

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office, December 5, 1983, at 10:00 A.M., it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

L. A. Hinson, Chairman

Junior Dew, Vice-Chairman

Lynwood Norris

Larry Buffkin

Caletta Faulk

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Richard B. Self, Administrator/  
Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by Father John Richardson, Sacred Hearth Catholic Church in Whiteville.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 21st meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD - CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIRMAN

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.

Attorney Hill briefed the Board on the procedure for selecting officers and then opened the floor for nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Commissioner Hinson nominated Commissioner Norris for Chairman and Commissioner Dew for Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Faulk.

There being no further nominations, a motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, and seconded by Commissioner Faulk that Commissioner Norris and Commissioner Dew be elected by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Hill announced that Commissioner Norris was appointed as Chairman and Commissioner Dew as Vice-Chairman.

Chairman Norris and Vice-Chairman Dew is authorized to sign all instruments on behalf of the county.

Commissioner Norris then assumed the duties of Chairman and conducted the following business:

APPROVAL OF SURETY BONDS

The Administrator advised the Board that N.C.G.S. requires fidelity bonds on employees accountable for more than \$100 and renewal of such bonds were needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to renew fidelity bonds on the following employees and amounts:

Emogene Suggs, Finance Director	\$100,000
Richard B. Self, Administrator/Clerk	50,000
William G. Rhodes, Sheriff	50,000
Otis Collins, Public Housing	25,000
Ila Penny, Register of Deeds	15,000
Willard Harris, Coroner	2,000

CHANGE OF DATE FOR BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed unanimously to set the date for the first board meeting in January on January 3, 1984, as January 2, is observed as New Year's Day.

PERCENTAGE FOR LISTING PERSONAL PROPERTY

A motion was made by Commissioner Faulk, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adopt a formula to allow taxpayers to estimate their personal property on the basis of 4 percent of the tax value of their house or 2.5 times their monthly rent with an option of listing by itemizing, as in the past.

REQUEST BY RIEGELWOOD SANITARY DISTRICT - RADIO

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to purchase a two-channel radio for the Riegelwood Sanitary District contingent upon their ordering a new fire truck.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - HEALTH DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to amend the Health Department budget as follows:

Increase Tuberculosis revenue (10-348-15) in the amount of \$3,000 to be expended in Capital Outlay (10-596-74).

Increase MCH Grant revenue (10-348-08) in the amount of \$39,379 to be expended as follows:

10-592-04	Clinician	\$ 5,000
10-592-14	Travel	2,500
10-592-4401	Delivery Services	5,000
10-592-45	Contracted Services	10,000
10-592-46	Drugs and supplies	11,464
10-592-74	Equipment	5,415

Increase Home Health revenue (10-348-10) 3rd party reimbursement in the amount of \$176,211 to be expended as follows:

10-693-02	Salaries	\$34,500
10-593-05	FICA	1,765
10-593-06	Insurance	3,015
10-593-07	Retirement	2,600
10-593-14	Travel	10,000
10-593-32	Office Supplies	3,000
10-593-45	Contracted Services	60,000
10-593-46	Drugs and Supplies	55,331
10-593-53	Dues and Subscriptions	500
10-593-73	Improvements	2,000
10-593-74	Capital Outlay	3,500

BUDGET AMENDMENT - AIRPORT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to accept donations to the Airport (61-336-00) in the amount of \$3,588 and transfer fund balance revenue (61-339-00) in the amount of \$1,599 to Airport Construction to be expended as follows:

61-650-15	Maintenance to Grounds	\$3,911
61-650-73	Improvements - Fence at Airport	1,276

APPOINTMENT - SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL

A motion was made by Commissioner Faulk, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to appoint Jo Ann Stephens to the Senior Center Advisory Council to replace Connie Duncan with term expiring June 20, 1985.

REGISTER OF DEEDS - REQUEST FOR INDEX SYSTEM

The Administrator requested the Board consider purchasing or leasing an Index System for the Register of Deeds office instead of using an out-of-state service.

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to purchase the Index system and amend the budget in the amount of \$14,500 to be transferred from Contingencies (10-660-999) to be expended in Register of Deeds - Equipment (10-480-74).

TAX RELEASES

The following tax releases and refunds recommended by the Tax Supervisor were approved upon motion by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously:

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listing of James Clarence Floyd Heirs, & Mrs. Leroy Freeman, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,600 due to failure in giving Mrs. Floyd the Senior-Citizen Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1982 and 1983 tax listings of Anna S. Powell, Welches Creek Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,520 due to error in the revaluation. Mrs. Powell sold 10 acres to Neal & Anna McAllister on June 6, 1980 and was not omitted from Mrs. Powell's records.

