

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in the Columbus County Court Room at 7:00 P.M., April 17, 1984, for a public hearing on a Secondary Road Construction Program for Fiscal Year 1984-85.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Lynwood Norris, Chairman

Junior W. Dew, Vice-Chairman

L. A. Hinson

Larry Buffkin (Arrived at 7:40 P.M.)

Caletta Faulk

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney (Arrived at 7:30 P.M.)

Richard B. Self  
Adm./Clerk

MEMBERS OF THE N.C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PRESENT:

Robert Crumpler, District Engineer

Charlie Formyduval, Maintenance Engineer

Jack Murdock, Secondary Road Officer

Larry Peters, Assistant Secondary Road Officer

Lenwood Rich, Representative (Arrived at 7:35 P.M.)

E. J. Butler, Representative (5 Counties)

Also, present were sixteen (16) Columbus County citizens.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by Commissioner Hinson.

The Chairman stated that the Board of Commissioners are here at the request of the Department of Transportation and further that the Board of Commissioners do not have any control over road paving, maintenance or ditches.

The Chairman introduced the Board of Commissioners, the Administrator and Secretary.

Robert Crumpler introduced the Department of Transportation officials.

Mr. Crumpler thanked the Board for their attendance and presented them with the proposed 1984-85 Secondary Road Construction Proposal.

The State allocation for Columbus County for 1984-85 is tentatively set for \$661,126.00.

Mr. Crumpler read the 1984-85 priority listing to the public and the amount of funds that are to be expended on each State Road number. Mr. Crumpler requested the Board's consideration for adopting a Resolution, if they agreed with the proposal.

Commissioner Hinson asked the purpose and duties of the Transportation Efficiency Council.

Mr. Murdock replied that the Efficiency Council has no authority as far as paving roads, maintaining unpaved roads or cleaning ditches. The purpose of the Council is to advise the public of the Department of Transportation's policy and procedures. Also, to advise the local Department of Transportation's office on complaints from the public.

The Chairman advised the public that each person who wished to be heard, concerning a road, raise their hand and they would be allowed to speak.

The following roads were brought to the attention of the Department of Transportation and the Board of Commissioners by the public:

SR 1436 - L. A. Hinson  
 SR 1161 - Lynwood Norris  
 SR 1549, 1729, 1905, 1906 - Junior Dew  
 SR 1804 - Fulton Best  
 SR 1729 - Rudolph Creech  
 SR 1726, 1730, 1735 - Haynes Graham  
 SR 905 - Graham Smith  
 SR 1930 - H.E. Ward  
 SR 1530 - Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Robinson

Lenwood Rich, Department of Transportation Representative, stated several years ago, approximately 1973, that SR 1530 was promised to be paved. He stated that Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Robinson has been to Raleigh and was told their road would be paved. Mrs. Robinson has in her possession a sworn statement from Mrs. Ransom that gave the State 2½ acres of land for the right-of-way and also money in excess of \$500 each from two ladies had passed hands for right-of-way easements. Mr. Rich stated that Mrs. Robinson has enough legal evidence to warrant the Commissioners consideration for approving paving SR 1530. He stated that if the Commissioners approve, with the present documentation that the State would probably go along with the request. Monies have been allocated from the 20% allocation of stabilization of various unpaved secondary roads fund. The approximate cost for the .6 mile is \$30,000.00.

Commissioner Buffkin questioned the Department of Transportation concerning taking monies from a State Contingency Fund to pave SR 1530 instead of taking it from the stabilization of unpaved roads. Jack Murdock, with the Department of Transportation, stated that the State does not have a Contingency Fund and must come out of Columbus County's allocation.

Commissioners Dew and Faulk questioned the Department of Transportation concerning the number of motor graders in the County for the upkeep of unpaved roads and ditches and if the County has sufficient machinery for upkeeping the roads.

Robert Crumpler stated the County has four (4) motor graders who works full time if favorable weather conditions and that roads are graded every 3 to 4 weeks.

Lenwood Rich stated that his three year term as the Department of Transportation Representative in Columbus County was expiring and he has enjoyed his term in our County and thanked the Board of Commissioners for their cooperation.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Rich for his cooperation with Columbus County.

Commissioner Dew stated that with 289 miles of unpaved roads in Columbus County, an additional motor grader is needed.

Robert Crumpler stated that Commissioner Dew's request is a budgetary matter and the County has to stay within their budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation presented the Proposed Secondary Road Construction Program for Fiscal Year 1984-85 for Columbus County in the anticipated amount of \$661,126.00 for Secondary Roads Construction for adoption by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has adopted a point system which consists of homes, businesses, churches and traffic on unpaved roads which is updated every two years for acquiring road construction priorities and has complete control of the road construction program, maintenance and ditches in Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners has no control over priority lists, road paving, maintenance or ditches in Columbus County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that no action on the recommendation of the Department of Transportation be taken and that the Department of Transportation fulfill its legal and moral obligation with respect to the paving of secondary road 1530 for the length of the road as previously promised by the Department of Transportation with funds which have not been nor planned to be allocated to Columbus County for the Fiscal Year 1984-85.

Adopted this 17th day of April, 1984.

Attested by:

/s/ Richard B. Self, Adm./Clerk

/s/ Lynwood Norris, Chairman

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners has received numerous complaints from the citizens of Columbus County concerning maintenance on unpaved roads in Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County has a total of 289 miles of unpaved roads which need maintenance more regularly than four (4) motor graders can accomodate; and

WHEREAS, one (1) additional motor grader would be beneficial to the people of Columbus County in keeping the unpaved roads upgraded to a quality on which motorists can travel safely.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that the North Carolina Department of Transportation is requested to provide one (1) additional motor grader, one (1) motor grader operator and associated operating expenses to Columbus County for the maintenance of unpaved roads.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the North Carolina Department of Transportation does not comply with this request, that the request be brought before the North Carolina General Assembly.

Unanimously adopted this 17th day of April, 1984.

Attested by:

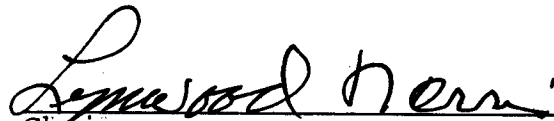
/s/ Lynwood Norris, Chairman

/s/ Richard B. Self, Adm./Clerk

Upon motion by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

APPROVED:

  
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Administrator/Clerk

  
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Chairman