

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 7:30 P.M., August 18, 1986, it being the third Monday.

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:**

Caletta Faulk, Chairperson

Ed Worley, Vice-Chairman

Junior Dew

Lynwood Norris

Samuel G. Koonce

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Richard B. Self, Adm./Clerk

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the August 4, 1986 meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously.

**AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL - APPOINTMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Aging Advisory Council:

Mr. Charles Enzor, Route 1, Fair Bluff, NC 28439  
Ms. Alice Wayne, Box 336, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendments:

Sheriff's Dept. - Accept revenue in the amount of \$3,890 as Miscellaneous Revenue - Insurance check (10-335-00) to be expended in Maintenance & Repairs - Vehicles (10-510-17).

Special Appropriations - Reappropriate Revenue Sharing funds not spent in FY 1986 in Schools Capital Outlay to Fund Balance (52-399-00) to be expended as follows:

52-666-74	County Schools Capital Outlay	\$242,948.00
52-667-74	City Schools Capital Outlay	95,923.00

Social Services - Accept Revenue from Carolina Power & Light-Crisis Intervention (40-336-0000) in the amount of \$720.00 to be expended in Carolina Power & Light Crisis Intervention (40-616-0100).

**ADR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION**

Steve Camelin, Acme Delco/Riegelwood Fire Chief addressed the Board in response to the allegations raised by the Sandy Field Community.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT - POSITION & BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVED**

Dr. Robert Holbrook, Health Director, requested the Board consider hiring a Public Health Nurse Supervisor II at an annual salary of \$21,984, Class 75-1, for the Teen Pregnancy Grant Program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris to hire a Public Health Nurse Supervisor II at an annual salary of \$21,480, Class 74, Grade 2A.

AYES: Commissioners Koonce and Norris

NOES: Commissioners Worley, Dew and Faulk.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed to create the position of Teen Pregnancy Public Health Nurse Supervisor II at an annual salary of \$21,984, Grade 74, Class 2B with position to terminate at the end of the State Grant. Further, approve the budget by accepting DHS Funds-Happy Grant (10-348-0802) in the amount of \$57,500 to be expended as follows:

10-588-02	Salaries	35,000
10-588-05	FICA	2,500
10-588-06	Insurance	2,000
10-588-07	Retirement	3,100
10-588-11	Telephone	750
10-588-14	Travel	4,000
10-588-32	Office Supplies	4,000
10-588-33	Departmental Supplies	4,000
10-588-74	Capital Outlay	2,150

AYES: Commissioners Worley, Faulk, Koonce and Norris

NOES: Commissioner Dew

Commissioner Dew made the following statement: The Teen Pregnancy Grant allocated from the State in the amount of \$57,500 is appreciated but it is hard to comprehend why the State would be introducing new programs and mandating increased spending in existing programs that the County has to absorb. Further, the burden is so great that we can not afford to give our employees a cost-of-living salary increase.

#### HEALTH DEPARTMENT -BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to accept Medicaid Escrow funds (10-348-07) in the amount of \$1,925.00 to be expended in Equipment-Spirometer (10-590-74).

#### YOUTH TASK FORCE - IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the West Columbus High School In-School Suspension Program be altered/decreased in the amount of \$1,367.00 on Line Item Budget.

#### WATER BOND COUNSEL

The Administrator advised that the fee on the Water Bond Counsel will be \$1,500 plus out-of-pocket expense which should not exceed \$200. In addition to this, the cost of the election would be \$12,000 to \$15,000. If the water bond issue succeeds, it will be of no cost to the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to employ Brown, Wood, Ivey, Mitchell and Petty, New York City, New York as the Bond Counsel for Columbus County and amend the budget allocating funds in the amount of \$20,000 from Non-Departmental - Contingencies (10-660-9999) to be expended in Water Bond (10-470-0403).

**HEALTH DEPT. - HOSPICE MEDICARE EMPLOYEES & CONTRACTS**

The Administrator advised the Board that Medicare Hospice employment contracts were received after the agenda had been mailed; therefore, he and the Attorney have reviewed and made corrections but they are not in final form.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to employ the Medicare Hospice Director (Volunteer Service Director II) at an annual salary of \$15,840, Class 68-A and a Registered Nurse at an annual salary of \$15,840, Class 68-A, retroactive to August 1, 1986, with continued employment contingent upon the Medicare Hospice being a self supporting program. Contracts are to be revised and reviewed by the Attorney and Administrator before being executed.

