

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 7:30 P.M., Monday, January 20, 1986.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Caletta Faulk, Chairperson

Ed Worley, Vice-Chairman

Junior Dew

Lynwood Norris

Larry M. Buffkin

James E. Hill, Jr. Attorney

Richard B. Self, Adm./Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson and the invocation was given by Reverend David Flowers, Peace Baptist Church.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 6 and January 7, 1986 meetings were approved as recorded, upon motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously.

ITEM #8 HUNTING - OMITTED FROM AGENDA

Commissioner Worley requested that Item #8, Hunting, be omitted from the Agenda as more research is needed.

The Board concurred with the request.

RADIOACTIVE INCINERATION PRESENTATION

Mr. David Hammonds made a presentation on the proposed construction and operation of a radioactive incinerator in Bladen County and requested the Board adopt a Resolution in opposition to the permitting of this operation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adopt a Resolution opposing the radioactive incinerator in Bladen County and also adopt a Resolution in opposition of the hazardous waste plant in the Laurinburg area to be operated by GSX Industries. Resolutions are as follows:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, U.S. Ecology, Incorporated has made application to the State of North Carolina for a license to construct and operate a Radioactive Incinerator in Bladen County; and

WHEREAS, there are major concerns of contaminated materials being transported through or near Columbus County with a constant risk of accident and spillage; and

WHEREAS, there is general concern that the current technology is not sufficiently advanced to determine the long-range impact of particulate matter emitted from the proposed process on human health and the ecological system; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Ecology has failed in the past to demonstrate an effective long-term ability to show concern over the potential financial and human life protection which is their moral responsibility. That this is demonstrated by their operations in Kentucky and Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County that we call upon the State of North Carolina to place a moratorium on all such site permits throughout the State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Community Acceptance should be a heavily weighted factor prior to the issuance of any permit.

ATTEST:

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

/s/ Caletta Faulk, Chairperson  
Columbus County Board of  
Commissioners

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, GSX Services, Incorporated has made application to the State of North Carolina for a license to construct and operate a Hazardous Waste Treatment facility at the Laurinburg-Maxton Airbase in Scotland County; and

WHEREAS, there major concerns of contaminated materials being transported through or near Columbus County with a constant risk of accident and spillage; and

WHEREAS, geologist and similar experts concur that the porous soil types and high water table common to the entire Laurinburg-Maxton Air Base area pose serious and unwarranted exposure to groundwater contamination. Such concerns are enhanced by the proximity of the Lumber River; and

WHEREAS, these circumstances, coupled with the magnitude of the proposal and the wide range of chemical materials to be handled, could well produce a variety of "unknowns" that would pose even greater threats to the area, its environment and its people; and

WHEREAS, there is serious concern that the sequence of events leading to the GSX application reflect lax, hasty, and confusing siting standards, methodologies and policies that override "community acceptance" as a valid factor in the permitting process; and

WHEREAS, the recently created Hazardous Waste Treatment Commission has contracted with a consulting firm to develop a comprehensive waste management plan for North Carolina. That this plan is scheduled to be presented to the General Assembly on June 1, 1986.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, that the State of North Carolina is requested to place a moratorium on all hazardous waste treatment facilities siting permits until the Waste Treatment Commission and other involved agencies have fully evaluated their studies of need, methodology, site selection and operation.

ATTESTED BY:

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

/s/ Caletta Faulk, Chairperson  
Columbus County Board of  
Commissioners

ROSELAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BOUNDARY LINES

Bobby Stanley, representing Roseland Volunteer Fire Department, addressed the Board concerning establishing boundary lines as outlined on maps for Roseland Volunteer Fire Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to approve boundary lines as presented and requested Volunteer Fire Department Chiefs and Chairmen sign the fire district maps and submit it to Raleigh for approval. After final approval, reproductions will be made and given to each Fire Department, Police Department and Sheriff's Department.

WILLIAMS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BOUNDARY LINES

Members of the Williams Volunteer Fire Department addressed the Board requesting that boundary lines be established as presented by illustrated maps.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to approve boundary lines as submitted.

WELCHES CREEK/WHITE MARSH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT - REQUEST FOR RADIO

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve one (1) 40 watt radio for the Welches Creek/White Marsh Volunteer Fire Department's new fire pumper and approve the budget amendment as follows: Appropriate from Non-Departmental - Contingencies (10-660-9999) in the amount of \$582.00 to be expended in Special Appropriations - Equipment/Radio (10-690-9501).

