

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office, August 15, 1983, it being third Monday.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

L. A. Hinson, Chairman

Junior Dew, Vice-Chairman

Lynwood Norris

Larry Buffkin

Caletta Faulk

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney (part-time)      Richard B. Self, Administrator/  
Clerk

The Chairman called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Horace Whitley, Mayor of Whiteville.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 1, 1983 meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION ENDORSING ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES TAX AND ATHLETIC PASSES

Dr. Jerry Paschal, Superintendent of Whiteville City Schools, submitted a Resolution endorsing the one-half percent county sales tax to the Board. He also presented the Board and the Administrator with Athletic passes for 1983-84.

BEAVER CONTROL

The following persons gave presentations on beaver control:

Dan Jones, a trapper from Columbus County.

Randy Meares, a hunter from Columbus County.

Randall Lennon, Ocean Research Films, explained the method of relocating beaver families.

Tommy Hughes, a District Wildlife Biologist, reported on how beavers can be helpful to farmers by building ponds for duck habitants and furry animals.

The Administrator reported on the use of herbicides.

John Kennedy with the Wildlife Conservation was present for any questions. He stated that trapping was the most effective method of beaver control and that the state allows landowners to get special unlimited permits to allow trapping or hunting on their property.

Bob Hazel of the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service stated that trapping was the only proven method of long-term beaver control.

Several concerned citizens were present and reported the problems they are having with beavers on their property.

The Board agreed to have the Chairman and the Administrator appoint a study committee to evaluate the possibilities on beaver control and give a report at the next Board meeting.

Representative Richard Wright presented the Chairman with a check in the amount of \$10,000.00 to begin the beaver control program.

The Chairman thanked Representative Wright for the appropriation of funds and his concern for the people of Columbus County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to accept the appropriation of \$10,000.00 for beaver control. These funds will be placed in special appropriations and expended as needed for beaver control.

RESOLUTIONS AND/OR LETTERS ENDORSING ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES TAX

The following organizations submitted Resolutions and/or letters to the Board endorsing the one-half percent county sales tax:

Columbus County Board of Education, Ralph King, Bobby Ezzell, Willie Walls  
Whiteville City Council, Mayor Horace Whitley, Howard Jones, Flora  
Singletary  
Chadbourn Town Council, Mayor Sam Koonce

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to hold public hearings concerning the One-Half Percent Sales Tax in three locations of the County as follows:

West Columbus High School Auditorium - August 30, 1983 - 8:00 P.M.  
Whiteville High School Auditorium - August 31, 1983 - 8:00 P.M.  
Acme-Delco High School Auditorium - September 1, 1983 - 8:00 P.M.

HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

Mr. William D. Oxendine, Human Relations Consultant, gave a presentation to the Board on the Human Relations Council and discussed its function and merits.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Oxendine for the presentation and stated the Board will discuss and take it under advisement.

RESOLUTION - SOUTHEASTERN LIVESTOCK MARKET

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution approving the offer and/or sale of shares of the Southeastern Livestock Market, Incorporated.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Livestock Market, Incorporated was incorporated under the laws of the State of North Carolina and whereas the Articles of Incorporation were certified by the Secretary of State on July 26, 1983, and whereas, the Articles of Incorporation were filed in the office of the Register of Deeds of Columbus County, North Carolina on July 28, 1983, at 9:52 o'clock A.M. in Corporation Book 9, page 459; and,

WHEREAS, the Directors of the Southeastern Livestock Market, Incorporated held its organizational meeting on August 1, 1983, and by resolution approved the sale of its stock and whereas, it was resolved that the Corporation proceed to carry on the business for which it was organized, to-wit: to develop a producer-owned livestock market serving the needs of the livestock producers of Columbus County and the surrounding counties of North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, Southeastern Livestock Market, Incorporated was organized for the purpose of promoting community and agricultural development of the area and whereas, no commission or other remunerations is paid or given directly or indirectly for the solicitation of any perspective buyer in this State; and

WHEREAS, the Directors of the Southeastern Livestock Market, Incorporated

have requested this Resolution in order to comply with the exemption transactions set forth in North Carolina General Statutes 78 A-17(13).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 78 A-17(13) hereby approves the offer and sale of the stock of Southeastern Livestock Market, Incorporated as evidenced by its stock certificate and subject to the agreements and restrictions set forth in the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and Resolutions of the Southeastern Livestock Market, Incorporated.

