

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., November 2, 1981, it being first 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 (Absent)

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 October 19th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Norris and seconded by Commissioner Marlowe.

Mr. Hugh Clark, County Supervisor for FmHA, met with the Board to present the annual report of the loaning activities for FmHA for the fiscal year September 30, 1981. He reported that 65 housing units had been financed in the amount of \$1,806,720.00; 10 housing grants approved in the amount of \$39,610.00 and 285 farmer program loans in the amount of \$6,162,520.00. The Board expressed appreciation to Mr. Clark for the informative report.

Commissioner Norris left the meeting at 10:08

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that any county employee who responds to a rescue squad call during regular working hours be allowed Administrative Leave for the time involved. (Amend Personnel Policy Article III, Section 31)

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to appoint David and Donna Scott to serve on the 2000 Committee to work with Jack Ervin for Columbus County.

Commissioner Norris returned to the meeting at 10:13

Mr. Lamont Hinson, from the New Hope Community, met with the Board and stated to them that he had a "water problem" which was caused by the Department of Transportation. He asked the Board for any assistance they may give him in resolving his problem which was causing his land to flood and destroy his peach trees.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to write a letter to Mr. Lenwood Rich, Member, Department of Transportation Board, to make him aware of the problem and ask his assistance in helping to relieve the flooding problem. Mr. Hinson lives on SR 1335 at the point where it intersects with SR 1336.

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

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Terry & Karen Chestnutt, Bug

Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$17,060.00 due to house not being on property at listing time.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Desiree Coleman, Cerro Gordo Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,090.00 due to error in listing acreage.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Phillip Franklin Edwards, Western Prong Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$21,610.00 due to listing of 44 acres that should be listed to Lucille Edwards.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Pamela B. Winnies, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,175.00 for the Klondyke Fire District as Mrs. Winnies does not live in the District.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Frances Harrelson, Lees Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,300 for the Disability Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Major Gore, Jr., Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,160.00 as 16 acres of property had been sold to Thomas Kirkpatrick and is late listed to Mr. Kirkpatrick.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Ernest M. and Myrtle Rhodes, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,500.00 for the Senior-Citizen Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Ernest M. and Myrtle Rhodes Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$6,270.00. A house and an acre of land valued at \$13,770.00 was transferred to Floyd and Brenda Norris and Mr. Norris is eligible for Senior-Citizen Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Russell Dewitt and Minnie Lou Turbeville, Tatum Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$3,190.00 for double listing property.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Robert O. High, Waccamaw Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,710.00 due to an error in copying valuation on abstract.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of W. C. and Doris P. Batten, Welches Creek Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,350.00 due to error in listing the number of acres of land.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of W. C. & Doris Batten, Welches Creek Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,280.00 due to double listing 5.10 acres of land which is also listed as W. C. Batten.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Jimmie & Fostine Williamson, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,590.00 due to error in listing 25 acres of land.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Lula Belle Canady Shepherd, Lees Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,960.00 due to double listing a mobile home.

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 the Klondyke Fire District.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Curtis R. & Shelly L. Moss, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$6,420.00 as the building listed is on the property of Roseland Community Center's property and is tax exempt.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Berkley Gerald, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,250.00 for as property was valued as cleared land and it is woodland.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Horace C. Fowler, South Williams Township, which was released at the October 19th meeting be voided and a refund be made to Mr. Fowler as he has already paid the taxes in question.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to amend the library budget to include additional federal funds for the Outreach Enrichment Grant in the amount of \$1,573.00 (14-349-00) and increase Capital Outlay in the same amount (14-630-74).

A delegation of approximately twenty persons met with the Board to present allegations they had against Farmers Home Administration and HUD's Rental Assistance Program. Charles Burris, Owner of Burris' Home Building Service, stated that he was the spokesman for the group and stated that they were at the meeting to ask the Board to help them because they had been victimized, harrassed and discriminated against by the FmHA and the local HUD office.

