

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 7, 1982, Monday being a legal holiday.

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 (Part-time)

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by the Reverend Joe Forbes, Pastor, Chadbourn United Methodist Church.

The following business was transacted:

Mr. Hugh Nance, retired Veterans' Service Officer, met with the Board to receive recognition for his years of service to Columbus County. Chairman Dew presented him with a plaque and Mr. Nance expressed his appreciation for being allowed to work with the County and recognized the many others who made his work possible. He asked the Board to lend their support to the succeeding Officer, Junior W. Cribb.

Marshall Sheppard, Chairman, Columbus County Youth Task Force, met with the Board to ask their approval of a grant application for additional funds that have been allocated to Columbus County for Community Based Alternatives Programs. The application is for \$4,576.00 in CBA Funds to be used with local funds for a training/work experience program with Columbus County Hospital. He stated that the end results should be jobs for about seven youths who qualify under the program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to approve the application.

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

WHEREAS, the Whiteville sub unit offices of the North Carolina Division of Vocational Rehabilitation has been providing high quality rehabilitation services to the handicapped citizens of Columbus County for over fourteen years; and

WHEREAS, various Vocational Rehabilitation services and programs have enabled hundreds of handicapped citizens to attain the highest possible physical, mental, social and vocational potential; and

WHEREAS, the successful rehabilitation process depends upon the support and cooperation of the people of Columbus County;

THEREFORE, I, Junior Dew, by and through the power vested in me as Chairman of the Commissioners of Columbus County and by resolution of the Board of Commissioners, do hereby PROCLAIM September 23, 1982, as REHABILITATION DAY.

This the 7th day of September, 1982

SEAL

/s/ Junior W. Dew, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

The following tax release was approved upon motion by Commissioner Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Hinson, and upon the recommendation of the Tax Collector:

Ordered: that a refund be given to Farmers Home Administration in the amount of \$134.61 for taxes paid for the wrong Alton Williamson in Tatum Township, for the years 1974 - \$56.19 and 1975 - \$78.42.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to allow maintenance departments to purchase a lathe and chuck for a cost of approximately \$2,500.00 and the cost to be divided between the budgets of Paul Hughes, Supervisor of County Buildings and Tracy Floyd, Maintenance Supervisor of the Miller Building.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Norris and approved to authorize the Chairman to sign the STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES to the Department of the Treasury to be eligible to receive Revenue Sharing Entitlements.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to approve the minutes as recorded, for August 16th, 23rd and 30th.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to recognize the Department of Transportation's "Litter Clean-Up Week" September 11th through September 17th and send letters requesting the youth of the County to participate in the clean-up, specifically the schools and 4-H Clubs' members.

There was a discussion concerning the tax shelter offered by the Retirement System for County employees. There had only been response from seven departments concerning their desires with only 99 employees responding.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the Clerk contact each department head that did not respond and ask for their vote on whether they wish to participate in the tax shelter for their withheld retirement funds.

Walter Batten and John F. Carter, Board of Education Members; Mitchell Tyler, Supt. of County Schools; Willie J. Wall and Calvin Williams, Chadbourn Elementary School; J. C. Formyduval, Old Dock Elementary School; Horace Long, Advisory Board Member, Old Dock School and Fred Tedder, Maintenance Supervisor, for County Schools met with the Board to request that the Board of Commissioners appropriate \$400,000.00 to build two multipurpose buildings, one at Chadbourn Elementary School and one at Old Dock School. Their request was to build two phases on each building over a period of two budget years. A discussion followed the request and the Board told the delegation that they would make a decision later in the meeting.

Later, there was discussion concerning the request and the decision was made to ask the Board of Education to advertise for bids on one building and get the exact cost and the Commissioners would make a decision at that time. It was specified that the bids be taken for phase one of the building and a second bid for a completed building. This action was taken upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Marlowe.

At 11:00 a.m. bids were opened to purchase microfilming equipment for the Register of Deeds' Office.

Only one bid was received which was opened and read aloud as follows:

Eastman Kodak Company, Charlotte, NC	\$13,346.32
Equipment is \$12,833.00 and tax is \$513.32	

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to purchase the microfilming equipment for the Register of Deeds' Office from Eastman Kodak Company and to amend the budget to cover the cost above the amount previously budgeted for one year's installment payment \$3,925.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed that Jack Sarvis, who now works at the Law Enforcement Center on contract, be transferred to the county employee status with no increase in salary but entitled to fringe benefits that are given to other county employees. This action is retroactive to September 1, 1982.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that \$200.00 be appropriated for the Interagency Council to sponsor a booth at the County Fair with expenditures to be approved by Mr. William Wilson at Southeastern Community College. The booth is to be an educational booth.

A letter was presented to the Board from Mrs. Joanne Vereen, Social Services Director, requesting adjustments in the following salaries:

Janice Hall	Increase	\$264.00	annually
Lorraine Cartwright	"	384.00	"
Joyce Clark	"	252.00	"
Kathryn Worrell	"	420.00	"

No increase in county funds would be required as a Supervisor resigned and her salary was higher than her replacement's salary.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson to approve the request. There was no second to this motion and no action was taken.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to allow the Finance Officer to amend the budget of the airport to include \$812.00 from insurance payments derived from vandalism at the airport. The funds are to be used to repair the damage to the building from the break-in.

At 12:00 Noon the Chairman announced that bids would be opened for repairs and construction at various places requiring asphalt.

Only one bid was received and was read aloud as follows:

1. Hole back of Administrative Building	\$ 526.00
2. Holes in front of Simmons Drug Store on Courthouse Square	\$ 3,078.00
3. Holes in front of Tax Offices on Courthouse Square	\$ 3,451.50
4. Driveway at Library and parking space for Bookmobile	\$ 2,940.00
5. Area at Law Enforcement Center, increasing parking space	\$10,587.00
6. Area in front of License Plate Office	\$ 372.00
	<u>\$20,954.00</u>

The above bid was not accepted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed that the County Attorney send out letters to various companies who do paving work and request an informal bid from them if there is any interest by the companies and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Claude Spivey was present at the meeting and requested that the Board support the Board of Elections in their efforts to correct the voting machine problems encountered in the primary election. The Board unanimously agreed that the ballot counters should be repaired, but at no cost to the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to support the Board of Elections in pursuit of corrective measures from the Computer Elections System Company on the ballot counters. It was further decided that if it is necessary the Commissioners will ask the State Board of Elections to not allow CES to sell any more systems in North Carolina, pending CES's willingness to repair the counters at no cost to the County, and the System being reliable for future use.

Commissioner Williamson left the meeting at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to increase the salary of Junior W. Cribb to \$800.00 per month beginning in September.

Upon motion the meeting recessed until September 9, 1982, at 7:30 p.m. to deliberate further on filling the position of county administrator.

APPROVED:

E. Moque W. Suggs
Clerk

Junior W. Cribb
Chairman