

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 9:00 a.m., Monday June 7, 1982, according to adjournment.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Junior W. Dew, Chairman

Lynwood Norris, Vice-Chairman

C. Waldo Marlowe

L. A. Hinson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney (Part-time) Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

ABSENT:

Edward W. Williamson

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by Commissioner Hinson.

The following business was transacted:

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed that the contract with Sencland Community Action, Inc. be approved to transport kidney patients to New Hanover County for treatment and that \$8,388.00 be included in the budget to cover the cost.

There was a discussion of the budget requests that had been presented to the Board at the June 1st meeting. By general agreement the Board asked the Budget Officer to delete the following items from the requests to work toward not increasing the tax rate:

\$10,000.00 from Solid Waste Department Automotive Supplies
 7,500.00 from Extension Service for Computer
 1,000.00 from Dog Warden's Department for Maintenance & Repairs to Vehicles
 180,000.00 from Library's Building Capital Outlay & \$2,500.00 from Books.
 Delete three autos from Sheriff's Department, also \$5,500.00 for scanners.

Other instructions were to figure a five percent increase for salaries for all employees, but those who have worked less than six months will not get their increase until they have worked six months.

Each single fire or rescue unit will get \$1,000.00 increase in appropriation and double units will receive \$1,500.00 increase.

The Budget is to be computed on \$730,000,000.00 valuation with a 90% collection rate.

After the budget session the Board met in regular session with the same members present and the following business was transacted:

The minutes of the May 17th and June 1st were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Norris and seconded by Commissioner Hinson.

Donna Scott and Sherwood Hinson met with the Board to present a report for the Lumber River Basin Steering Committee. The report for Columbus County's area was presented by Ms. Scott. She gave a history of the Committee's activities since they were appointed in October, 1981, and some of the future plans. At the request of the Committee the following resolution was passed declaring the Lumber River from Boardman to Fair Bluff a canoe trail:

WHEREAS, Robeson County has adopted a resolution which designates the Lumber River as a canoe trail throughout the said County; and

WHEREAS, numerous citizens of Columbus County use the said Lumber River for the purpose of canoe trips and other recreational ventures; and

WHEREAS, the Lumber River now exists mostly in its natural state and should be preserved in that said state as far as possible;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, that the Lumber River be and is hereby designated as a Canoe Trail throughout Columbus County from Boardman on the North to the Town of Fair Bluff on the South and that the same shall be from this date forward, supervised by the Columbus County Department of Recreation as funds and personnel are available to do so.

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

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

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 Federal Paper Board Company, Inc., Bolton Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$8,670.00 due to double listing 14.45 acres of land.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Charles James Mitchell, Waccamaw Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$750.00. 1.75 acres of land does not exist.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Allied Chemical Company, Fair Bluff Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$20,000.00. Nitrogen tanks were transferred to another owner and size was also listed incorrectly.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Marion A. & Willadean Baldwin, Welches Creek Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$5,620.00 due to error in mapping 15 acres of land.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Bobby R. Moore, Special, Ransom Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$17,520.00 for 146 acres of land double listed.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Dewey Lee & Dorothy Annette Strickland, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,975.00 due to an error in listing the model year of a tractor.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of John I. Fipps, Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$3,440.00 due to an error in double listing 8.6 acres of land.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Timothy Douglas Stanley, Ransom Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,275.00 for a 1974 vann that is listed in New Hanover County for 1981.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of James R. Orbie Lee & John David Williams, and Allie Ruthene W. Whaley, Lees Township, be released on the valuation of \$8,000.00 due to an error in listing the number of acres of land owned.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Bobby Ray Robinson, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,500.00 and \$800.00 for buildings that have burned.

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of Wade & Ilee Strickland Heirs, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,500.00 for the Senior Citizens Exemption.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Richard E. & Mary C. Moody, Rt. 1, Box D18, Whiteville, NC, Whiteville Township, for 1981 taxes paid on property transferred in error, in the amount of \$8.60.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Dewey Lee & Annette Strickland, Williams Township, in the amount of \$121.10 for 1979 and 1980 taxes paid in error on a tractor which was listed as a 1975 model and should have been 1963.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Raymond H. & Jan Butler, Chadbourn Township, for 1980 taxes in the amount of \$41.60 due to double listing a bulk barn.

Ordered: that a refund be given to Spencer M. Strickland, Cerro Gordo Township, in the amount of \$64.50 for 1981 taxes due to an error in listing 50 acres of land.

