

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 7:30 P.M., March 18, 1985, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Larry M. Buffkin, Chairman

Caletta Faulk, Vice-Chairperson

Junior Dew

Lynwood Norris

Ed Worley

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Richard B. Self, Adm./Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by Reverend George Hollifield, Calvary Baptist Church.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 18, 1985 meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously.

PROCLAMATION - FOCUS ON THE FAMILY WEEK

Yvonne Ray, Home Economics Extension Agent, requested the Board adopt a Proclamation proclaiming the week of March 24-30, 1985 as "Focus on the Family Week."

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

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the family is the most fundamental and important social institution in American society, foregoing values that underlie national stability and continuity; and

WHEREAS, its well-being, stability and growth in this rapidly changing age is of increasing concern to many educators, persons working with families, policymakers, and families themselves; and

WHEREAS, The Agricultural Extension Service works to strengthen the individual and family through programs in agriculture, 4-H, home economics, community resource development; and

WHEREAS, Extension's general goal is to help families improve competence in decision making, resource management, safety, the nurturance of others, interpersonal relationships and positive self-esteem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County that the week of March 24-30 be observed as

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY WEEK

in Columbus County and commend this observance to our citizens.

Adopted this 18th day of March, 1985.

ATTESTED BY:

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

/s/ Larry M. Buffkin, Chairman
Columbus County Board of
Commissioners

SENCLAND - LETTER OF INTENT

Colene Stanley, Sencland Acting Director, gave a progress report on the activities of SENClad for FY 84-85 and requested the Board's support in funding SENClad programs for FY 85-86 with a letter of intent written to the Cape Fear Council of Governments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to write a letter of intent to Cape Fear Council of Governments.

WSDA FUNDING REQUEST

Gloria Patrick, WSDA Director, requested the Board consider funding a multi-purpose building in Bladen County for the Waccamaw Siouan Development Association in the amount of \$4,000. Bladen County is considering funding \$4,200 dependent upon WSDA raising the additional funds from Columbus County or from other sources.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to write a letter to Senator R.C. Soles and Representative Richard Wright to request "Pork Barrel" funds in the amount of \$8,200.00 to fund the WSDA project and report to WSDA at the next meeting of the legislators action.

EQUALIZATION & REVIEW - MEMBERS AT LARGE APPOINTED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to appoint Anne Williamson and Vance Maultsby to serve as members at large for a Special Board of Equalization & Review.

EQUALIZATION & REVIEW - DATE SET

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to designate Monday, April 22, 1985 beginning at 10:00 A.M. throughout the day and carry over to April 23rd, if needed, for the Special Board of Equalization & Review hearings.

EQUALIZATION & REVIEW CHAIRMAN APPOINTED & RESOLUTION ADOPTED

A motion was made by Commissioner Faulk, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appoint Commissioner Buffkin to preside as Chairman of the Equalization & Review Board and adopt the following Resolution:

R E S O L U T I O N

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Columbus County, North Carolina, unanimously adopted the following resolution at their regularly scheduled meeting of March 18, 1985:

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute Chapter 105-322 allows the Board of County Commissioners to appoint a Special Board of Equalization and Review to carry out the duties imposed by that section by resolution which shall be adopted no later than the first Monday in March of the year for which it is to be effective; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, have been petitioned by some citizens of Columbus County to appoint a Special Board of Equalization and Review; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have after reviewing the said requests deem it just and proper and in the best interest of seeking ultimate equality in the examination and review of the tax list of Columbus County, North Carolina, for the current year of the taxable property according with the standard requirements by North Carolina General Statute 104-283;

BE, THEREFORE, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Columbus County, North Carolina, as follows:

(1) That a Special Board of Equalization and Review is hereby appointed by this Resolution to consist of the Board of County Commissioners as of April 1, 1985 and the following Citizens at Large, Anne Williamson and Vance Maultsby. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 105-322, the Board of County Commissioners designates Larry M. Buffkin as Chairman of the Special Board of Equalization and Review.

(2) That each member of the Special Board of Equalization and Review shall serve gratuitously except for actual expenses incurred which shall include mileage where necessary and other lawful allowances.