ST. JAMES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT - REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve the roster submitted by St. James Volunteer Fire Department for certification.

ACME DELCO/RIEGELWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT - REQUEST FOR HEARING

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve a public hearing for Acme Delco/Riegelwood Volunteer Fire Department to extend their taxing boundaries from the current 4-mile to the new 5-mile radius. The hearing is to be advertised for two weeks and held on February 11, 1986 at 7:30 P.M. The Board will be advised as to where the hearing is to be held.

SOCIAL SERVICES - CRISIS INTERVENTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to accept funds in the amount of \$746.00 from Carolina Power & Light Company Crisis Intervention (40-336-0000) to be expended in Carolina Power & Light Crisis Intervention (40-616-0000).

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to accept funds in the amount of \$1,500.00 Family Planning State Funds (Title X) (10-348-07) to be expended in Family Planning Travel (10-591-14).

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to transfer funds in the amount of \$5,000 from Non Departmental-

Contract (10-660-45) to be expended in Health Department Contract Emergency or part-time services (10-590-45).

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - HOME HEALTH CONTRACT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve a Contract Agreement for Columbus County Public Health Department Nursing service and Annette Todd for \$8.61 per hour and 25¢ per mile for necessary travel.

CAPE FEAR COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS - APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to reappoint Commissioner Lynwood Norris to serve on the Cape Fear Council of Governments Board with Commissioner Junior Dew appointed as alternate for the ensuing year.

SOLID WASTE ~~TRUCK ADVERTISE~~ FOR BIDS - TABLED

The Board reached a general concensus to table advertising for bids for a one-half ton truck for the Solid Waste Department.

The Board instructed the County Administrator to prepare truck specifications and present at the next Board meeting for approval.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT - REQUEST TO WORK WITH TEENAGERS LOITERING IN PARKING LOTS

Sheriff Bill Rhodes addressed the Board concerning the installation of chains across entrances to the Tax Office parking lots as outlined in the September 16, 1985 meeting. The Sheriff requested an additonal thirty days to work with the teenagers who are loitering in parking lots and suggested chaining off back entrances to parking lots on weekends. The Sheriff's Department will take the responsibility to get permission from the property owners to chain off back entrances on weekends from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 A.M.

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to grant the Sheriff's request and have him report back to them after thirty days.

TAX RELEASES AND REFUNDS

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

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Mary A. Godwin, Bogue Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,410 due to frame house valued for this amount has been demolished.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Harry Lee Brown, Bolton Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,710 due to double listing; listed in Bolton Township and Ransom.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Kenneth J. & R. Stout, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,050 due to mobile home was listed at \$2,750; should have been listed at \$700.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Mrs. Mabel Gore, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,650 due to Senior Citizen's Exemption keyed-in incorrectly.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Douglas Nance, Cerro Gordo Township, be released on the valuation of \$320.00 due to incorrect billing.

Ordered: that the 1985 Sanitary District of James V. Patterson, Ransom Township, be released in the amount of \$2.92 due to Mr. Patterson was billed with \$3.90 Sanitary District instead of 98¢ Acme-Delco Fire District.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Sterling & Bea Duncan, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$22,280 due to name change only.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Mrs. Pearl Strickland Lewis, South Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$13,990 due to personal property was listed to Mr. Phillip Lewis in January, 1985 and was billed to Mrs. Strickland through error.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Waccamaw Lumber Company, Welches Township, be released on the valuation of \$10,050 due to property on Map N-1-49, 144 acres valued at \$20,160 was corrected by survey to 72.1 acres valued at \$10,110.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Thomas Andrew Williams, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,400 due to overbilling. Plat was corrected from \$4,000 to \$1,600.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Kevin Mark Prince, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$11,770 due to 1984 truck was double-listed.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Deborah Ann M. Pratt, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,000 due to Ms. Pratt moved to New Hanover County in 1984 and listed property there.