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listing of L.B. Smith, Inc., Ransom Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$5,418 due to being double-listed with L. B. Smith.

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listing of L. B. Smith, Ransom Township, be released on the Late List Penalty in the amount of \$13.85. The equipment was timely double-listed with L.B. Smith, Inc.

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listing of William Dean Powell, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,300 due to error in pricing a 1976 Capri. Priced at \$7,175 instead of \$1,875.

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listing of International Paper Company, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,250 due to error in depreciation of inventory.

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listing of Mrs. Ernestine Gregg, Fair Bluff Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,470 due to house burned October, 1982.

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listing of Fred Archley Whaley, Lees Township, be released on the valuation of \$720 due to Mr. Whaley owns only 10 acres of the 15.56 acres listed to him. The other 5.56 acres is listed with Winfield Whaley.

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listing of Andy Turner, Fair Bluff Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$5,600 due to car being double-listed in Waccamaw Township.

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listings of W. Odell & Tina T. Neill, Whiteville Township, be cancelled due to error in transfer. Mr. Neill sold 4.18 acres to William L. Walker which was taken off Map I-7-13 and should have been taken off Map J-6-D-14. Mr. Neill was billed with 26.5 acres valued \$23,830 less \$8,500

S.C. Exemption for a total of \$15,330. Also, he was billed with 20.92 acres valued \$2,500 plus \$1,075 personal property, a difference of \$930 loss.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Anna S. Powell, Route 2, Box 329B-30, South Village Trailer Park, Smithfield, N.C. 27577, Welches Creek Township, in the amount of \$30.27, for the year 1981 due to error in revaluation. Mrs. Powell sold 10 acres to Neal & Anna McAllister on June 6, 1980 and this was not taken off Mrs. Powell's tax record.

#### APPOINTMENTS - HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to appoint and reappoint the following persons to the Health Department Board with terms expiring December 31, 1986:

Raymond Creekmore, Pharamist Member (reappointment)  
 Retha P. Sturdivant, Citizen Member (reappointment)  
 C. L. Tate, Jr., Citizen Member (reappointment)  
 Dr. W. C. Burns, Veterinarian Member (new appointment)  
 Dr. Sam Whitehead, Optometrist Member (new appointment)

#### BOARD UNDATED

The Administrator updated the board on the following items:

1. RSVP Christmas Party at First Baptist Church on December 15, 1983 at 2:00 P.M.
2. Agriculture Extension Annual Luncheon on December 19, 1983 at 12:00 Noon.
3. Steve Smith resignation as of December 30, 1983.
4. Estimated cost on operating a Senior Center yearly is \$15,000 to \$16,000. This includes director's salary, fringe benefits, utilities, etc.

#### CHRISTMAS BONUS

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to award all county employees with a twenty-five dollar Christmas Bonus.

#### ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to appoint James P. Gainey and Ray Noble as electrical inspectors. They will be paid by the number of inspections they perform by the person requesting the inspection.

#### ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

Mr. Allen Price, CPA with Moore and Price, gave a presentation on the county audit which was favorable of county accounting records.

Mr. Price gave a copy of the final audit to all Board members for their review.

#### SURETY BOND - SOCIAL SERVICES

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to include Jo Anne Vereen on a surety bond in the amount of \$10,000.

#### COMMODITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The Administrator informed the Board that Robert Clark, Sencland Director,

would be responsible for the commodity food distribution on December 15, 1983 at 8:30 A.M., at the National Guard Armory.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:15 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin for the meeting to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing applicants for Accounting Clerk I.

RESUMED REGULAR SESSION

At 11:30 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Faulk for the meeting to resume regular session.

ACCOUNTING CLERK I POSITION FILLED

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin to hire Jacqueline Jacobs to fill the position as Accounting Clerk I. The motion failed.

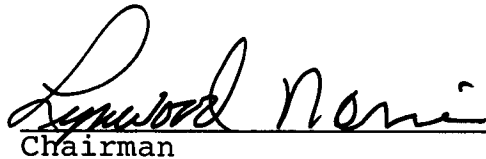
A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed to hire Anthony Evander Holcomb to fill the position as Accounting Clerk I. He will begin work at a salary of \$8,220 yearly, Grade 57, Step 1.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

APPROVED:

  
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Administrator/Clerk

  
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Chairman