

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office, January 3, 1984, at 10:00 A.M., it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Lynwood Norris, Chairman

Junior Dew, Vice-Chairman

L. A. Hinson

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 Reverend Neal Salter, Hallsboro United Methodist Church.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

COLUMBUS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REQUEST

Mitchell Tyler, County School Superintendent, accompanied by Assistant and Associate Superintendents, Members of the Board of Education, Attorney, and two elementary principals, requested the Board write a letter-of-intent to designate \$275,000 Revenue Sharing Funds toward building a second multi-purpose building at Old Dock or Chadbourn Elementary Schools, repair the gymnasium at Acme Delco (\$30,000) and lighting at Tabor City Recreation Field (\$45,000). Mr. Tyler stated that they had received bids on the two buildings and would need to accept or reject bids by January 27, 1984.

The Chairman informed school officials that the Board would give them an answer on or before January 27, 1984 to enable them to accept or reject bids.

CHADBOURN DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Philip Strole, Chadbourn Drainage District, requested the Board designate funds from the Beaver Control allocation to maintain right-of-ways and clean ditches to help in beaver control.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to designate \$2,000 of Beaver Control funds for the Chadbourn Drainage District and instructed the Administrator to check with Representative Richard Wright to see if the funds designated for this project has any restrictions.

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to advertise for bids for the construction of a building for the Senior Center.

BEAVER COMMITTEE REPORT

Garland McCullen, Agriculture Extension Director, presented the Board with a Beaver Committee report and stated that the Committee has agreed to contract the trapping of beavers to Dan Jones, an experienced trapper, pending upon the Board's approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to award the Beaver Contract to Dan Jones as follows:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

C O N T R A C T

This contract entered into this the 3rd day of January, 1984, by and between the County of Columbus and Dan Jones, an independent contractor, to serve as "beaver trapper" in areas of Columbus County which are experiencing beaver problems by private landowners.

Performance of your contractual duties will include:

1. Trapping beavers on private landowners property which are experiencing damage to crop land and woodland. Trapping is to begin in the eastern portion of Columbus County namely Prosper and Livingston Creek Communities and move westward concluding in the Cherry Grove Community.
2. Permission must be granted by landowner or designated agent.
3. Trapping must be done in accordance with the N.C. Wildlife Commission trapping laws.
4. Reporting of the number of beaver trapped and name of landowner to the Columbus County Agricultural Extension Service on the last day of each month.

The period for which your services are contractual shall begin on or about January 3, 1984 and shall continue up to June 30, 1984.

The County of Columbus agrees to pay you a fee of \$100 per day for satisfactory performance of your contractual duties during this period payable on a monthly basis not to exceed \$5,000 for total contract. Your fee is expressly in lieu of any and all other compensation, including, but not limited to transportation, expenses and any other cost or expense which you might incur in carrying out your contractual duties.

Moreover, both you and we understand and agree that you are in no wise an employee or agent of County of Columbus, the Agricultural Extension Service, or any agency or bureau of the State of North Carolina but that in all premises you are acting exclusively as an independent contractor.

This contract executed in duplicate by the Chairman of the County Commissioners and the said, Dan Jones, witness our hands and seals the date and year first written above.

THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

ATTEST:

/s/ Richard B. Self

By: /s/ Lynwood Norris, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

/s/ Dan Jones

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Chairman Norris instructed the Administrator to write letters of appreciation to Howard Stanley, Emergency Management Director, Klondyke Rescue Squad, Chadbourn Fire and Police Department, N.C. Highway Patrol, Department of Transportation, N.C. Department of Human Resources and Chadbourn Fire & Rescue Ladies Auxillary for their interest, hard work and participation in the chemical spill clean-up on U.S. 74 and N.C. 410 in Columbus County. The Board was in agreement.

RESOLUTION - NORTH WHITEVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to certify the North Whiteville Fire Department Pension Fund Act by Resolution as follows:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, G.S. 118-23 requires certification to the North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance as to firemen and fire departments in compliance with minimum conditions precedent to the eligibility of firemen and volunteer firemen for benefits under the North Carolina Firemen's Pension Fund Act, the undersigned certifies to the North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance that:

1. North Whiteville Fire Department, North Carolina, is a County Fire District, of this state having a bonafide fire department which operates fire apparatus and equipment of the value of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or more, and said fire department holds drills and meetings not less than four hours monthly:

2. The persons names on the attached roster are regular and/or volunteer firemen of the fire department described in (1) above, and said firemen attend at least thirty six hours of all drills and meetings of said fire department in each calendar year.

3. This certification was duly approved and adopted by the governing body of Columbus County, North Carolina at a meeting held on the 3rd day of January, 1984, and the undersigned was directed to execute and forward a copy of same to the North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance.

WITNESS my hand and seal, this the 3rd day of January, 1984.

