

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., January 18, 1982, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Junior W. Dew, Chairman

Lynwood Norris, Vice-Chairman

Edward W. Williamson

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 Brantley Stephens, Pastor, Piney Forest Baptist Church.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the January 4th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Marlowe.

Ervin Stocks, Robert Gore and B. A. Mills met with the Board to discuss the procedures for paving the Waccamaw Shores Road (1967) with property owners paying an assessment. Attorney Hill stated that the Tax Supervisor had determined that there are over 75% of the necessary signatures on the petition to assess property owners for paving the road and also verified that the property owners which signed the petition own over 75% of the lineal footage of property on the road front.

The following resolution was adopted by the Board upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Marlowe:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, that they do hereby adopt the following preliminary resolution pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 153A-190, Article 9, Special Assessments.

The Statement of Intent to undertake the project is that the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, pursuant to General Statutes do hereby intend to adopt and assess all property owners along Secondary Road 1967 in Columbus County and known as Waccamaw Shores' Road, two (\$2.00) dollars per lineal road foot. The general description of the work and the location of the project is the improvement and black topping Of Secondary Road 1967 in Columbus County, North Carolina, and Waccamaw Shores' Subdivision which is located between the Dupree Landing Road and the Waccamaw River mouth in Bogue Township, Columbus County, North Carolina. The nature of the said project is the participation by owners of the widening and paving of the said road pursuant to the General Statutes of North Carolina.

The proposed basis for making the assessment which shall include the general description and boundary of the said project to be benefited is as follows:

- (1) That the said area to be benefited is all adjacent property owners along SRL1967, which is located between Dupree Landing and the Waccamaw River mouth.

- (2) The rate of participation is two (\$2.00) dollars per lineal foot of road frontage.
- (3) The entire cost to the project owners participation is sixty thousand, nine hundred, thirty seven dollars and eighty-four cents (\$60,937.84).

A statement as the percentage of work to be done that is specifically assessed for the entire project, and in addition thereto the corresponding share with respect to the Board of Transportation of the Department of Transportation of the State of North Carolina is as follows:

State of North Carolina	\$ 90,000.00 = 60%
Property Owners	60,937.84 = 40%
Total Cost . . . . .	\$ 150,937.84 =100%

No assessment shall be held in abeyance. The Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, shall forward sixty thousand, nine hundred, thirty-seven and 84/100 (\$60,937.84) dollars to the Department of Transportation for the undertaking of the said project.

The collection of payments shall take place as quickly as possible after the said assessments have been made and the money has been tender to the Board of Transportation in Raleigh, North Carolina. All assessments shall be made during one taxable year.

The time of a public hearing on all matters covered by the preliminary assessments resolution shall be at 8:00 o'clock p.m., on the 9th day of March, 1982, in the Superior Courtroom, Columbus County Courthouse, Whiteville, NC. The said hearing is no earlier than three weeks or greater than ten weeks from the date of the adoption of this resolution.

This the 18th day of January, 1982.

/s/ Junior Dew, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners  
Columbus County, North Carolina

/s/ James E. Hill, Jr.  
County Attorney

Tax Supervisor Ralph Jolly was designated to send out copies of the above resolution to each owner of property on the Waccamaw Shores' Road who owns property on the road front notifying them of this action by the Board. Notices are to be sent by first class mail.

Mrs. Ovaline Nobles, Mrs. Sybil Thompson and Robert Ward met with the Board to present complaints against Hugh Nance, Veterans' Service Officer. Mr. Nance was invited to come to the meeting to hear the complaints. Mrs. Nobles stated that Mr. Nance did not fill in her application for veterans' benefits as she had requested causing her to receive a lesser benefit that she felt she is entitled to. She and Mrs. Thompson also stated that Mr. Nance did not conduct himself in a respectable manner while in their presence.

Mr. Nance said he felt the object of their complaints is to put him out of his job. He stated that he is not allowed to make certain decisions in making applications for clients that are to be made by a doctor or other officials higher in the administration and he felt that he handled each case in accordance with instructions from his superiors.

No action was taken by the Board on this matter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to amend the Recreation Department budget to include \$3,000.00 in YACC revenues, to be expended in the YACC Program. This would make a total of \$97,000.00 in funds for the project since it began in 1981.

