

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., November 16, 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., Attorney (Absent)

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by Dr. Jerry Paschal, Supt., Whiteville City Schools.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the November 2nd meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Norris and seconded by Commissioner Marlowe.

The Board agreed that if it is necessary for a member to leave the meeting temporarily, that no business will be transacted until the member returns.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to allow the Whiteville City Schools to develop the County's property on Thompson Street for recreational purposes to be used by Edgewood School. Property is not being transferred to the Schools.

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

Proclamation for Farm/City Week for 1981

WHEREAS, the prosperity and well-being of this county are dependent upon cooperation between the two great elements of our society; farmers and urban people; and

WHEREAS, the complexities of their individual problems and the divergence of their activities have led to a widening gulf of misunderstanding; and

WHEREAS, this gulf of misunderstanding must be eliminated, and each group must understand the other if our American way of life is to endure; and

WHEREAS, Farm-City Week provides an unparalleled opportunity for farm and city people to become reacquainted;

WE, THEREFORE, the Commissioners of Columbus County, do hereby proclaim the period of November 20th through November 26th to be Farm-City Week; and

WE DO FURTHER call upon all citizens of this County to participate to the limit of their capabilities.

Done at the Administration Building, Whiteville, North Carolina, this the 16th day of November, 1981.

/s/ Edward W. Williamson, Chairman  
Columbus County Commissioners

A delegation of about five persons met with the Board regarding the Veterans' Service Officer. William "Buddy" Coleman presented a petition to the Board with 204 signatures, requesting that the County replace Hugh Nance with a new service officer as they felt that Mr. Nance is not properly handling matters of business for retired veterans and their families.

Mr. Coleman presented his case specifically stating that he had been denied the right to get his records from Mr. Nance. Robert L. Ward, a past service officer, accompanied Mr. Coleman to help clarify the regulations concerning Mr. Coleman's case but stated that he does not personally have any problem with Mr. Nance. Mr. Nance was invited to the meeting to hear the complaints and was allowed time to respond which he did. He invited the Board to contact his superior officers to verify his competency in handling veterans claims. No action was taken by the Board at this time but they told the delegation they would consider their petition later.

Emily Peal, Red Cross Chapter Chairman; Joann Rhodes, executive secretary and Paul Avant, Red Cross Board Member, met with the Board to request additional office and storage space for the Red Cross office. Mrs. Peal stated that when they moved into the trailer they now use, it was to be a temporary location. She stated that they do not have adequate space to store clothing and equipment, no privacy to talk with families and not enough space to hold Board meetings without moving boxes etc.

The Board stated that they will discuss their request when they meet in the near future to allocate space resulting from the purchase of the Production Credit Association Building.

E. D. Meares, Jr., Buddy Inman, Ed Nance and Glen Thompson met with the Board to tell them that the conclusion they reached in resolving the problem for rescue squads in transporting non-emergency patients did not solve their problem and asked that they reconsider the matter before a contract is signed with the Brunswick Ambulance Service. They stated that the Ambulance Service had been called and was either unavailable or could not be located. They again requested that the Board accept the recommendation made by the County Association of Rescue Squads rather than contract with a private agency for a lump sum of money. Mr. Meares stated that he felt that the Board had not tried to work with them because they were left out of the discussion on the resolution of the problem.

Chairman assured the delegation that the Board would work out something that will be right and asked that they give Mr. Blackman time to prove himself to carry out his obligation as stated in the contract. Mr. Meares asked if Mr. Blackman will be required to submit an audit at the end of the year and they were told that he will be required to do so.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to adopt an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND THE IMPOSITION OF PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY"

The ordinance is recorded in Ordinance Book I beginning on page 32 and ending on page 35.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to change the organizational title in the ordinance entitled "COLUMBUS COUNTY CIVIL PREPAREDNESS AGENCY" from Civil Preparedness to Emergency Management in all references to Civil Preparedness in said ordinance. Action was taken by the State to be consistent with the Federal Emergency Management Act in November, 1979, to change the official name and is now under the NC Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

The following policy statement for safety was adopted upon motion by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Norris, and upon the recommendation of the NC Association of County Commissioners in cooperation with the Fred S. James Company (Workers Compensation Carriers):

It is the objective of this County to conduct all operations as safely and efficiently as possible.

