

# Commissioners' Proceedings For Nov.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 7, 1977 at 9:00 o'clock A.M. in the Courthouse. All members were present: C.A. Phillips, Chairman; Alton G. Elmore; N.J. George; J.D. Peele; and Lester T. Copeland.

Invocation was given by Commissioner Peele.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Phillips.

Upon motion by Commissioner Peele, seconded by Commissioner George, and unanimously carried, that the minutes of the previous meetings be approved.

Luetta Sellers, appeared before the Board in reference to the regular scheduled meetings of the Board. Mrs. Sellers recommended night meetings be held so more interested citizens may attend. She also suggested more public notice be given of the special meetings.

A motion was made by Commissioner Copeland, seconded by Commissioner Elmore, and unanimously carried, that a committee be appointed to investigate this possibility. Chairman Phillips asked Commissioner George and Commissioner Peele to study this issue.

William Bonner, Trustee of the Warren Grove Baptist Church, asked the Board to request the Department of Transportation to shape the road leading to the Church, at the Churches' expense.

A motion was made by Commissioner George, seconded by Commissioner Peele, and unanimously carried, that Mr. Bonner's request be honored.

Donald Young, of Albemarle Associates, presented a revised budget of the Courthouse & Detention Facility. The Board agreed that the Finance Committee work with the budget until it is satisfactory with the Board members. No action was taken.

Mr. Young also reported the archeologist has asked for a two week extension on the work at the Courthouse site. A delay could cause extra expense to the County. After a discussion a motion was made by Commissioner George, seconded by Commissioner Elmore, and unanimously carried, that the contractors for the Courthouse & Detention Facility be notified that the Board has accepted that contracts.

Pete Thompson, County Extension Officer, reported that there has been concern among the farmers that heavy rains and warm weather will damage the early soybean crop. Mr. Thompson also reported that he had notified county water users to report any water leaks to the County Water Department.

Dallas Jethro, Jr., County Coordinator, presented three sealed bids for gasoline, oil and anti-freeze. Bids were submitted by J.H. Conger & Son; Leary Oil Company; and Creywood Oil Company.

After a study of the bids was made, a motion was made by Commissioner Elmore, seconded by Commissioner Peele, and unanimously carried, that Creywood Oil Company be declared the low bidder.

Upon motion by Commissioner Peele, seconded by Commissioner Copeland, and unanimously carried, that pickup taxes in the amount of \$12.00 be charged to the Tax Collector.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peele, seconded by Commissioner George, and unanimously carried, that the Tax Collector be relieved of the following taxes:

Tax Receipt No. 38 - Joseph Scott Harrell, Jr., - Amount \$67.91; Tax Receipt No. 687 - Brenda Hurdle - Amount \$38.22; Tax Receipt No. 70 - Michael J. Barber - Amount \$10.87.

Mr. Jethro reported that United Piece and Dye Works had requested the Countys help

to provide them water when the river is at low tide and a sufficient amount of good water cannot be obtained. The Board agreed that at this time there was no way they can assist in furnishing extra water to the Dye Plant, but would explore all phases and cooperate in any way possible.

A motion was made by Commissioner George, seconded by Commissioner Peele, and unanimously carried, that the letter concerning the water system grants be accepted so that the Countys application would continue to be processed.

Upon motion by Commissioner George, seconded by Commissioner Elmore, and unanimously carried, that the budget be amended in the amount of \$38,613.95 to come from CETA Funds and contingency funds, for six CETA employees, gas pump, old tires and cars.

Chairman Phillips stated the floor was open for nominations for a member to serve on the Airport Commission Board. Mr. Warren Twiddy and Mr. Gilbert Johnson were nominated. Nominations were closed. Mr. Warren Twiddy was voted to serve on the Airport Commission Board.

A discussion was held concerning the U.S. Corps of Engineers study of the water supply for Southside Hampton Roads, Virginia. Two of the Alternatives involve the Chowan River and Blackwater River near Winton. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Peele, seconded by Commissioner George, and unanimously carried, to submit a Resolution in opposition to these Alternatives and forward a copy to become part of the record of the November 21, 1977 public hearing in Roanoke Rapids.

Commissioner Copeland and Eugene Jordan brought to the attention of the Board that recent work accomplished on Road No. 1307 has not been a satisfactory solution to the problem. Water still stands and the culverts overflow. These need immediate attention and should be brought to the attention of the Department of Transportation. The Board agreed to notify the Department of Transportation of this complaint.

Murray Ashley appeared before the Board to recommend that bill heads be printed for ambulance services. Bills are now being confused with emergency rescue calls. A motion was made by Commissioner George, seconded by Commissioner Copeland, and unanimously carried, that the request be granted as recommended.

Commissioner Elmore made the motion that the County pledge \$2500.00 to support the employment of the Alliance for Progress Computer Center director, to begin work on the startup process of the centralized data processing system. Commissioner George seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Bob Moore, Executive Director of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Board in reference to an Industrial Commission being appointed. He pointed out a committee is needed to study the industrial revenue bonds issue. The Board agreed to appoint an industrial committee when the Board reorganizes in December.

