The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., May 20, 1968 it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

W. O. Johnson, Chairman

T. E. Burns

H. J. Watts

J. Roland Gore

Edward W. Williamson

Betty S. Williamson, Clerk

The following business was transacted:

Dr. A. C. Terrance, Chairman of the Columbus County Red Cross Association, and Mrs. Marie Suggs, Executive Secretary, appeared before the Board and asked that the County supply funds in the amount of \$3,000 to establish a blood bank for Columbus County. This program would allow any resident of Columbus County to be eligible for blood at any time. No action was taken on this matter.

C. W. Duggins, Supt. of the Whiteville City Schools, presented budget requests for the fiscal year 1968-69.

Alice Wright, Welfare Director, and members of the Welfare Board presented budget requests for all Public Assistance Budgets and the Administrative Budget for the fiscal year 1968-69.

Ordered: that a check in the amount of \$100 be written for dues to the County Public Welfare Board Members Association of N. C.

Upon motion made and duly seconded the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbus County Board of County Commissioners accepts the Comprehensive Water and Sewer Study of Columbus County as presented by Mr. Bob Carroll, Consulting Engineer of The Harwood Beebe Company, Spartanburg, South Carolina, and authorizes the printing of said Study as presented, subject to the approval of the Columbus County Planning Board and the United States Farmers Home Administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the delivery date of said Study to the Columbus County Board of County Commissioners be, and is hereby, extended, said delivery date to be thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of approval of said Study from the United States Farmers Home Administration by The Harwood Beebe Company.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Williamson and duly seconded by Commissioner Burns and unanimously adopted, the Chairman of this Board is authorized and instructed to execute a lease dated May 16, 1968 from Columbus County to the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development for a certain tract of land therein described. Said lease to extend from the 16th day of May, 1968 to the 4th day of February 2045 upon terms and conditions described:

That the said Columbus County in consideration of One Dollar and other valuable considerations to it paid by the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby demise and lease to the said North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, its successors in office and assigns, for a period commencing this the 16th day of May, 1968 and ending

on the 4th day of February 2045, that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Whiteville Township, Columbus County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake at the Southwest corner of a 2.84 acre (also referred to 2.86 acre) lot heretofore leased by the County of Columbus to the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, said lease being recorded in Book #173, page 215, Registry of Columbus County; thence from said beginning point South 0 deg. 47 min. East 296.6 ft. to an iron stake; thence South 84 deg. 17 min. East 475.4 ft. to an iron stake; thence North 7 deg. 37 min. West 371.1 ft. to an iron stake; thence South 86 deg. 47 min. West 429.0 ft. to the beginning and being 3.43 acres as shown on a map prepared by Robert D. Inman entitled Columbus County Farm as is recorded in Book 10, page 9 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Columbus County.

This lease is executed by the party of the first part and accepted by the party of the second part on this condition: that the said North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development is to use the property herein conveyed for an equipment and storage shelter and for such other buildings as the said North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development may see fit to erect, from time to time, in connection with and in futherance of its public activities. It is understood between the parties hereto that should the said North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development cease to use said property for the purposes herein set forth, then the lands herein conveyed are to revert to the said Columbus County, its successors or assigns, and this lease is to be null and void.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid tract or parcel of land, and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the said North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development and its successors in office, for the uses and purposes hereinbefore set out for none other, for a period beginning this date and ending February 4, 2045.

And the said Columbus County, for itself and its successors, convenants with the said North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, and its successors in office, that the said Columbus County is seized of said premises in fee and has the right to convey the same as herein set out; that the same are free and clear from all encumbrances and that the said Columbus County does hereby warrant and will forever defend the said title to the same against the claims of all persons whomsoever; that the execution of this lease on the lands hereinbefore described was duly authorized by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, at one of its lawful meetings.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said Columbus County, through its County Commissioners, has authorized W. O. Johnson, Chairman of its Board of Columbus County Commissioners, to this lease execute/in its name and affix its seal, the day and year first above written.

COLUMBUS COUNTY

BY: /s/ W. O. Johnson
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

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ATTEST:

/s/ Betty S. Williamson

Ordered: that taxes listed in the name of Mrs. Francis Dubois Eichhorn,
Bogue Township, be cancelled for the year 1967 due to an error in listing.

Ordered: that one-half of the tax lien listed in the name of J. T. Dodd, South Williams Township, be cancelled for the year 1954 due to incorrect valuation.

Ordered: that one-half of the tax liens listed in the name of Tabor City Recreation Committee, Williams and South Williams Townships, be c ancelled for the years 1965, 1966 (South Williams & Williams), and 1967 due to incorrect valuation. It is also ordered that the late listing penalty be released from the 1967 tax lien.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

Betty S. Williamson, Clerk

W. O. Johnson, Chairman