To accomplish this, we are assigning the responsibility, authority, accountability for safety to all department heads and supervisory personnel within their individual area of operations

We are also appointing Howard Stanley as Safety Coordinator. It will be his responsibility to administer a total safety effort at a staff level and to coordinate these efforts with all departments to insure that safety standards are met throughout the County.

Each employee will have the responsibility of performing his/her own work in a safe and efficient manner and to report unsafe conditions to supervision for prompt correction.

In the case of vehicle operations, county drivers will be expected to follow the principles of "Defensive Driving", to drive so as to prevent accidents in spite of the incorrect action of others and in spite of adverse driving conditions.

#### Board of County Commissioners

At 11:30 the quarterly Department Head meeting convened to allow the Department Heads and the Board to discuss any matters that need attention.

The following Department Heads (and others) were present:

Amanda Bible, Tracy Floyd, Joann Vereen, Marion Duncan, Irene Young, Dr. J. R. Black, Otis Collins, Hobson Ivey, S. T. Enzor, Junior Babson, Howard Stanley, Stuart Sasser, Roscoe Enzor, and Emogene W. Suggs.

It was decided that the Library and Recreation Department personnel would host the Christmas party for County employees.

Howard Stanley commented on the above Safety Policy and asked that employees be more prompt in reporting accidents to both the Finance Office and the Emergency Management Office.

Hosea Coleman, Carl Strickland, Timothy Page, Winson Coleman, Clyde Shelly and Joe Buffkin met with the Board to ask the Board to look into the contract with the Corps of Engineers and the landowners on the Gapway Drainage District to determine if the contract has been fulfilled. They say that they do not benefit from the drainage project and wish to either be relieved from paying district taxes or have the ditch extended to the original designation. The District was established 16 years ago.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed that the Attorney be given a copy of the Agreement to determine if the provisions of the Agreement have been carried out. It was further stipulated that the Board contact Joe Kenyon and ask that the Soil & Water Conservation Office do a study of the Gapway area to determine if the above listed citizens are outside the benefits of the drainage district and report back to the Board for further consideration.

The following declaration was adopted by the Board of Commissioners upon motion by Commissioner Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Dew:

WHEREAS, the Associate Degree Nursing Programs of the Nation will celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of this concept of nursing education; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associate Degree of Nursing Programs of North Carolina, and in particular of Columbus County, is to prepare nurses to write the licensing examination for the registered nurses; and

WHEREAS, the greatest number of registered nurses of North Carolina and Columbus County are currently graduating from Associate Degree Nurses' Programs and comprise a large population of the nursing staff in the North Carolina Hospitals; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately thirty-two (32) Associate Degree Nursing Programs in North Carolina offering an opportunity to both men and women to obtain preparation for the said degree; and

WHEREAS, the Associate Degree Nursing Programs are striving to alleviate the severe shortage of registered nurses; and

WHEREAS, Southeastern Community College has and is participating in the Associate Degree Nursing Programs in order to alleviate severe shortages of nurses throughout all of Southeastern North Carolina;

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA that the week of November 15, 1981, be and the same is hereby known throughout all of Columbus County as "The Associate Degree Nursing Week".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Columbus County to be affixed to this proclamation, this the 16th day of November, 1981

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

ATTESTED:

SEAL

/s/ Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to appoint Elaine Johnson to the Council on the Status of Women.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to appoint Commissioner Dew, to work with the Consultant that has been hired by the Council of Governments to update the County's Transportation Plan. It was further stipulated that \$300.00 be appropriated as the County's matching of funds for the preparation of the Plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to amend the budget of the Recreation Department to include \$47,000.00 for a Young Adult Conservation Corp Grant which requires no County funds.