(3) Each Special Board of Equalization and Review member shall prior to entering upon their responsibilities and duties must take the oath as prescribed by the General Statutes of North Carolina, and shall not be influenced by personal or political friendships or obligations.

(4) Each member of the Special Board of Equalization and Review shall be a lawful citizen and resident of Columbus County, North Carolina.

(5) The term of service for each member of the Special Board of Equalization and Review is two years in duration and each member is subject to reappointment at the expiration of his respective term.

(6) That the filling of vacancy shall be made by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, and the person who fills any vacancy shall complete the term of his or her predecessor.

(7) That all meetings shall be no earlier than the first Monday in May and shall be called by the Chairman of the Special Board of Equalization and Review and shall be continued by adjournment as the Board deems necessary to perform their respective duties.

(8) That the meetings shall be in compliance with North Carolina General Statute 105-322(f).

(9) That the duties and powers of the Special Board of Equalization and Review are the same as conferred by North Carolina General Statute 105-322(g) and any additional powers as may be conferred by Statute.

(10) That the Special Board of Equalization and Review shall always act in compliance with Article 21 of Chapter 105 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

ATTESTED BY:

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY: /s/ Caletta Faulk
Vice Chairperson

RECREATION LEASE - FEDERAL PAPER BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to enter into lease with Federal Paper Board for a 6.4 acre tract on Lumber River in conjunction with the Canoe Natural Wilderness Rest Area with cost of \$1.00 per year to the County with the stipulation that the County will not be liable for any accidents on the property.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

AGREEMENT OF LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT OF LEASE, made and entered into this 18th day of March, 1985, by and between FEDERAL PAPER BOARD COMPANY, INC., a corporation existing under the laws of the State of New York with a place of business in Riegelwood, Columbus County, North Carolina, hereinafter for convenience called LESSOR, and COLUMBUS COUNTY, a municipal corporation existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina with its principal offices in Whiteville, North Carolina, hereinafter for convenience called LESSEE.

W I T N E S S E T H :

That the LESSOR is the owner of a tract of land containing 2,347 acres, more or less, known as the Averitt Tract (5-13098) located in Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, for a very substantial distance said tract abutts upon the Lumber River; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Parks and Recreation Department desires to acquire possession of and maintain a Canoe Natural Wilderness Rest Area and said Department has requested LESSOR to lease to the County for its use the hereinafter described lands for said Canoe Natural Wilderness Rest Area and LESSOR is willing to lease and make available the hereinafter described lands for such purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, the LESSOR, for and in consideration of the covenants and conditions hereinafter set forth to be kept and performed by both parties hereto, and the payment of the rental as hereinafter provided, has demised and leased to the LESSEE, its successors and assigns, for a term of five (5) years from the date hereof to establish a Canoe Natural Wilderness Rest Area, all that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Columbus County, North Carolina, more particularly described as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land known as "Grassy Island" located on the east bank of the Lumber River as shown on a map attached hereto and containing 6.4 acres, more or less.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said leased land and premises, together with all and singular, the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining to the said LESSEE, its successors and assigns, for a term of five (5) years from the date hereof upon the following rental and in accordance with the

terms, conditions and covenants set forth in this Agreement.

And the LESSEE hereby covenants and agrees with the LESSOR that it will lease and accept the above-described premises upon the terms, conditions and covenants hereinafter set forth and for the said term of five (5) years commencing on the date hereof, yielding and paying therefor an annual rental in the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00), payable in advance on the date hereof and for each annual renewal thereof as may thereafter occur.

The LESSOR hereby covenants and agrees with the LESSEE as follows:

1. The LESSEE shall enjoy the said premises during the terms of this lease free from adverse lawful claims of any persons.
2. The LESSOR is seized in fee in said lands and premises and has good right and perfect authority to lease said lands and premises as set forth in this Agreement of Lease.