Ordered: that the tax listing of Edge Grain Market, Whiteville, Township, be released on the valuation of \$340,944 due to inventory was listed wrong; should have listed inventory reflecting the "Fiscal year end" of 6-30-84, through error listed inventory as of 1-1-85. Also, machinery was double listed on the business personal abstract and property card on the valuation of \$161,477.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Bobby Lee Todd, Bogue Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$8,500 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1985 late list penalty of Mary Ellen Reaves, Bug Hill Township be release in the amount of \$2.84. Mrs. Reaves listed her taxes (Business Listing) in proper time on 1-23-85, through error was charged with late list penalty.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of M.O. (Heirs) Blackwell & Mrs. Letta Blackwell, Cerro Gordo Townshlip, be cancelled on the valuation of \$14,850 due to name change only.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Marshall Ray & Patricia Nobles, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$16,100 due to Chevrolet Corvette was priced as 1984 model; should have been 1974 model.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of James Collins Bethea, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,440 due to error in listing a 1979 Ford Truck; should have been a 1969 model.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Betty Jane Watson, Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,350 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of James Richard Sessions, Jr., Welches Creek Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,600 due to error Mr. Jim Sessions, Sr. listed his son's car, when taxes were properly listed in Wayne County.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Sellers Service Station, Whiteville Township be cancelled on the valuation of \$41,335 due to double listing. Personal property priced at this amount was listed in Whiteville Township, in the name of Woody's Construction Company.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued in the amount of \$20.38 to Mrs. W.B. Marlowe, 1107 N. Franklin Street, Whiteville, NC 28472, Bug Hill Township for the year 1985 due to 1977 Pontiac was double listed in Bug Hill. Motor vehicle was already listed in Whiteville Township.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued in the amount of \$14.45 to Santee Register, Route 4, Box 250A, Whiteville, NC 28472, Lees Township for the year 1985.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued in the amount of \$13.34 to Jerusha Belle Rhodes, Route 1, Box 301, Nakina, NC 28455, Lees Township due to the 1977 Plymouth valued \$1,410 was already listed in South Carolina by Mr. Robert Rhodes on 1-28-85.

Ordered: that a refund check <sup>be issued</sup> in the amount of \$172.86 to Waccamaw Lumber Company, Tabor City, NC 28463, Welches Creek Township for the years 1983 and 1984. By new survey, property on Map N-1-49, was corrected from 144 acres to 72.2 acres.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued in the amount of \$86.00 to James Cecil Jr., & Jeanette Formyduval, Route 4, Box 402B, Whiteville, NC 28472, Lees Township for the year 1985. Personal Property billed on late list was already listed on regular list. Also, priced a 1980 Toyota at \$4,610; should have been a 1979 model valued at \$3,850.

#### RESOLUTION - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adopt a Resolution to the Department of Transportation in support of fill-in dirt being placed on left side of road on 74-76E in Bolton.

#### R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the State of North Carolina to maintain the roads and the right-of-ways throughout the Great State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, it is a known fact that weather, time and the acts of man will cause the roads and right-of-ways to deteriorate; and

WHEREAS, when the shoulder of a heavily traveled State Road have large holes that a traffic hazard is created.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County request the North Carolina Department of Transportation to alleviate the hazard constituted by holes in the right-of-way on 74-76 East on the North side of the highway between the city limit sign and the U.S. Post Office in Bolton, North Carolina.

Adopted this 20th day of January, 1986.

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Caletta Faulk, Chairperson  
Columbus County Board of  
Commissioners

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

**SENIOR CENTER - CARPET BUDGET AMENDMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to approve a budget amendment for the Senior Center for carpet, appropriating funds in the amount of \$758.00 from Non-Departmental - Contingencies (10-660-9999) to be expended in Capital Outlay - Carpet (10-504-74).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:40 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adjourn into executive session for interviewing a Certified Public Accounting firm and discuss a personnel matter.

**RESUME REGULAR SESSION**

At 9:35 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.

**TAX DEPARTMENT - SALARY INCREASES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve salary increases for tax employees retroactive to January 1, 1986, as follows:

Name	Present Salary	Salary Increase
Susie M. Stone	\$10,884 57-4A	\$12,240 57-7A
Monique M. Taylor	\$10,884 57-4A	\$12,240 57-7A

**BOARD UPDATE**

The Administrator updated the Board on the following items:

1. Open House - Wilmington Regional Community Service Center for hearing impaired at 201B Wallace Avenue, Wilmington, NC on Thursday, January 23, 1986.
2. Whiteville Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held February 10, 1986 at Whiteville High School Gym at 7:00 P.M.
3. School Board meeting will be held February 22, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. at Tabor City School.
4. Acme Delco-Riegelwood Public Hearing is scheduled for February 11th at 7:30 P.M.
5. Have received a Resolution from the City of Whiteville to the State of North Carolina requesting funding for water lines to be enlarged.

6. Have received a letter from the State stating that the Garland Williamson property, 100 plus acres, is not suitable for a Landfill.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

APPROVED:

  
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Administrator/Clerk

  
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Chairman