/s/ Lynwood Norris, Chairman
Columbus County Commissioners

BUDGET AMENDMENTS - CHRISTMAS BONUSES AND RECREATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to amend the budget to allocate funds to each department to cover Christmas Bonuses as follows:

Decrease 10-592-02	Salaries - Maternal & Child Care	125.00
Decrease 10-593-02	Salaries - Home Health-Third Party	245.00
Decrease 10-594-02	Salaries - Hypertension	25.00
Decrease 10-595-02	Salaries - Gaaucoma & Diabetes	45.00
Decrease 10-596-02	Salaries - Tuberculosis	50.00
Decrease 10-598-02	Salaries - WIC	105.00
Decrease 10-660-57	Miscellaneous - Non-Departmental	5,332.00
Increase 10-420-57	Administration	50.00
Increase 10-430-57	Elections	50.00
Increase 10-440-57	Finance	100.00
Increase 10-450-57	Tax Listing	225.00
Increase 10-470-57	Legal	25.00
Increase 10-480-57	Register of Deeds	125.00
Increase 10-495-57	Economic Development	50.00
Increase 10-500-57	Courthouse - Maintenance	75.00
Increase 10-503-57	Administrative Building	25.00
Increase 10-505-57	Miller Building - Maintenance	100.00
Increase 10-460-57	Tax Collections	100.00

Increase 10-506-57	Public Buildings - Maintenance	75.00
Increase 10-510-57	Sheriff's Department	750.00
Increase 10-520-57	Law Enforcement Center	325.00
Increase 10-525-57	Emergency Management	50.00
Increase 10-540-57	Building Inspector	25.00
Increase 10-580-57	Solid Waste	250.00
Increase 10-590-57	Health Department	400.00
Increase 10-592-57	Maternal & Child Care	125.00
Increase 10-593-57	Home Health (Third Party)	245.00
Increase 10-594-57	Hypertension	25.00
Increase 10-595-57	Glaucoma & Diabetes	45.00
Increase 10-596-57	Tuberculosis	50.00
Increase 10-598-57	WIC	105.00
Increase 10-599-57	Animal Warden	75.00
Increase 10-605-57	Extension Service	375.00
Increase 10-606-57	Soil Conservation	25.00
Increase 10-607-57	Veterans' Officer	25.00
Increase 10-610-57	Social Services	1,550.00
Increase 10-620-57	Recreation	100.00
Increase 10-630-57	Library	382.00

And amend the Recreation budget in the amount of \$1,040.00. These funds are reimbursement from Vocation Rehabilitation (335-00) and are to be expended in Contract services (620-45).

RESOLUTION - AYES & NAYS

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin and seconded by Commissioner Dew to adopt a Resolution to record ayes and nays in the minutes on all issues which unanimity is not reached as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Faulk, Buffkin, Dew and Norris.

Noes: Commissioner Hinson

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the General Statutes of North Carolina allow the Board of Commissioners to adopt the rules of procedure in keeping with the size of and the nature of the Board and spirit of generally accepted principles of parliamentary procedure; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 153A-42 states that "...upon the request of any member of the Board, the ayes and noes upon any question shall be taken and recorded"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County desires that the minutes reflect the word "unanimous" when all members of the Board of Commissioners vote in unanimity; and that the Clerk be directed to take a roll call vote on all issues which may arise and upon which unanimity does not exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ADOPTED BY THIS RESOLUTION, that upon adoption of this Resolution that all issues upon which unanimity is not reached, that the record will reflect a roll call vote.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is directed to call the roll in reverse order of seniority with the Vice-Chairman and Chairman being the last two names called.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of January, 1984.

Columbus County, North Carolina

ATTESTED BY:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

By: /s/ Lynwood Norris, Chairman

GREEN BOXES

Commissioner Faulk reported that she had been informed that several of the green boxes in the county were being used for burning trash and the Board should make an effort to try to eliminate this from happening.

The Board requested Commissioner Faulk to contact the county radio stations and request residents of the county to use the green boxes for depositing trash only and to report any and all burnings they are aware of to the Columbus County Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Faulk agreed to perform this public service.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Gilbert Faulk, a county citizen, stated that his sister, Clara Long, was disable to work and could not support herself and has gone through all channels with the Social Service Department requesting assistance and requested the Board to take action in her behalf.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed unanimously to adopt a Resolution and mail to the Governor and the Department of Human Resources in her behalf as follows:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Clara Long applied for Medical Assistance for the Disabled on April 21, 1983; she was denied on July 20, 1983 and requested a hearing on July 22, 1983; and

WHEREAS, Clara Long has followed all established procedures set forth by the Department of Human Resources to pursue her claim for disability; and

WHEREAS, over five months has elapsed since Clara Long's appeal to the State of North Carolina for a ruling on her case; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners feels this delay is excessively long and has created an undue hardship on Clara Long;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County as follows:

(1) That this Board hereby requests that a final ruling by the State be forthcoming immediately;

(2) That justification for the excessive delay be communicated to Clara Long, the Columbus County Department of Social Services, and to this Board;

(3) That the State investigate and insure this Board that delays of this duration will not happen again;

(4) That this Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this 3rd day of January, 1984.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

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

/s/ Lynwood Norris, Chairman

UPDATED BOARD

The Administrator updated the Board on the following items:

1. Riegelwood ADR Annual Banquet January 24, 1984 at 7:30 P.M. at the Fire and Rescue Building, Riegelwood.
2. NACo 49th Annual Conference to be held in Seattle, Washington, July 7-11, 1984.
3. Secondary Road Construction Plan from November 1982 - October 1983. (Copies given to the Board)

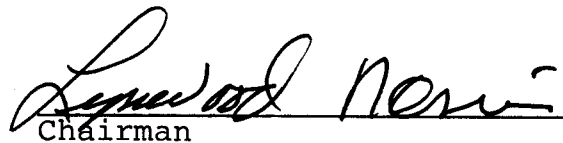
MEETING ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

APPROVED:



Administrator/Clerk



Chairman