The LESSEE hereby covenants and agrees with the LESSOR as follows:

1. The LESSEE shall make no unlawful or offensive use of the premises.
2. The LESSEE shall have the right to make such alterations as determined necessary in the creation and maintenance of a Canoe Natural Wilderness Rest Area. Any articles and equipment placed or attached in or about the devised premises shall remain the property of the LESSEE.
3. LESSEE shall receive and accept the leased premises in the condition existing on the date of this agreement as suitable for the purposes of the LESSEE, and as being in full conformity of the provisions of this lease. This lease may be terminated by either party by giving the other party 90 days written notice of the termination thereof; and at the expiration of the original term or any renewals hereof, or sooner termination, the LESSEE shall yield up said lands and premises in as good condition as when the same was entered upon by the LESSEE, ordinary wear and tear excepted. It is understood and agreed that LESSEE may remove any improvements or equipment placed upon the property by LESSEE at the termination by LESSEE.

4. LESSEE shall exercise its best efforts to protect said lands from fire and shall use all means available to it to control and suppress any fires originating upon said leased lands.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED by and between LESSOR and LESSEE:

1. LESSOR shall not be liable for any liability or damage claims to any person or property from any cause relating to the occupancy of the leased lands or premises by the LESSEE during the term of this lease or any extension thereof. LESSEE shall indemnify LESSOR and hold LESSOR harmless from any liability, loss, or claim resulting from the occupancy and use of said lands by LESSEE, its agents, servants, employees, licencees, and invitees.
2. The Lease may not be assigned or subleased without the written consent of the LESSOR.

3. This Agreement of Lease is executed in duplicate, one part to the LESSOR and one part to the LESSEE, and this lease is to be interpreted under the laws of the State of North Carolina.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the corporate parties have hereunto caused this Agreement of Lease to be executed in their respective corporate names by their respective officers, attested by their respective officers and their corporate seals to be hereunto affixed, all on the year and day first above written.

ATTEST:

FEDERAL PAPER BOARD COMPANY, INC.

/s/ John T. Flynn
Assistant Secretary

BY: /s/ Q. J. Kennedy
Executive Vice President

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

COLUMBUS COUNTY

/s/ Richard B. Self
Clerk

BY: /s/ Larry M. Buffkin
Chairman Board of County
Commissioners

(SEAL)

DETENTION SUBSIDY REPAYMENT AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Faulk, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve a contract to use the Lower Cape Fear Juvenile Services Center as follows:

This contract is hereby executed between the Department of Human Resources herein called Department, and Columbus County, hereinafter called County.

W I T N E S S E T H :

THAT WHEREAS, Columbus County is eligible for juvenile detention services in a facility operated by the Department located at Route 1, Box 281-A, Castle Hayne N.C., which is known as the Lower Cape Fear Juvenile Services Center; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 134A-38 provides that any county placing a child in a regional detention home shall pay fifty percent (50%) of the per capita daily cost of caring for the child to the Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises to each other, as hereinafter set out, the Department and the above mentioned County do mutually agree as follows:

SECTION ONE
PAYMENT TO DEPARTMENT

A. The County agrees to pay the Department \$15.00 per child-care day for which the regional detention facility keeps a child from said County in its detention facility. For the purposes of this contract, "child-care day" is defined as any calendar day or portion thereof during which a child from said County is detained in the Regional detention facility.

SECTION TWO
USE OF DETENTION FACILITY

A. Columbus County shall have the right subject to the conditions set out in this section, to place in the detention home operated by the Department children from said County who are alleged or adjudicated to be delinquent as defined by Article 23, Chapter 7A of the North Carolina General Statutes and who require

secure custody for the protection of the community or in the best interest of the child.

B. Prior to the placement of a child from Columbus County in the regional detention facility, said County shall telephone the detention facility. If there is space available for such a child, the County shall notify the detention facility as to when the child will arrive at the detention facility.

C. No child may be placed in the detention facility without a copy of the petition and court order committing the child to the detention facility.

D. If the regional detention facility does not have space for a child, said County must make other arrangements for the placement of the child. The County should notify the Chief of Detention of the Division of Youth Services of the Department of Human Resources of the lack of space for the child.

SECTION THREE
PAYMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT

A. Columbus County shall pay the Department for money due under this contract at the rate set out in Section One, Paragraph A of this contract on a monthly basis. Said payments shall be due ten days after receipt from the Department of the bill for the number of child-care days provided by the said detention facility to children from said County.

SECTION FOUR
TERM OF AGREEMENT

A. This contract shall be effective upon the signature of all the parties of this contract. This contract shall continue until 30 June, 1985 unless sooner terminated. At the termination of this contract, all monies due under the terms of contract shall be made to the Department within ten days of receipt by Columbus County of a final bill from the Department.

