

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., December 6, 1982, it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Junior W. Dew, Chairman

Lynwood Norris, Vice-Chairman

C. Waldo Marlowe

L. A. Hinson

Larry M. Buffkin

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Richard B. Self, County Administrator

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by the Reverend Jeff Inghram of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

The minutes of the November 15th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Norris.

The Chairman announced that it was time to appoint a chairman and vice-chairman for the upcoming year and asked the Attorney to act as moderator to transact the appointments.

Mr. Hill briefed the Board on the procedure for selecting officers and then opened the floor for nominations for chairman and vice-chairman.

Commissioner Buffkin nominated Commissioner Hinson for chairman and Commissioner Dew for vice-chairman.

Commissioner Dew nominated Commissioner Norris as chairman and Commissioner Marlowe as vice-chairman.

Upon unanimous vote, nominations were closed.

Voting for Commissioner Norris and Commissioner Marlowe for chairman and vice-chairman was Commissioner Dew.

Voting for Commissioner Hinson and Commissioner Dew for chairman and vice-chairman were Commissioners Norris, Marlowe, Hinson and Buffkin.

Attorney Hill announced that Commissioner Hinson was appointed to serve as chairman and Commissioner Dew as vice-chairman.

The following business was transacted:

Mr. Sherwood Hinson, representative of the Lumber River Basin Committee, met with the Board to request an annual appropriation of \$1,500.00 to be used for the snagging and clearing of felled trees in Lumber River. He explained that this would be a joint venture between Robeson and Columbus County as both counties have declared the river a canoe trail, and both Counties benefit from the Lumber River for recreational purposes.

Mr. Hinson also requested \$3,000.00 for the purpose of building a public access ramp at Boardman to be used by both Counties. This would also be a joint venture as Robeson County Commissioners have appropriated funds for this project, according to Mr. Hinson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Norris to table this matter until such time as the County Administrator and Dempsey Herring of the

Columbus County Recreation Department can review a proposed budget to be submitted by the Lumber River Basin Committee and Robeson County. They will make recommendations to the Board at a later date.

The annual audit report was presented to the Board by Allen Price, CPA. Also present was Buddy Inman of Moore and Price, CPA. Mr. Price stated that the County was in good financial condition and had adequate reserves for sound operation. He stated that due to increased valuation, the tax revenues were more and also that expenditures were not as high as anticipated. He asked that the Board review the report and feel free to ask any questions, either now or at their convenience at a later date.

The County Administrator presented the bids received for the purchase of a two-way radio for the White March/Welches Creek Fire Department to be used on a fire truck purchased by the Department. The bids were as follows:

General Electric	\$1,380.00 exclusive of sales tax
Motorola	\$1,521.00 exclusive of sales tax

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Marlowe to accept the bid submitted from General Electric and approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$1,380.00 from the Contingency Account. The motion passed unanimously.

The County Administrator also presented bids received for the purchase of a four channel radio to be used by the County Administrator and the Commissioners on their vehicle. The bids were as follows:

General Electric	\$1,643.00 exclusive of sales tax
Motorola	\$1,658.00 exclusive of sales tax

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Norris to accept the bid submitted by General Electric. The motion passed unanimously.

The County Administrator presented bids received for the purchase of a vehicle to be used by the County Administrator and the County Commissioners. Submitting bids were Rick-Edwards Pontiac/Buick, Wells Oldsmobile, Fair Bluff Motors, Quality Ford, and Lumberton Motors. The bids were reviewed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin and seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to award the bid to Lumberton Motors at a cost of \$9,251.24, this being the lowest bid submitted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris and seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to appoint Commissioner Marlowe to serve on the Columbus County Home Health Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to appoint Commissioner Hinson to the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority. Commissioner Hinson will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Edward W. Williamson. The term runs through October 10, 1984.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Buffkin to reappoint Carl Bryant to serve on the Southeastern Regional Mental Health Board for a term of four years.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to reappoint the following to the Advisory Council - Aging Program for the term designated:

George Bellamy	-	1 year appointment
Belle Smith	-	2 year appointment
Kathy Williamson	-	2 year appointment

The County Administrator presented to the Board a letter from National Association of Counties requesting that the County pay a one-time service fee to the Association in the amount of 50% of their 1982 dues by December 31, 1982. This fee of \$294.00 will offset future dues.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to appropriate \$294.00 from Contingency Account to pay the fee requested by NACo.