Each person who wished to be heard was given time before the Board and about eight persons presented specific complaints.

Commissioner Dew asked if they had been before the County Committee for FmHA to make them aware of their allegations and they stated that they had not.

It was suggested by the Board that they go before the Committee for resolution of their problems as the County Commissioners have no authority over the Farmers Home Administration. No action was taken by the Board of Commissioners.

The FmHA Office was made aware of the audience before the Commissioners by the delegation and invited them to attend the meeting if they wished. No one came.

Others present at this portion of the meeting were Kathryn Davis, Representative from the office of Senator John East; Frank Merritt and a Representative from Hatch Construction and Realty.

Commissioner Marlowe left the meeting at 11:12 and did not return.

Mr. Farley Strickland met with the Board to make them aware of the controversy concerning the Gapway community students who are now attending Tabor City Schools but will not be allowed to continue after this school year. In his lengthy presentation he stated that the Gapway community was consolidated into Tabor City Schools in the 1930's and had traditionally been there since that time. He stated that he has consulted with the local Board of Education, the State Board of Education and the Attorney General in his efforts to get the controversy resolved to allow the students to continue their education in the Tabor City Schools. He asked the Board to encourage the local Board of Education to settle the issue on the local level rather than taking it to the national level, which he plans to do if all other efforts fail.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Norris to contact the County Superintendent and request that he arrange a meeting with the Board of Education and the Commissioners. There was a continuation of the discussion and no vote was taken on the motion. Commissioner Dew suggested that a letter be sent to the Board of Education to ask them to reconsider the disputed line. Commissioner Hinson withdrew his motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed that a letter be sent to the County Board of Education and ask that they reconsider the re-establishment of the traditional attendance boundary line. It was requested that the letter be read in open meeting and made a part of the official minutes of the Board of Education.

Mr. Ronald Herring was also present at this meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to adopt the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, the National League of Families of Prisoner of War, missing in action, and killed in action, for the military undertaking of Southeast Asia, and in particular Vietnam, have requested that December 12, 1981, be set aside in support of their organizations; and

WHEREAS, over twenty-five hundred men are still declared missing in action and only approximately eighty bodies have been returned to the United States for burial and that the League of Families represent many individuals who remain quiet concerned about their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, the Towns of Loris, South Carolina and her sister Tabor City, North Carolina, are in support of having a Missing-In-Action/Prisoner-Of-War Day and that the Honorable Ervin Long, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will pay special recognition to the League at the parade on December 12, 1981; and

WHEREAS, Many churches and religious organizations are in support of the idea set forth by the National League of Families and the only means of financial support for the said League is through contributions;

BE IT, THEREFORE RESOLVED by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA that the County will honor the missing in action, the prisoner of war and the killed in action during the military maneuvers in Southeast Asia and in particular Vietnam, by declaring the 12th day of December, 1981, throughout all of Columbus County, to be the League of Families of Missing-In-Action and Prisoner-Of-War Day.

This the 16th day of November, 1981

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: /s/ Edward W. Williamson  
Chairman

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to appropriate \$5,000.00 to Brunswick Ambulance Service to enter into contract with Mr. Blackmon under the same conditions as previously contracted with Columbus County emergency Service, to help provide transportation for indigent patients that are non-emergency. Attorney Hill is to draw the contract. Four Thousand dollars has already been appropriated for private ambulance service but was not accepted by Columbus County Emergency Service. An additional \$1,000.00 will be appropriated from Surplus.

The Clerk was directed to notify the Columbus County Hospital Administrator of this action so they can refer patients to the Brunswick Ambulance Service for both paying and non-paying patients and also continue to cooperate with Emergency Medical Service in transporting patients.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until November 16th, at 10:00 a.m. which is regular meeting time.

*Emogene W. Suggs*  
Clerk

APPROVED:

*Edmund W. Hinson*  
Chairman