B. Either party to this contract may withdraw from the contract upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party and payment in full of all monies due under this contract.

C. At the end of this contract year, June 30, 1985, this contract will continue on a year-to-year basis unless notice of termination be given by the County or the Department of Human Resources.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES

BY: /s/ _____

BY: /s/ Larry M. Buffkin
Chairman
Board of County
Commissioners

LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE REQUEST

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to authorize Amanda Bible, Library Director, apply to the State Library for LSCA Title I funds in the amount of \$45,000 for the purchase of a bookmobile and advertise for bids.

APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to the following boards:

Southeastern Economic Development Commission - Appointed Jack Ervin to serve on the Southeastern Economic Development Commission and the executive committee to replace R. N. Jordan with a three (3) year term, expiring April 1, 1988.

Senior Center Advisory Board - The following were appointed to serve on the Senior Center Advisory Board with three (3) year terms, expiring June 10, 1988:

Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
Earl Andrews Thomas Douglas Alice Wayne	Sam Jordan Ray Wyche	George Bellamy Calvin Williams Elaine Blake
Zone 4	Zone 5	
Irene Young	Robert Baldwin Donnie Graham Rosa White	

The following were appointed to serve on the Senior Center Advisory Board with two year terms, expiring June 20, 1987:

Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 4
Irene Wehraham	Harold Hill Angeline Robinson	Addie Gore
Zone 5		
Lois Yoder Clifton McClelland		

County Seal Committee - The following were appointed to serve on the County Seal Committee:

Jenny Wright, Ron Sirisky, Larry Hewett, Crista Balogh and Martha Burns.

Commissioner Dew requested that a letter of appreciation be written to Mr. R. N. Jordan who has served on the Southeastern Economic Development Commission and Executive Committee.

FIRE & RESCUE ASSOCIATION REQUEST

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to allow Howard Stanley, Emergency Management Coordinator, purchase two (2) oxygen tanks with 2400 PSI in the amount of \$510.00 to be used by Columbus County Fire and Rescue Association and approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$510.00 to be transferred from Contingencies (10-660-9999) to be expended in Fire & Rescue Squads (10-690-9501).

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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

Library - Accept Supplemental LSC Enrichment Grant (10-348-3100) in the amount of \$1,034 to be expended in Books (10-630-3300). Accept Revenue from the Arts Council for Dial-A-Story (10-335-02) in the amount of \$800.00 to be expended in telephone (10-630-1100).

Home Health - Accept revenue for Home Health (10-348-10) in the amount of \$90,000 to be expended as follows:

Increase 10-593-04	Professional Services	\$10,000
Decrease 10-593-11	Telephone	1,800
Decrease 10-593-14	Travel	10,000
Decrease 10-593-16	Maintenance & Reparis (Equip.)	411
Decrease 10-593-21	Equipment Rent	500
Decrease 10-593-26	Advertising	3,900
Increase 10-593-45	Contracted Services - Nursing	40,000
Decrease 10-593-4501	Contracted Services - Speech Ther.	3,000
Increase 10-593-4502	Contracted Services - Physical Ther.	15,000
Increase 10-593-46	Drugs & Supplies	22,610
Increase 10-593-4601	DME	25,000
Decrease 10-593-53	Dues & Subscriptions	1,234
Increase 10-593-57	Miscellaneous	1,000
Decrease 10-593-73	Improvements	2,765

Board of Elections - Transfer funds from Contingencies (10-660-9999) in the amount of \$1,305.00 to be expended for Elections Captial Outlay (10-430-74).

Social Services - Accept revenue from CP & L Crisis Intervention (40-336-0000) in the amount of \$1,151.00 to be expended in CP & L Crisis Intervention (40-616-0000).

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION - ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Faulk, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve an On-The-Job Training Agreement with the North Carolina Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Department of Human Resources and allow the County Administrator complete and sign the necessary forms.

UPDATE BOARD

The Administrator updated the Board on the following items:

1. N. C. Department of Transportation's Spring Cleanup along highways, ramps and bridges will be April 21-27. Trash bags can be obtained from Robert Crumpler with DOT.
2. Ribbon Cutting for Tops and Bottoms in Whiteville will be Thursday morning, March 21, 1985 at 9:30 A.M.