Richard Wright, Attorney, met with the Board with a group of property owners in the Gapway Swamp Watershed Conservation District and the Dunn Swamp Drainage District. Mr. Wright restated the problems that were presented at an earlier meeting by the Gapway citizens and stated that the Dunn Swamp residents had similar problems. The property owners (13 present) stated that the project was not maintained and was not in compliance with the original agreement that was made with the Corp of Engineers in 1965. They asked to be relieved from paying tax assessments for the District as they felt they receive no benefits from the flood control canal.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed that the Attorney set up a meeting with the Corp of Engineers to discuss the problems and that the Tax Supervisor send out notices of the meeting to each property owner in the District (Gapway) and that Mr. Jolly visit the area to be familiar with the property that is in question.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to amend the budget of the Health Department to decrease General Aid to Counties from the State in the amount of \$238.00 and decrease Miscellaneous Expenses in like amount.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed that Columbus County participate in the cheese distribution program and that Social Services be allowed to hire a temporary employee to work during the time of the distribution which should be about one month. It was also decided that the cheese be stored in the kitchen of the Miller Building and be distributed from there.

George Bryant, Joan Stephens and Ruth Worley, from Sencland Community Action, met with the Board and presented a proposal to provide services to the elderly in the County. A proposed budget was presented for consideration by the Board which would be an increase in the appropriation now being made to Sencland for the elderly, but Mr. Bryant stated that it was included in the proposal and would not be an additional appropriation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed that a total of \$25,000 be appropriated, on a pro-rated basis, in the next two fiscal years to help fund the program for the elderly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to increase the rent being paid to Mrs. Ruby Bullard for the office space used by Employment Security Commission to \$250.00 per month for January, February and March. The Clerk is to contact Mrs. Bullard to negotiate a contract within three months.

Informal bids were presented to the Board by Howard Stanley to purchase a radio for Roseland Fire Department. Bids were as follows: Motorola, Inc. - \$1,487.60; and General Electric - \$1,328.80. Regency equipment was considered but did not meet the needs for this specific purpose, according to Mr. Stanley.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williamson to purchase the radio from General Electric Company for \$1,328.80, which includes installation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the Board approve:

1. All rights-of-way acquired by the Lower Cape Fear Water & Sewer Authority retroactive to the effective date of the 1981 Session Law which requires approval by the Board.
2. The acquisition, by the Lower Cape Fear Water & Sewer Authority, of any remaining parcels in Columbus County necessary for the construction of the regional pipeline system for water.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed that if there is a double sink on the third floor of the Miller Building, that it be loaned to the Eager Beaver Day Care Center in Fair Bluff but is to be kept on the County's inventory. The Board agreed that the sink is to be returned at such time as they request it and that the equipment in the kitchen of the Miller Building is not to be removed from the kitchen for any purpose at this time. The Chairman was designated to look into the above matter and notify the Day Care Center of the action.

The following tax releases were approved by the Board upon the recommendation of the Tax Supervisor and upon motion by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Williamson:

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Vernon, David Earl, Melba Faye and Willaree Long, Lees Township, be released on 1981 taxes on the valuation of \$2,300.00 due to an error in listing 2.5 acres of land which they do not own.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Vernon, David Earl, Melba Faye and Willaree Long, Lees Township, be released on the valuation of \$940.00 due to an error in listing 2 acres of property which belongs to Howard and Alice G. Ward.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Howard Jackson Ward, Lees Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$9,850.00 due to an error by the Appraisal Company.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Howard J. and Alice G. Ward, Lees Township, be released on the valuation of \$500.00 due to an error in the classification of property - presently classified as cleared and is woodland.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Albert C. Wright, Sr., South Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$3,200.00 due to double listing to Mr. Wright.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of C. E. Ray, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,090.00 due to error in listing cleared land that is woodland.