**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS - ANNUAL CERTIFICATION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve the annual certification of the following Volunteer Fire Departments: Bolton Fire Department, Tabor City Rescue and Cerro Gordo Rescue.

**BOARD UPDATE**

The Administrator updated the Board on the following items:

1. Received a letter from DOT concerning a problem in obtaining a right of way acquisition on Jones Road Addition.
2. Update on Facet Glass unionization effort.
3. Memo from the Division of Social Services on the legislative actions which impact on the County budget.
4. Letter of appreciation from the Mental Health for the current years allocation of funds.
5. NCACC memo on the additional retirement benefits for local law enforcement personnel.
6. Copy of the Current Water Supply Drought Advisory Bulletin.
7. Proposed rules for dispensing drugs at the Health Department.
8. Harvey Bechman, PCA, called stating they have leased office space in the facility near City Hall and hope to be moved by September 1, 1986.
9. Update from the North Carolina Association of Counties.
10. Priority list of Development Disabilities for the region.
11. Sencland Community Action letter on the audit.
12. Cape Fear Council of Governments has requested a Resolution on Ombudsman services.
13. Annual budget amendment has been processed which brings forward the purchase orders from last year to the current year.
14. List of pending appointments. The various agencies have been contacted for recommendations and they should be here by the next Board meeting.

15. Memos from Dr. Holbrook requesting new positions.
16. Letter of appreciation from the Governor.
17. A Book entitled "A Call from Craven" has been given to the Board.
18. Letter to County Attorney requesting formal opinion on Inventory Tax Listing methods and the Attorneys' response.
19. Analysis on Cost-of-living and reclassifications for County employees.

#### TAX RELEASES

Upon motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously, the following tax releases were approved as recommended by the Tax Supervisor.

Ordered: that the 1983, 1984 and 1985 tax listings of J.H. Land, Sr., Heirs, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,810 due to buildings, house and garage valued for this amount were torn down prior to January 1, 1983.

Ordered: that the 1984, 1985 and 1986 tax listings of Leroy & Faye Miller, Fair Bluff Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,500 due to the 11.11 acre tract was already listed to Richard Bromell and Jerline McNair.

#### SHERIFF DEPT.

Bill Rhodes, Sheriff, addressed the Board on complaints the department has been receiving on door-to-door salesmen and noises from loud week-end parties and requested the Board consider adopting ordinances on these complaints.

The Board concurred to have the County Attorney and Sheriff draft ordinances and present to the Board for approval.

#### HEALTH DEPT. - REQUEST FOR SPACE

Dr. Robert Holbrook, Health Director, addressed the Board again on the office space request that was tabled at the last meeting.

The Chairperson stated that a meeting is scheduled on August 21, 1986 and the Board will not be able to give him an answer until after the meeting.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:40 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to adjourn into executive session to discuss an attorney/client and personnel matter.

#### RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 10:30 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adjourn executive session and resume regular session. No action was taken.

#### PROPERTY PURCHASED FOR LANDFILL

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unaimously to purchase the Garland Williamson property, East of State Road 1430, with payments to be made in three annual equal installments of ONE HUNDRED, EIGHTEEN THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED, SEVENTY-SEVEN AND 33/100 DOLLARS

(\$118,677.33) with no interest, releasing the County of all liability and authorizing the Chairperson or Vice-Chairman execute all necessary documents contingent to final approval by the issuance of licenses by the State of North Carolina. State Engineers have estimated life span of the landfill is twenty (20) years. Legal documents are on file at the Register of Deeds' office and the Clerk to Boards' office.

**LIBRARY - BUDGET AMENDMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve a budget amendment for the Library in the amount of \$4,700.00 to be appropriated from Non-Departmental - Contingencies (10-660-9999) to be expended in Library Salaries (10-630-02).

**TAX - EXTENSION OF INVENTORY TAX LISTING**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to extend the period of "No Late Listing" on inventory taxes until November 30, 1986.

**COUNTY EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATIONS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to downgrade the following County employees' classification to be in compliance with State Personnel.


Clerk Typist IV - From Class 59 to 58  
Clerical Supervisor - From Class 61 to 60

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Upon motion by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

APPROVED:

  
Administrator/Clerk

  
Chairperson