

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., February 1, 1982, it being first 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 Commissioner Hinson.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the January 18th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Norris.

A. E. Shaw, II, Manager, Town of Chadbourn, and Philip Strole met with the Board to discuss the delinquent taxes for Dunn Swamp Drainage District. Mr. Shaw stated that because of delinquent taxes no maintenance has been done on the Project in two years and it is getting beyond regular maintenance if nothing is done this year. They asked the Board to instruct the County Tax Collector to advertise the delinquent listings for the District in the paper when the regular county taxes are listed for sale. Mr. Shaw stated that the property owners who pay are complaining because of the lack of maintenance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that the delinquent listings for all drainage districts be advertised, except Gapway Flood Control District, as set out in the General Statutes.

The Board is to meet with Gapway residents and the Army Corp of Engineers representatives in the afternoon to discuss the Gapway situation.

The following resolution was unanimously passed upon motion by Commissioner Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Williamson:

WHEREAS, Henry Rowan, Chief, Nakina Fire and Rescue Squad, Inc., presented the boundary map for the Nakina Fire and Rescue Squad, Inc., along with a description of said boundary, to the Board of Columbus County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Board agrees to allow the Nakina Fire and Rescue Squad, Inc., to provide fire protection to the area of the County designated in the description as presented to the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County that the boundary map and description of the Nakina Fire and Rescue Squad, Inc., are hereby approved by the Board and the description of said boundary is as follows:

Beginning at point (1) of NC Highway 905, 1.4 miles northwest of its intersection with SR 1006; thence southeasterly to point (2) on SR 1006, 1.5 miles northeast of its in-

tersection with N.C. Highway 905; thence easterly to point (3) on SR 1933, 0.9 mile northwest of its intersection with SR 1932; thence southeasterly to point (4) on SR 1932, 0.9 mile north of its intersection with SR 1933; thence southeasterly to point (5) on SR 1943, 0.8 mile southeast of its intersection with SR 1934; thence southwesterly to point (6) on SR 1934, 0.8 mile south of its intersection with SR 1943; thence southwesterly to point (7) on SR 1937, 0.3 mile east of its intersection with NC Highway 905; thence southwesterly to point (8) on NC Highway 905, 0.3 mile south of its intersection with SR 1937; thence westerly to point (9) at the intersection of NC Highway 904 and SR 1108; thence northerly along Monte Swamp to point (10) at the intersection of SR 1006 and 1116; thence northeasterly to point (1) the beginning.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to approve the recommendation of the Town of Chadbourn's Council to appoint Davis R. Godwin to the Chadbourn Board of Adjustments and Dr. Eugenia Blake to the Chadbourn Board of Planning & Zoning. Terms will expire in 1984.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed that Commissioners Dew and Norris be appointed as delegates from Columbus County on the Council of Governments General Membership Committee for 1982.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to approve the road petition requesting that the road leading off SR 1149, Rt. 1, Clarendon be added to the State system, subject to meeting the requirements of the Department of Transportation. The road is 0.7 mile in length and has 4 occupied homes located on it.

Mr. D. P. Ward presented a written request to the Board asking that various veterans organizations would like to be recognized in recommending a veterans service officer for Columbus County when the time is appropriate. Five organization names were attached to the request. Mr. Ervin Long was also present at the meeting but he stated he was only representing himself. He stated that the veterans were not getting the service they should get and DAV was doing much of the work of the service officer.

Later, Mr. Grady Watts, Commander of Chapter 35, Whiteville, stated that even though their name was attached to the request, it is not the result of any action taken by his Chapter of the State Department. He asked the Board to use their normal procedures in taking applications for veterans service officer, when the position is open, and allow the veterans organizations to have some input at that point.

The Board will take the request under advisement when there is a vacancy in the service officer position.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that the County purchase a heating/cooling system from Pridgen Brothers at a cost of \$8,500, including installation. This unit is to be installed in the Miller Hall of the Miller Building. The above price excludes steam & condensate piping and high voltage wiring. Funds for the above is to be appropriated from Surplus. This action was taken upon the recommendation of the Energy Engineering Consultants doing the energy feasibility study on various county buildings.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that Commissioners Dew and Williamson attend the National Association of County Commissioners Legislative Conference in Washington, beginning February 20th through 24th.

A letter was read to the Board from the NC Department of Natural Resources & Community Development, asking that Commissioner Dew serve on the Lake Waccamaw Task Force for resolving the best access to the State Park at the Lake.

There was a discussion of the request and the Board recognizes that Commissioner Dew is already serving on a number of Boards and Committees, and a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to submit Commissioner Marlowe's name to the State Department for consideration to serve on the Task Force as he is the Commissioner elected from the Zone in which the Park is located. The Board advised Commissioner Marlowe to not obligate the County for financial assistance for the Park if he is appointed by the State office to serve.