TAX RELEASES

The following tax releases and refunds recommended by the Tax Supervisor were approved upon motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously.

Ordered: that the 1984 tax listing of Remon F. Brigman, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,510 due to house evaluation was reduced to \$1,600; a difference of \$1,510.

Ordered: that the 1984 tax listing of Mary H. Ward, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$11,990 due to error in computing Personal Property tax; was valued at \$13,020 and should have been valued at \$1,030.

Ordered: that the 1984 tax listing of George J. & Betty Jane Cox, Bogue Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,465 due to 1980 Ford van valued for this amount was billed to Ford Motor Credit Company.

Ordered: that the 1984 tax listing of Mary Lousie Hinson, Williams Township be released on the valuation of \$1,375 due to the 1976 Ford Truck was double-listed to Roy & Louise S. Hinson.

Ordered: that a release of April 16, 1984, in the valuation of \$6,840, for the year 1983, in the name of Dewey Lafayette Graham, Ransom Township, be void due to error in release.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to D. L. Peterson Trust, 11333 McCormick Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland, 21031, Ransom Township in the amount of \$40.64 for the year 1984. The 1981 Chevrolet Citation valued at \$4,725, was sold December 20, 1983.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Albert Bernie Cumbee, 1 Murray Hill Drive, Charleston, S. C. 29407, Lees Township, in the amount of \$174.24 for the years 1983 and 1984 due to house valued at \$10,130 was double-listed to Billy W. Etheridge.

WHITEVILLE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to appoint George Inman to the Whiteville Zoning Board of Adjustment, as an outside city member, to replace John Yates with term expiring August 1, 1988. Also, appoint Coke Gray as an alternate member to fill the unexpired term of Paul Woodall, with term expiring August 1, 1986.

LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION - COLUMBUS COUNTY PUBLIC

Amanda Bible, Columbus County Library Director, requested the Board consider to allow her to apply for LSCA Title II funds for Public Library Construction to remodel the present building and expand by 9,772 feet to 14,920 feet at a total cost of \$653,600. If the application is approved for funding by LSCA, the total grant will be \$326,800 or a 50% match. \$163,400 is requested from the county and the balance would be raised through private donations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to allow Ms. Bible apply for LSCA Title II funds in the amount of \$326,800.

LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION - SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dr. Dan Moore, SCC President, accompanied by several Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees, requested \$195,296 in construction funds for a library building at Southeastern Community College. The total cost for a 10,000 to 12,000 square foot building is \$666,106. The state allocation (pending on local match) is \$359,810; SCC total match on hand for the project is \$164,514.

The Chairman informed Columbus County Library and Southeastern Community College that the Board will take a close look at the 1985-86 Budget and will inform them on construction funds as soon as possible.

CITY OF WHITEVILLE - LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION FUNDS REQUESTED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to write a letter to the Whiteville City Council requesting

funding for construction of the County Library.

S.T. ENZOR - TRAVEL ALLOWANCE INCLUDED IN SALARY

A motion was made by Commissioner Faulk, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adjust S.T. Enzor's salary by including \$300.00 per month in county travel and excluding in county travel allowance.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT - EMPLOYMENT ACCOUNTING CLERK I

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to employ Gayle Godwin as a 75% permanent employee as an Accounting Clerk I in the Finance Department based on an annual salary of \$11,148.00.

OUT-DOOR-POOR FUND - IDA YATES

On motion by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Worley and concurred by Commissioner Faulk, a check in the amount of \$50.00 was made payable to Ida Yates, Hoffman Street, Chadbourn, N.C. 28431, to help with rent and utilities.

AYES: Commissioners Worley, Faulk and Buffkin

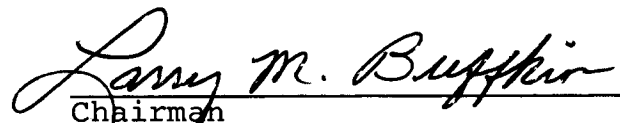
NOES: Commissioners Norris and Dew

MEETING ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

APPROVED:


 Administrator/Clerk


 Chairman