There was a discussion concerning hazardous wastes in Columbus County. Copies of an ordinance from Moore County was presented to the Commissioners for study.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to support an ordinance concerning hazardous wastes for Columbus County. The Board directed the County Administrator and County Attorney to work together in preparing an ordinance for Columbus County.

The following tax releases were approved upon motion by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Norris and recommended by the Tax Supervisor and Tax Collector:

Ordered: that the 1981 taxes listed in the name of John A. & Estelle Buck, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$500.00 due to burning of dwelling.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of W. D. Duncan, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,100.00 due to Mr. Duncan not receiving the Disability Exemption from his mobile home.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of David and Carrie D. Blackwell, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,450.00 due to error in addition of property card and a pack house being sold.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of International Paper Co., Waccamaw Township, be released on the valuation of \$8,500.00 due to error in pricing.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed to Barclays American Leasing Co., Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$735.00 due to error in pricing truck.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Henry Bobby Creech, Welches Creek Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,400.00 due to double listing property.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Henry Z. Thompson, Chadbourn Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$7,910.00 due to error in transferring property.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of T. W. Kirkpatrick, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,050.00 due to real estate being in woodland.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Lucy Webb, Whiteville Township be cancelled on the valuation of \$2,400.00 due to error in transfer.

Ordered: that the 1981 and 1982 taxes listed in the name of Columbus Site Developers, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$22,890.00 due to an error in transferring a lot and house. The 1981 taxes were cancelled in the amount of \$196.85 and the 1982 taxes were cancelled in the amount of \$196.85.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed to Federal Paper Board Co., Inc., Ransom Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$4,900,400.00 due to tax office having them in the Riegelwood Sanitary District when in fact they should have been in the Acme-Delco Fire District. They will be rebilled on the late list.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Lloyd B. and Herman B. Thompson, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$5,710.00 due to real estate being listed twice.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Viola J. Simmons, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,650.00 due to an error in transfer of lot.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Junior Robert Ellis, Welches Creek Township, be released on the valuation of \$15,850.00 due to error in listing property.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Lee Devon Hinson, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$750.00 due to error in transferring land.

Ordered: that the 1982 taxes listed in the name of Dorothy Spaulding, Waccamaw Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$12,630.00 due to error in listing property.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Lucy Webb, Route 6, Box L20, Whiteville, N. C., Whiteville Township, in the amount of \$20.64 for the year 1981 due to error in transfer of lot.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Lee Devon Hinson, Williams Township, in the amount of \$6.45 due to an error in transferring 1 acre of land.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Dorothy Spaulding, Waccamaw Township, Route 1, Box 470, Hallsboro, N. C., in the amount of \$82.69, for the years 1980 and 1981. 1980 taxes is refunded in the amount of \$33.15 and 1981 taxes in the amount of \$49.54.

Ordered: that a refund check be written to The Kissell Co., 30 Warder St., Springfield, Ohio 45501, in the amount of \$156.90 due to their paying Grady Pierce's taxes for the years 1979, 1980, and 1981 in error.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Dew to allow Barker Equipment Co., Apex, N. C. to proceed with the building of a holding cell at the Columbus County Courthouse.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris and seconded by Commissioner Marlowe to amend the budget to cover the costs of building the cell.

There was a general concensus among the Commissioners to allow the December payroll to be released early for the benefit of the County employees.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to allow the former Sheriff Department Deputies who were not employed by the current administration, to purchase their pistols from the County at a price appraised by Leinwand's Pawn Shop as to their worth.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned.


County Administrator

APPROVED:


Chairman