The following property owners were allowed extension of time to list taxes for 1982, upon motion by Commissioner Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Williamson:

FCX	March	2, 1982
Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corp.	March	2, 1982
Coffee Time/North Carolina, Inc.	February	15, 1982
Firestone Store	March	2, 1982
NCR Corporation	March	31, 1982
Federal Pacific Electric Company	March	31, 1982
Manufacturers Hanover Leasing Corp.	March	2, 1982
Pic'n Pay Shoes	March	2, 1982
Dewey Hill & Hill's Stores	February	15, 1982
Dart & Kraft	March	31, 1982
Helena Chemical Company	March	2, 1982
<u>Lee & Lee for the following:</u>		
J. B. & Catherine P. Lee		
Blue Jeans Corporation		
National Spinning Company		
Helen S. Powell		
Dorothy Garni		
Dorothy Garni, Mary Loke Smith & Louise Smith	March	1, 1982

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

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Carlisle Suggs, Jr., Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$3,570.00 due to double listing 3.5 acres of property.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of J. Roland Gore, South Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$500.00 due to double listing a building.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of William Clifton Jackson, Ransom Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$19,330.00 due to double listing real estate.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Lennon Gore & Sons, Inc., South Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$30,500.00 due to double listing bulk tobacco barns.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of William A. Vereen, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,470.00 due to an error in transferring land and buildings.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Cicero Timmons, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$8,770.00 due to double listing a house.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of FCX Grain Market, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$61,537.00 due to double listing with Whiteville Grain Market.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of FCX, Inc., Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$13,762.00 for depreciation of vehicles.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Z. P. Green Heirs, Cerro Gordo Township, be released on the valuation of \$8,860.00.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Nellie Waddell, Fair Bluff Township, be released on the valuation of \$17,350.00 due to error in listing. Should be listed to Minnie Waddell.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Rufus M. & Susie S. Pait, Whiteville, Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,500.00 due to double listing an acre of land.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Preston D. Page, Whiteville Township, in the amount of \$6.45 for the tax year 1981 due to double listing.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Vernon, David Earl, Melba Faye and Willaree Long, Lees Township, in the amount of \$27.86 for 1981 taxes. (Released in 1-18-82 Meeting)

Ordered: that a refund be given to Lloyd E. and Carol A. Pittman, Fair Bluff Township, in the amount of \$11.35 (Released in 1-18-82 Meeting).

Ordered: that a refund be given to Carl E. and Hilda W. Butler, Bogue Township, in the amount of \$74.13 for 1981 taxes due to a decrease in the number of acres of land.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the County enter into contract with Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department under the provisions of G. S. 153A-233 to provide assistance to the Department so they may apply to the FmHA for a loan in the amount of \$35,000.00

It was also discussed by the Volunteer Fire Department Chief and the Board, the matter of establishing a fire district around the Town of Brunswick to tax residents in the area for services from the Fire Department. The Board asked that they present the proper documents to the Board to proceed with establishing the district for tax purposes. Attorney Bill Sessoms was also present at the meeting as attorney for the Department.

At 2:00 p.m. there was a public meeting with the Board of Commissioners, Army Corp of Engineers and Gapway Flood Control District property owners. Due to the number of persons present proper notice was posted and the meeting adjourned to the

Courthouse Annex on West Smith Street. Bernard Ingram and Robert Cagle, III, were present from the Army Corp of Engineers, Wilmington Office; Richard Wright, Attorney for Gapway residents and twenty seven residents of the Gapway District.

Mr. Wright presented complaints and question to Mr. Ingram and Mr. Cagle and several members of the group presented their specific complaints.

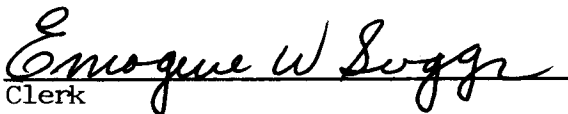
Some of the property owners were concerned that they were being assessed taxes for flood control and receiving no benefits. They asked that they be deleted from the assessments or be rendered a service. They stated that no maintenance had ever been done on the canal and that the Corp did not prepare the bank so that they could be maintained as agreed in the contract. Generally, they wanted to know the provisions of the contract regarding the role of the Corp of Engineers as some property owners stated that the canal was not dug as agreed in the contract but was stopped about five miles short of the agreed distance.

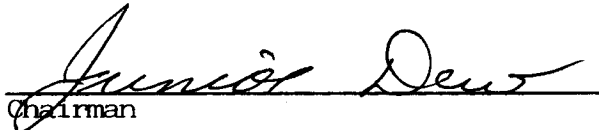
The Corp Representatives stated that they would study the system regarding the complaints to determine if the Corp should assume any responsibility for the present condition of the canal and try to determine if the canal was dug according to specifications.

Some of the property owners stated that the canal was dug according to the original plans.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until February 15, 1982, at 10:00 a.m., which is regular meeting time.

APPROVED:


Clerk


Chairman