Anne Spruill, Register of Deeds, requested permission to store old Chattel Mortgage books and deposition of old marriage license stubs. After a discussion, a motion was made

by Commissioner Elmore, and unanimously carried, that the Chattel Mortgage books be stored on the fourth floor of the County Office Building.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peele, seconded by Commissioner Elmore, and unanimously carried, that the old marriage license stubs be destroyed after being properly checked.

Commissioner George brought to the attention of the Board the matter of creating a new position for Chowan County, that of County Manager. He pointed out there were only nineteen counties that did not have a County Manager. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Elmore, seconded by Commissioner George, that the County seek to hire a County Manager as a new position for Chowan County. The motion was duly carried. Commissioner Peele and Commissioner Phillips voting no.

Chairman Phillips told the Board that Mr. Claude Small, Jr., developer of Hickory Lane sub-division, has requested a six month extension on paving the road at Hickory Lane with a petition being signed by the home owners at Hickory Lane. No action was taken. Decision to be made pending further discussion.

Commissioner Peele reminded the Board of the firemans' supper to be held December 12 at the Crossroads Fire Department.

The following reports were accepted and ordered filed: Tax Collector, Extension Office, Social Services, Sheriffs, Finance Director, Veterans Service Officer, Animal Control Officer, Rescue Squad.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Anne K. Spruill  
Clerk to the Board

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"DIES IRAE"  
(Day of Wrath)

"That day of wrath, that dreadful day  
When heaven and earth shall pass away,  
Both David and the Sibyl say,  
What terror then shall us befall,  
When lo, the Judge's steps appall,  
About to sift the deeds of all."

It is generally believed that this hymn was composed by Thomas of Celano, a Franciscan of the 13th century. There are 234 English translations of this incomparable poem. Hymnologists of every creed testify to its unapproachable glory. It is freely acknowledged that no adequate translation has yet appeared.

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# "IN GOD WE TRUST"

## It depends...

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Sunday  
Colossians  
1:15-18  
Monday  
Jeremiah  
23:2-6  
Tuesday  
Joel  
3:16-18  
Wednesday  
Psalms  
23:1-6  
Thursday  
Mark  
13:32-37  
Friday  
I Thessalonians  
3:11-13  
Saturday  
Romans  
13:12-13

If you are skiing out in the woods with an amiable companion, you can revel in the white beauty of the snow. If, on the other hand, you are on a city street, facing an icy wind, you may feel quite differently about the matter.

Isn't that the way it is with almost everything? The way we react to a situation so often depends upon the way it affects us personally. We aren't to be blamed for this, yet we should stop to think that there are two sides to every story. We should not judge the merit of a viewpoint on whether or not it agrees with our own opinion.

The Church is used to different viewpoints, to controversy. It has lived with changing times and opinions for centuries, and it has never been more involved than it is today. The Church is changing as change is needed, ever ready to investigate and to explore the new. Have you been keeping up with it?

# Sunday School Lesson

UNDERSTANDING MATTHEW'S GOSPEL  
Scripture: Matthew 1:1-17; 4:23-25; 9:9-13  
By Mrs. Jesse Waller

One of the greatest delights I had, as a child, was the visit in our home of some relative. Since the times of getting together were few and far apart, our conversation would naturally drift to other relatives and members of their families. Always, I marvelled that my mother could remember all the names, and put the cousins and uncles and aunts in their proper places in age.

It was my privilege, one summer, at a camp meeting to witness a most unusual sermon. For forty-five minutes we sat enrapt, listening to the recitation of the genealogy of Jesus. At the beginning, I was intrigued by this man's remarkable memory. As he started with Abraham, and didn't falter until the list was complete, there was an awesome quietness. When it dawned upon me what he was doing, the procedure became captivating and powerful. Jesus' birth was the ultimate. The closing statement of his sermon was a simple, but everlasting truth, "Jesus was born of Mary, in Bethlehem of Judea." People had lived and waited in darkness so long, and now their Light had come, in the person of Jesus.

The gospel of Matthew brings this good news, with a sprinkling of the generations preceding His birth.

The writing of the first gospel in our New Testament is attributed to Matthew, sometimes referred to as Levi. Mark 2:14. It is believed that Mark's gospel was the first one written, as the other gospels refer to some of its parts. There are many parallels in the first three gospels. John's gospel emphasizes Jesus' relationship with God, in a different way.

Matthew's call gives us, all over again, the mercy of God if Jesus chose a tax collector, who was looked down on, because of his work, it should encourage anyone who feels he is beyond help, or not worthy. Jesus told the fishermen whom he called, that He would make them fishers of men, but he made no such promise to Matthew. Jesus called His disciples to be followers and helpers, and companions. Matthew left his lucrative job and obeyed immediately, and remained with Jesus. It was then that Jesus was accused of eating with sinners.

The only clue we have to the kind of person Matthew was, is found in his spontaneous act of serving as a connecting link between Jesus and his friends. He had a feast and invited all of his friends in to meet Jesus. What better way to introduce them to the Savior. This is something that most Christians could do today. If the Savior's presence was felt at our feasts and social gatherings, how transformed would be the atmosphere!

This gospel also contains the unmatched Sermon on the Mount, and many parables and teachings in the life of our Lord, including the great commission, just before His ascension.

Prayer: Dear Lord, in our daily actions, and through them, may Christ increase, as we decrease. Amen.  
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