Ordered: that a refund be given to FCX, Inc., Whiteville Township, in the amount of \$491.62 for 1981 taxes for double listing fixtures valued at \$57,165.00

Mr. Charles Simmons, 7th District Commander of Disabled American Veterans, met with the Board and submitted a letter of support for Mack Todd to be employed as the veterans' Service Officer for Columbus County. No decision was made today on employing a Service Officer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed that the handicapped children classes be held in the Miller Building again this year as requested by the parents of the children.

Ms. Shelby Patrick, Outreach/Data Specialist, met with the Board and requested that the Board appropriate \$2,176.00 to help defray the cost of 17 Indian dancers performing at the World's Fair. No decision was made at this time but was tabled until a later meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed that the Health Department budget be amended to include an additional \$10,000.00 for the Home Health Program with funds to come from Reimbursements from Third Parties. Also, allow the College to transfer fund in their Capital Outlay budget from Buildings-Alterations & Additions to other capital expenses in the amount of \$4,400.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Norris, and passed that playground equipment that is being donated to the handicapped childrens' program, and installed at the Miller Building by the Whiteville Civitan Club, be the property of the Board of Education and they may be allowed to move the equipment at such time as they choose.

The following resolution was passed by the Board upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Norris:

WHEREAS, notice has been received that the Department of Transportation recommends that Ranch Valley Trail in Ranch Valley Subdivision and Oak Street, Hickory Drive and Midway Drive in Wooded Acres Subdivision be added to the State Secondary Roads System; and

WHEREAS, the above named roads meet the requirements of the State to be maintained by the Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that the above named roads should be added to the Secondary Roads Sysyem, having met the requirements of the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that the Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, is requested to add the above named roads to the System for maintenance.

/s/ Junior Dew, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County that State Road 1515 is not serving any useful purpose; and

WHEREAS, State Road 1515 is bounded on both sides by lands owned by Corbett Fields; and

WHEREAS, Corbett Fields has heretofore met with this Board and requested that State Road 1515 be closed; and

WHEREAS, a representative of the North Carolina Department of Transportation has also previously met with this Board and advised the Board that the Department of Transportation did not have any objections to the closing of State Road 1515; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, acting pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 153A-241, hereby declares its intent to close State Road 1515, which road is located in Tatum Township, and a public hearing on the question of closing of this road is hereby called.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County that a public hearing be and is hereby set for July 6, 1982, at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room in the Administrative Building, Whiteville, North Carolina, and that public notice of said hearing be published in the NEWS REPORTER for once a week for four (4) successive weeks, which publication shall be June 10, 17, 24 and July 1, 1982, so that all parties having any interest or affected by the proposed closing of State Road 1515 may be present and be heard.

/s/ Junior Dew, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: /s/ Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed that the Board send a letter of Support to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Native Americans, in their efforts to receive an administrative grant to further their improvements of the social and economic conditions in the Siouan Community.

Mr. Jerry Ramsey gave the following quotes to Chairman Dew for conducting an audit of the Community Development Program under the administration of the Council of

Governments: S. Preston Douglas Associates	\$20.00 per hour for each accountant 12.00 per hour for typing
Lowrimore, Warwick & Company	\$1,500.00 Total Cost
Moore & Price	\$2,000.00 Total Cost

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to give the contract to Lowrimore, Warwick & Company for a total cost of \$1,500.00 to prepare the audit for the Community Development Program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed that the following persons be reappointed to the Columbus County Industrial Facilities Pollution Control Financing Authority: Carl Meares, Jr. and Lionel Todd. Also, Winston Gore of Tabor City was appointed to replace Eugene Grainger as Mr. Grainger does not attend the meetings.

The Board agreed to advertise for gasoline and fuel oil bids to be opened at the next meeting and instructed the County Attorney to prepare an advertisement and put notice in the local paper.

Garland McCullen, Extension Chairman, introduced Mr. Haywood McCoy to the Board of Commissioners and recommended that the Board approve him for replacement of Mr. John Spaulding, Horticulture Agent. Mr. Spaulding has retired due to ill health.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed that the Board approve Mr. Haywood McCoy for the Horticulture Agent for Columbus County subject to joint approval by State College.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed that the Board send a letter to Governor James B, Hunt, Jr., recommending Connor Cox be appointed to the Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees when the next appointment that is made by the Governor is open.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed that the budget for the Library be amended to include \$4,900.00 in Miscellaneous Revenues to be expended for Telephone & Postage in the amount of \$1,100.00 and Capital Outlay in the amount of \$3,800.00.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Monday June 21, 1982, for the purpose of holding a hearing on the budget estimate before the regular meeting convenes at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

Arnold Dew
Chairman