Township, be cancelled due to double listing of 66 acres of land.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Dempsey Strickland, Fair Bluff Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,120.00 for Senior Citizens Exemption for Mr. Strickland's Mother. Property is also exempt in Cole's Fire District.

Valid 11-2-81 Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Horace C. Fowler, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,040.00 due to a house and shed burning in 1980.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Theodore Andrew Smith, Ransom Township, be cancelled due to an error in listing incorrect land acreage.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Gurganus Milling Company, Lees Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$3,000.00 due to double listing a hog parlor.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Hubbard McGirt, Whiteville Township, be cancelled due to error on front footage on lot .

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of B. B. Wright, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,520.00 due to error in listing acreage.

Ordered: that a refund be issued to Dock Caples, South Williams Township, for the years 1978, 1979 and 1980 in the amount of \$65.12 due to error in listing property which he does not own and allowance for Senior-Citizens Exemption.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to give David Melton (a disabled vietnam veteran) a check for \$50.00 for immediate relief.

The Tax Collector's Report for the month of September was presented to the Board for review.

A letter was presented to the Board from the Department of Transportation concerning the paving of the Waccamaw Shores Road. The letter requested that the County advance funds in the amount of \$60,937.84 as the property owners' participating share of paving the Road to match State funds and that the County assess the property owners to recover the funds. The Board had agreed in a previous meeting to advance the funds if State funds became available for the project. The request was given to the County Attorney to proceed with the necessary work to participate in the project. Robert Gore presented the Board with signed petitions of property owners who have agreed to participate which is a requirement of the General Statutes to begin the project. The Attorney is to advise the Tax Supervisor and Finance Officer of their duties in proceeding with the work. The road is SR 1967.

Commissioner Marlowe commented that he felt that more needed to be done to try to bring industry into the County and Chairman Williamson presented a packet from Jack Ervin, Economic Development Director, on the status of his work in trying to get industry to locate in the County.

Commissioner Hinson reported that he had traveled to Leland and he had observed that it looks much better around the trash containers along that route since he and the landfill workers have put forth a effort to clean up around the sites and brought it to the attention of the public to help keep the County clean.

There was a discussion concerning the cleaning of the Administrative Building and proposals were presented to the Board from Haley's Cleaning Service to clean the building. They are now cleaning one time per week which is not sufficient. No decision was made to contract for additional cleaning at this time but the Board will study the proposals and make a decision later.

Proposals were presented to the Board to re-roof the A-frame portion of the old jail building on West Smith Street. The proposals were as follows:

J. D. Wright (No written proposal)	\$1,200.00
C & C Painting	1,986.00
Fisher's Roofing	1,300.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson ~~that the Attorney draw a contract to award~~ the bid to J. D. Wright to re-roof the A-frame portion of the roof at the old jail building (Old Sencland offices). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed.

The Board had instructed the Attorney, in an executive meeting, to contact the officials at the Production Credit Association to negotiate the purchase of the building on the Courthouse Square that is owned by PCA.

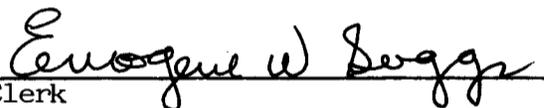
A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to purchase the PCA Building for \$120,000.00 as is, including the lot on which it is located and the parking space, subject to a title search by the Attorney. Commissioner

Dew stated that due to the critical need for office space and the fact that the court-house cannot be enlarged because of its location, this is the best alternative for space located near other County office space. The funds are to be appropriated from Surplus.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and approved to write letters of congratulations to the following for their participation in the clean-up campaign in the County: White Marsh 4-H Club - first place; Mount Olive 4-H Club - second place and Dothan 4-H Club-third place.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until November 2, 1981, for regular meeting and a special meeting with the Hospital Board of Trustees to be announced when time is set by the Hospital Board.

APPROVED:


Clerk


Chairman