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Ordered: that the 1980 taxes listed in the name of James and Margie N. Tyler, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$6,210.00 due to double listing a house.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Thurman G. Gore, Bug Hill Township, be cancelled due to an error in listing a house which should be listed to Roy Gore. Two tracts of land will be listed to Mr. Thurman Gore, 30.5 acres and one acre.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Lloyd E. & Carol A. Pittman, Fair Bluff Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,320.00 due to an error in appraisal listing air conditioning and a miscellaneous shed.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Estelle L. Lewis, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$600.00 due to an error in listing hookups and an addition to a trailer which she does not have.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of John L. & Pauline Ford, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$6,525.00 for disability exemption.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Cornie Shelly, Cerro Gordo Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$6,770.00 due to an error in listing eight acres of land.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Doris Pridgen Heirs, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$4,520.00 which is listed in error. The property is correctly listed to Four Oaks Trailer Park.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Russell D. Wright be cancelled on the valuation of \$3,475.00, South Williams Township, for a Volkswagen Rabbit that is listed under Wright's Drug Store and listed to him on the late listings.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of A. H. and Veeta Wright, South Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$3,480.00 for a lot that was sold to W. R. Grice in 1977.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Gordon Small, Jr., Fair Bluff Township, be released in the amount of \$14.53 in the Cole's Service District as his property is not within the District.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Michael L. Strickland, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,150.00 due to an error in listing a Honda auto that should have been a Honda motorcycle. Error is in the Klondyke Fire District also.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Buren Clayton Wright, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$15,000.00 on 5 bulk barns to be listed to Jimmy R. Hewett as a leasehold.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Alice Gray Ward Odom, Lees Township, be released on the valuation of \$6,720.00 due to an error in listing land and buildings incorrectly.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Federal Paper Board, Waccamaw Township, be released on the valuation of \$24,460.00 due to an error in copying valuation on 196 acres of land.

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Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of M. Grady Long, Lees Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$700.00 for .50 acres of land which does not exist.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Steven E. & Audrey E. Rivenbark, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$26,610.00 due to listing property that should be listed to Mable C. Gore.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Donald Wayne & Shelby Jean Norris, Fair Bluff Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$470.00 due to an error in listing 1.5 acres of land and 1.9 acres of woodland. Release applies to Cole's Service District also.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Franklin M. & Annie S. Ward, Lees Township, in the amount of \$48.50 due to an error in listing buildings and land. He will be rebilled correctly on the late listings.

Ordered: that a refund be given to A. H. McCumbee, Williams Township, in the amount of \$4.56 for 1981 taxes due to an error in listing land that had been sold to Jimmy Garrell.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Carrie A. Gore, Williams Township, in the amount of \$25.29; \$3.84 for 1979; \$4.16 for 1980 and \$ 8.43 for 1980, also \$8.86 for 1980 for an adjustment in the number of acres corrected from a new survey of property.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Donald Wayne & Shelby Jean Norris, Fair Bluff Township, on the amount of \$1.30 for 1980 taxes due to an error in listing woodland.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to grant an extension for the following for listing property for taxation for 1982:

United States Leasing Corp.	April 15
Fieldcrest Mills, Inc.	March 31
IBM	March 1
Federal Paper Board	Feb. 15
Butterworth Systems, Inc.	March 31
Billy Floyd with Federal Paper Board	Feb. 15
Exxon Corporation - All Divisions	March 31
Xerox	March 17
DPF, Inc.	April 1
Canal Industries	Feb. 15
Inleasing Corporation	April 1
Gulf Oil Corp.	April 15
ARI (Automotive Rentals)	April 15
Roses Stores #52 and #249	April 15
Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co., Lumberton	March 1
Family Dollar	April 15
United Carolina Bank	Feb. 15

Applications were reviewed for the job of housekeeper for the Administrative Building and the PCA Building.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe to employ Geno Gore for the position.

There was no second to this motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to hire Thelma Flowers of Chadbourn for the housekeeper position at the minimum wage.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to rescind the resolution passed several years ago to allow discounts on early payment of advalorem taxes in Columbus County and no discounts will be allowed in future years.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to give Mrs. Austin Wright a check for \$50.00 for immediate relief.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that the following persons be designated to work together to resolve the problem with Fred Strickland due to his injury and not being able to return to work at the Sheriff's Department: James E. Hill, Jr.; R. C. Soles, Jr., Attorney for Mr. Strickland; Chairman Dew; Sheriff Norton; Chief Deputy Sasser and Fred Strickland. Mr. Strickland is out of work after using all of his accumulated sick leave and vacation and has been denied workers compensation by the Aetna Company and has a hearing pending.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed that the County continue to pay hospital insurance for Fred Strickland, including the family benefits, until further decisions are made.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to give Fred Strickland \$50.00 for immediate relief.

Reports were presented to the Board for review as follows:

Tax Collector's Report for December, 1981.  
State Jail Inspector's Report  
Economic Development Activity Report  
Deputy Sasser's report on mileage on autos at Sheriff's Department

It was agreed by the Board that the Finance Officer be allowed to sell the Burroughs L8900 Computer by private negotiation as no bids were received from advertisements in three newspapers.

It was also agreed that, in case of inclement weather, the Chairman be allowed to make a decision concerning the closing of County offices rather than having to contact each member of the Board.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until February 1, 1982, at 10:00 a.m. which is regular meeting time.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs  
Clerk

Junior Dew  
Chairman