It is understood that this approval does not in any way subject the County of Columbus to any liability as a result of the sale of these stock certificates or in any way state that the County has examined any books, records or documents of the said Southeastern Livestock Market, Incorporated.

This the 15th day of August, 1983.

ATTEST:

/s/ Richard B. Self

/s/ L. A. Hinson, Chairman  
Columbus County Commissioners

SAFE DRINKING WATER GRANT

A motion was made by Commissioner Faulk, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to renew the acceptance of a Safe Water Grant in the amount of \$5,400.00 from the Department of Human Resources and amend the budget for these funds to be expended for testing water samples in the County.

APPOINTMENT - SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to appoint Maxine Jones to the Senior Center Advisory Group Committee with term expiring June 20, 1985. Mrs. Jones will replace Mrs. Emily Peale who resigned.

APPOINTMENT - WHITEVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to reappoint Oliver Johnson to the City of Whiteville Planning and Zoning Board of Directors with a five year term, expiring August 1, 1988.

RESOLUTION - U.S. 74-76

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution concerning a "blind" intersection of U.S. 74-76:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the intersection of Business US 74-76, US 74-76 and new US 74-76 Bypass is a heavily utilized intersection and a main artery for the municipality of Whiteville; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has moved the intersection to the West of its former location due to the construction of the new US 74-76 Bypass; and

WHEREAS, this intersection creates a hazardous driving condition for all traffic due "to the blind spot" located to the West of the intersection and the posted speed limit of 45 miles per hour; that cars, school buses and trucks

turning left toward Whiteville do not have a clear line of visibility for a safe turn; that vehicles turning from the stop sign on Business US 74-76 do not have a clear line of sight for a safe turn; and that Eastbound vehicles traveling on US 74-76 Bypass are entering the intersection at a rate of speed not suited for a congested intersection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLBED that the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina hereby request the State of North Carolina take steps to improve the safety of this intersection:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to William R. Roberson, Jr., Secretary of the Department of Transportation, Lynwood Rich, Road Commissioner, and Robert Crumpler, District Engineer for the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Adopted unanimously, this 15th day of August, 1983.

ATTEST:

/s/ Richard B. Self

Columbus County Board of Commissioners

/s/ L. A. Hinson, Chairman

RELOCATION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION

The Administrator informed the Board that he had received notice from the Employment Security Commission stating their relocating to Whiteville.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously requesting the State take full responsibilities in leasing the Employment Security Commission facility and the County will pay the State its share.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETARDED CITIZENS

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to endorse the Job Partnership Training Act Program to apply for funds to assist the mentally handicapped find employment.

AMBULATORY SURGERY UNIT - COLUMBUS COUNTY HOSPITAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to approve the ambulatory surgery unit at Columbus County Hospital.

MEETING RECESSED

Upon motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously, the meeting recessed at 12:40 P.M. The Commissioners and Administrator were invited to Columbus County Hospital where they had lunch with the Columbus County Hospital Board of Trustees.

MEETING RECONVENED - COLUMBUS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

The meeting reconvened at 2:00 P.M. at the Columbus County Fairgrounds where Deputy Barry Herring made a presentation on restroom accommodations for the County Fairgrounds and the progress that has been made.

Commissioner Dew, speaking for the Board, commended the Law Officers of the County for their efforts in making the annual fair a success.

AMERICAN LEGION BALL TEAM

Commissioner Buffkin requested that the Board consider assisting the American Legion pay their lighting bill for the months of June and July as the schools are closed and are not responsible for lighting. This league is separate from the city and county leagues and competes on a state level.

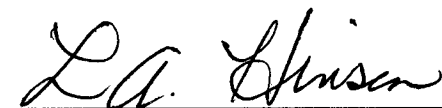
The Board advised the Administrator to check with the Recreation Department to see if funds could be allocated to help with the lighting for the American Legion and report to the Board at the next meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

APPROVED:

  
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Administrator/Clerk

  
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Chairman