

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., October 4, 1982, it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Junior W. Dew, Chairman

Lynwood Norris, Vice-Chairman

C. Waldo Marlowe

L. A. Hinson

James E. Hill, Attorney

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Edward W. Williamson

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by the Reverend Robert Schriber, Grace Episcopal Church, Whiteville.

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the September 20th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Marlowe, except change the date adjourned to until October 4th rather than October 2nd.

Mr. John W. Hudson, representing Costal Disposal Service, met with the Board to discuss the possibility of contracting with Columbus County to pick up solid waste and deliver to the County landfill. He stated that Costal now serves Georgetown and Horry Counties in South Carolina. There was a discussion concerning the different ways in which the service could be rendered.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed requesting that Mr. Hudson prepare figures to include the collection of solid waste and takeover of the equipment and containers, but not the operation of the landfill, and present to the Board for further consideration of contracting services with Costal Disposal Service.

David Canady with Employment Security Commission, met with the Board to introduce himself and discuss the services provided by Employment Security Commission. He stated that the office space now provided by the County is inadequate for the operation of the office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed that Chairman Dew work with Mr. Canady to find suitable office space for the Employment Security Commission in the Whiteville vicinity.

Mr. Canady replaced Mr. A. P. Worley who has retired from the Chadbourn office.

Mrs. Annie Laurie Newsome met with the Board on behalf of five elderly persons who had been terminated from receiving meals for the home-bound citizens, three in the Hallsboro area and two in Tabor City. Mr. Robert Clark, Director of the program, was called to the meeting to discuss the matter. He stated that funds had been cut and it is necessary to reduce the number of persons being served. He stated that he would work the problem out to continue to serve the five requested by Mrs. Newsome.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to allow Mrs. Vereen, Social Services Director, to hire additional employees to assist in the Low Income Energy and Crisis Programs as follows: Clerical worker - begin October 27th and work through January 14th; Three eligibility workers - begin October 27th and work through December 31st. There will be no increase in county funds for the above workers.

Mr. John McNeill, Chairman of Health Board, met with the Board to announce that Dr. J. R. Black has resigned as Health Department Director, effective October 30th. He stated that he will be replaced with an administrator rather than a physician as no physician is available at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and approved that the Health Board proceed with the selection of a qualified administrator to replace Dr. Black.

The Transportation Advisory Council met with the Board to report on the activities of the Transportation Program. Those present were Robert Clark, Davis Godwin, Joanne Vereen, Colene Stanley and Paul Pope. A report was submitted which stated that they have driven a total of 296,687 miles in the past fiscal year and served the elderly, handicapped and others. The report stated that funding had been cut and it may become necessary to reduce some of the services they are now providing and may have to ask the County to provide additional funds. The Board expressed support of the transportation program, especially the transportation of the kidney patients to New Hanover County.

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

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Charles O. & Betty Ann Page, Western Prong Township, be cancelled due to an error in listing 29.03 acres of land which they do not own.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of James Melvin & Janet Hayden Hinson, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,950.00 due to an error in pricing a 1971 truck.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Rufus Strickland, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$100.00 due to double listing a car.

Ordered: that Linda W. & John Paul Pridgen, Fair Bluff Township, be released on the valuation of \$27,000.00 due to an error in transferring from property card to abstract, Should have been \$3,010. and was listed as 30,010.00.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Marvin H. & Hazel C. Godwin, Fair Bluff Township, be released on the valuation of \$27,715.00 in the Cole's Service District as he does not own property on the District.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Bobby Sellers, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$520.00 due to error in listing a bathroom.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Charles D. & Esty J. Bullard, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,080.00 due to an error in listing cleared land which is woodland.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Michael Savage, be released on the valuation of \$7,600.00 due to an error in listing personal property in the name of the above and should have been Michael Allen Savage, Jr. and \$300.00 personal property to Michael Savage.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Michael Savage, Jr., Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$300.00. (See release above)

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Westminister Presbyterian Church Trustees, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$6,300.00 as property is tax exempt.

Ordered: that the following be released for the Senior Citizens Exemption or Disability Exemption:

Leota Cain	Whiteville Township	\$4,480.00
Taft Powell Heirs	Whiteville Township	8,500.00
Leonard Williams	Tatum Township	8,500.00
Haywood Freeman	Bogue Township	5,200.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to appoint Eva Patterson to membership on the Council on the Status of Women.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed to contract with Crowell Contractors, Inc., of Fayetteville, to pave various locations of county property but to delete Item Six of the Proposal (At License Plate Office) making the total cost \$29,900.00 for the other six locations. It was stipulated that the Clerk request a revised proposal, a bid deposit of 5% of cost and a copy of their warrantee unsigned until projects are complete.

Emily Peal and others representing the American Red Cross, met with the Board to request additional space for office and storage for the operation of the Red Cross program in Columbus County. There was a discussion concerning space for the request.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed that Chairman Dew work with Mrs. Peal in looking at some available space and find a suitable place for the location of the Red Cross office.

A further motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed that if Commissioner Dew is unable to find available space for the Red Cross Office, that Commissioner Hinson work with the Library and the Red Cross personnel to see if the books stored in the old Board of Elections Building could be moved and allow the Red Cross to use that building.

Doug Russell with Carolina Waste Products, met with the Board to present some additional information concerning solid waste trucks. He discussed rehabilitating the old truck but stated that only delays a major expenditure .

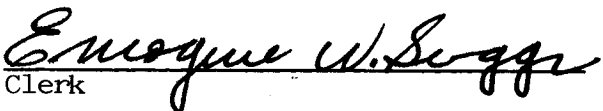
Mr. Russell also stated that changing from triangle hook-up to fork hook-up would require more time to run routes and would also require better places to set containers so they will be level and the fork system carries less waste. There was a lengthy discussion on various aspects of the trucks and no action was taken at this time.

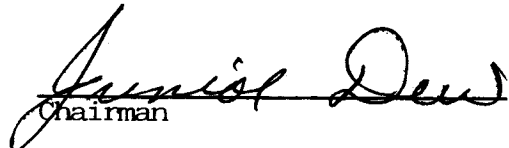
A letter was read to the Board from Mr. B. E. DeLamater, Jr., Secretary of Riegelwood Sanitary District, asking clarification as to whether trash that is picked up by a private person can be placed in the county dumpsters. The man referred to is picking up bagged trash twice a week for certain residents, at a small fee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed approving the use of the County's trash containers by a private person to deposit bagged trash provided he does not cause littering around the boxes to be cleaned up by county employees at the Solid Waste Department.

Upon motion the meeting recessed until Friday at 6:30 p.m., October 8, 1982.

APPROVED:


Clerk


Chairman