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

Home Health	- Decrease 10-593-0201	\$2,090.00	Expenditure
	Decrease 10-348-09	2,090.00	Revenue
Hypertension	Decrease 10-594-02	1,216.00	Expenditure
	Decrease 10-348-11	1,216.00	Revenue
Maternal & Child Care			
	Decrease 10-592-57	3,331.00	Expenditure
	Decrease 10-348008	3,331.00	Revenue

Add \$6,000.00 for Safe Drinking Water Grant which is totally State funded.

A breakdown will be submitted later to the Finance Office.

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 Mary M. Todd, Chadbourn Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,000.00 due to an error on appraiser's card of a house and beauty shop on .56 acres of land. Property is on late listings.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed to Mary M. Todd, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$500.00 in the Klondyke Fire District. Property belongs to Wallace Bernard White and is on late listing.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Tom and Gurley McDuffie, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,000.00 due to double listing. Property is also listed to Herman Andrew Williams.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of James Lavoy Jones, Tatum Twonship, be cancelled on the valuation of \$700.00 due to listing a motor vehicle to him which he did not own on January 1, 1981.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of James M. Long, Lees Township, be cancelled on the listing a motor vehicle which he did not own on January 1, 1981.

Ordered: that the 1970-1981 taxes listed in the name of D. G. Nance Heirs, E. W. Nance Heirs, and C. E. Nance, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on a lot that does not exist.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Mary Elizabeth Floyd, Fair Bluff Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$23,500.00 as the property is listed in the name of Chellie Floyd Heirs and has not been divided among the heirs.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of J. C. Page, Jr. and Marcia, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,450.00 on a house and lot that goes back to Southern National Bank.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Southern National Bank, Trustee, R.R. Rogers Estate, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,200.00 on a vacant lot that goes to J. C. & Marcia Page.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the ~~name~~ of Willie B. Buffkin, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,380.00 due to a survey that determined a lesser number acres of land than is listed.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Willie B. Buffkin, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$35,590.00 due to a survey that determined a greater number of acres than is listed. A new listing will be made on the late list for the corrected number of acres.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Orene Booth Stephens, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,675.00 due to listing an automobile in two townships.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Richard Seay, Lees Township, be released on the valuation of \$675.00 due to double listing personal property.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Carl Legrande Blackburn Heirs, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,500.00 for disability exemption for Mrs. Blackburn.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of J. G. Ward Heirs, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$550.00 due to error in valuation of property.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Roy & Pat Norris, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$800.00 due to a mobile home and addition thereto having burned.

Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of Shelton & Maulcy Jane Norris, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$10,945.00 due to a house burning in December, 1980.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of S. T. Gore, et al., South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,500.00. The Senior Citizens Exemption was given on the wrong property.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of S. T. Gore, et al., South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$11,590 and the Senior Citizens Exemption be added back to this property and listed on the late listings.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of John C. & Christine V. Williams, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,000.00 on a lot that does not exist.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Mrs. C. E. Miller, Williams Township, be cancelled for the years 1970 through 1981 on two lots that cannot be located. The Appraiser had no map or lot number for them.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of John J. and Flora Belle Gore, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$31,000.00 for two bulk barns and a building that are listed in error.

A copy of a letter addressed to the County Board of Education from the Old Dock PTA was read to the Board asking support in getting a gym for Old Dock School in the 1982-83 budget appropriations.

There was a discussion on the contract to be drawn between the Board of Commissioners and Brunswick Ambulance Service as to how the appropriation of \$5,000.00 would be disbursed. The Board designated the Chairman to discuss the matter with Mr. Belton Blackman to inquire if he plans to purchase a vehicle to transport patients. The general agreement was that if he plans to purchase a vehicle and needs the lump sum at one time to pay on a vehicle it would be agreeable to disburse the full amount at one time and, and if he does not plan to make the purchase a monthly payment would be more suitable.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until Monday, December 7, 1981, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Enrique W. Sogge

Edward W. Miller