

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., December 21, 1981, it being third Monday.

MEMBRES OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Junior W. Dew, Chairman

Lynwood Norris, Vice-Chairman

Edward W. Williamson (Part-time)

C. Waldo Marlowe

L. A. Hinson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by the Reverend Ed Moore.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the December 7th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Williamson.

Dennis J. Pirone Sales Representative for Lanier Products, met with the Board to discuss recording equipment that is available from Lanier to be used for recording the proceedings of Board meetings. No decision was made at this time to use on a trial basis or purchase any equipment which Mr. Peirone stated would cost \$2,400.00.

The Board was presented a letter from Zola Harrelson resigning as a member of the County Nursing Home Advisory Committee as she is leaving Columbus County. The resignation was accepted with regrets and no replacement was appointed at this time. Names are to be submitted by the administration of nursing homes in the County for consideration on the Committee.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted upon motion by Commissioner Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Norris:

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Law Enforcement Association sublet certain real estate from the County of Columbus which was leased from the State of North Carolina by the County of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is in need of some of the real estate to be released to be used by the Department of Transportation for storage areas; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Columbus County Law Enforcement Association, Inc., met at their regular meeting on the 8th day of December, 1981, and adopted a resolution releasing the said land; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina and the Columbus County Law Enforcement Association, Inc., have both requested the County of Columbus to also release the said land;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA that they do, as a Board, release from the said lease that certain tract of 2.093 acres of land, more or less, located and being bound on the north by SR # 1170, east by North Carolina Department of Transportation, west by a canal and on the south by remaining land of the Columbus County Law Enforcement Association, Inc., as shown on a plat entitled "Plat for the North Carolina Department of Transportation" bearing date November 3, 1981, and prepared by the State of North Carolina.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
/s/ Junior Dew, Chairman

ATTESTED: /s/ Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

At 10:15 a.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed that the Board go into executive session on a personnel matter.

At 10:40 a.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to reconvene in regular session, all members present.

The Chairman announced that no action will be taken at this time resulting from the executive session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to appropriate \$2,500.00 from Surplus to the North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department subject to the signing of a contract with the County as other Departments who receive funds are asked to do.

John McNeill, Energy Engineer, met with the Board to further discuss the energy audit of county buildings which was made by Energy Engineering Associates under contract with the State of NC. There was a discussion as to whether the suggestions made by the report would be carried out. The Board asked Howard Stanley to contact the State office to find out if grants are available for a feasibility study on specified county buildings. Later, he stated that no State funds are available at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed that \$2,750.00 be appropriated from Surplus to enter into contract with Energy Engineers Associates of Fayetteville to do a feasibility study of selected county buildings to have information available to make decisions on energy saving measures that will be taken by the Board. Attorney Hill is to review the proposal and the Board, by general agreement, authorized the Chairman to sign the necessary documents when approved by Mr. Hill.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to give Catherine Nance a check for \$50.00 for immediate relief.

Jesse Fisher met with the Board to present a plan for an industrial park in a sixty acre site on Pine Log Road. The site had originally be set up as a housing subdivision. Only three houses have been built in the area and Mr. Fisher stated that he would leave a 200 feet buffer area around the houses that are built and set up five and ten acre tracts to be available to industry. He presented this idea upon the recommendation of Jack Ervin, Economic Development Director, and to get tax relief on the property until such time as the land is actually used by industry. Attorney Hill stated that there are some questions concerning dedication of a public road and an area designated as a recreation area for the housing area that will have to be resolved before plans can proceed for an industrial park.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed that Mr. Fisher work to resolve the above questions and the Board would work to give him tax relief on the property when they can appropriately do so.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed that \$5,000.00 be appropriated from Surplus to offer a contract to J. L. Stanley (CCEMS) to provide private ambulance service in Columbus County on a rotating basis with Brunswick Ambulance Service, i.e., one Service is to be designated as the primary respondent on a weekly basis, with the other acting as a back-up and reverse the respondents on an alternating basis to be worked out by both respondents. The motion further stated that Mr. Stanley's contract be retroactive to July 1, 1981, and if accepted by Mr. Stanley, the Clerk is to notify the Office of Emergency Management, each rescue unit in the County and the Columbus County Hospital Administrator.

Commissioners Dew and Hinson voted against the above motion.

Commissioners Williamson, Norris and Marlowe voted for the above motion and it was passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed that the Chairman contact Mr. J. L. Stanley regarding a contract to provide private ambulance service for indigents.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed that the offices of the Tax Collector, Tax Supervisor and Veterans' Service Officer be moved to the PCA Building.

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

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Donna Sue Spivey, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,775.00. Car was listed that was not owned on January 1, 1981.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Pearl C. Wilkins, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,610.00 due to an error in listing the number of acres of land.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Mrs. Misha Watts Skipper, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,000.00 due to double listing a lot.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of William Odell Ezzell, Lees Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$3,830.00 due to double listing 10.14 acres of land.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Joseph Cecil McPherson, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$400.00 due to a tobacco barn being torn down.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Joseph Cecil McPherson, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,280.00 due to an error in classification of type of land.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of J. L. McKoy, Welches Creek Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,670.00 due to double listing a house.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Emmett Jr., & Evelyn Graham, Welches Creek Township, be released on the valuation of \$14,010.00 due to a house burning in July, 1980.

Ordered: that the 1979 taxes listed in the name of Joseph Brice Tyree, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$500.00 as house has no fireplace.

Ordered: that a refund be issued to Leon & Mildred M. Small, Fair Bluff Township, for Senior-Citizens Exemption in the amount of \$64.50.

Ordered: that a refund be given to J. L. McKoy, Welches Creek Township, for the years 1978, \$33.60; 1979, \$33.60 and 1980, \$36.40, due to double listing a house valued at \$2,800.00.

Commissioner Williamson left the meeting at 2:15 and did not return.

There was further discussion concerning details of a contract for private ambulance service for indigents and several questions are still to be resolved.

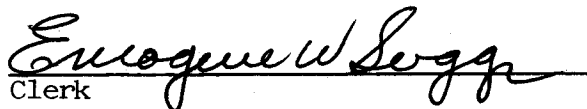
The following reports were presented to the Board:

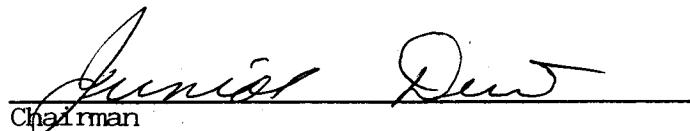
Activities Report for Economic Development Director

Tax Collector's Report for November.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until January 4, 1982, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:


Clerk


Chairman