

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 9:00 A.M., May 4, 1987, it being the first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Ed Worley, Chairman

Junior Dew, Vice Chairman

Lynwood Norris

Samuel G. Koonce

Giles E. (Buddy) Byrd

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Roy L. Lowe  
Adm./Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

PUBLIC HEARING - CLOSING A PORTION OF SR 1556

The Chairman called the public hearing to order and requested that each person wishing to speak in favor of or in opposition to the closing a portion of State Road 1556 to speak. There were no comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to close a portion of State Road 1556.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

IN THE MATTER OF CLOSING A  
PORTION OF STATE ROAD 1556

At a public hearing of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners held on May 4, 1987, at 9:00 A.M. in the Columbus County Administrative Building in the City of Whiteville, which meeting was held for the purpose of adopting an Order pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 153A-241 on the question of permanently closing a portion of State Road 1556 described in the Resolution adopted by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners on April 6, 1987, which Resolution was published in the News Reporter pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153-241 for four (4) consecutive weeks, beginning April 9, 1987, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners finds as a fact: That at the public hearing held on May 4, 1987 at 9:00 A.M. in the Columbus County Commissioners' Chambers in the City of Whiteville, there was no opposition to the closing a portion of State Road 1556 described below; that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners is satisfied that closing a portion of State Road 1556 is not contrary in the public interest and that no individual owning property in the vicinity of the road would thereby be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property and that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners by unanimous vote is of the opinion that the following Order is proper and should be made and that the same is made by it in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Columbus County, and the closing is not contrary to the public interest.

IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, ORDERED that a portion of State Road 1556 described below be and the same is hereby ordered closed permanently pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S 153-241 and the area permanently closed is described as

follows: A portion of State Road 1556 (852 feet) being located in Whiteville Township, Columbus County, North Carolina.

Unanimously adopted this 4th day of May.

ATTEST:

Roy L. Lowe, Adm./Clerk

(SEAL)

/s/ Ed Worley, Chairman  
Columbus County Board of  
Commisisoners

PUBLIC HEARING - CLOSING A PORTION OF S. FRONT ST. IN RANSOM TOWNSHIP

The Chairman called the public hearing to order and requested that each person wishing to speak in favor of or in opposition to the closing of a portion of South Front Street in Ransom Township to speak. There were not comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to close a portion of South Front Street in Ransom Township, measuring 18 feet by 307 feet.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

IN THE MATTER OF CLOSING A PORTION OF  
SOUTH FRONT STREET IN RANSOM TOWNSHIP,  
MEASURING 18 FEET BY 307 FEET

At a regular meeting of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners held on May 4, 1987 at 9:00 A.M. in the Columbus County Administrative Building in the City of Whiteville, which meeting was held for the purpose of adopting an Order pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 153A-241 on the question of permanently closing a portion of South Front Street in Ransom Township which measures 18 feet by 307 feet, which area was described in the Resolution adopted by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners on April 6, 1987, which Resolution was prominently posted in two places along the said road and was published in the News Reporter pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-241 for four consecutive weeks, beginning April 9, 1987; that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners finds as a fact; That at the public hearing held on May 4, 1987 at 9:00 A.M. in the Columbus County Administrative Building, Whiteville, NC, there was no opposition to the closing of South Front Street as described below; that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners is satisfied that closing this area of South Front Street is not contrary to the public's interest and that no individual owning property in the vicinity of the road would thereby be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property; and that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners by unanimous vote is of the opinion that the following Order is proper and should be made and that the same is made by it in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Columbus County, and the closing is not contrary to the public interest.

IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the area of South Front Street in Ransom Township described below be and the same is hereby ordered closed permanently pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 153A-241 and that the area permanently closed is described as follows:

All of the portion of South Front Street measuring 18 feet by 307 feet and being the area located to the east of Block F of the Newberlin-Delco Townsite as shown on map recorded in Map Book N-1, Page 242, Columbus County Registry, and said area is bounded on both sides by lands owned presently by James T. Ham, Jr. and wife, Carol W. Ham.

Unanimously adopted this 4th day of May, 1987.

ATTEST:

Roy L. Lowe, Adm./Clerk

(SEAL)

/s/ Ed Worley, Chairman  
Columbus County Board of  
Commissioners

**MEETING RESUMED**

The Board meeting resumed and the Reverend Walter Jones, Columbus County Missionary Association, gave the invocation.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RETIREE PROMOTION**

The Columbus County Board of Commissioners donated Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) each, totalling One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to be presented to the Chamber of Commerce Retiree Promotion Committee for 1987 to help promote tourism to Columbus County.

**SHERIFF DEPT. - LEC EMERGENCY BACK-UP SYSTEM**

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to direct the Sheriff and the Administrator proceed to look into alternate possibilities for a cheaper method of repairing and/or replacing the back-up generator system at the Law Enforcement Center.

**SHERIFF DEPT. - REQUEST FOR CONTRACT FOR POLICE PROTECTION FOR CERRO GORDO**

Sheriff Bill Rhodes requested to enter into contract with Cerro Gordo to provide police protection for eighteen (18) hours per week in the amount of \$6,500 annually. Sheriff Rhodes stated that he would need to employ a full-time person if the contract was approved.

Commissioner Dew requested that the employment of a full time position be tabled and considered in the 1987-88 Budget.

**AIRPORT AUTHORITY - REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO UPDATE MASTER PLAN**

Mr. Rhone Sasser, Columbus County Airport Authority Chairman, updated the Board on the airport and requested authorization to make application to the State for funding for additional expansion and requested the Board match funds for the project up to \$12,500 upon the state's approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to authorize the Chairman, Mr. Rhone Sasser, make application

to the State for the Columbus County Airport Authority to update the Master Plan to enable the Airport Authority to become eligible to receive grants.

**ADMINISTRATION - AUTOMATIC CHECK SIGNER APPROVED**

The Administrator requested the Board's approval to purchase a check-signer with the keys to be controlled by the Chairman and Administrator with co-signatures.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to allow the Administrator purchase the checksigner in the amount of \$890.00.

**AGRICULTURE EXTENSION - SPREADER APPROVED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to approve the Agriculture Extension Office purchase a Cyclone spreader-seeder at an estimated cost of \$225.00 to spread chemicals for controlling fire ants.

**ADMINISTRATION - SPECIFICATIONS FOR BANK BIDS**

The Board reached a general concensus to authorize the Administrator redraft the specifications and bid form for bank bids and present to the Board for approval before mailing to institutions.

**DISABLED VETERANS - REQUEST FOR PROPERTY TAX EXCLUSION**

Charles Simmons, representing the local Veterans, requested the Board adopt a Resolution in support of Disabled Veterans "Property tax exclusion for 100% disabled veterans up to \$34,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to draft the following Resolution and mail to the General Assembly.

R E S O L U T I O N

The Columbus County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting on May 4, 1987 unanimously adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly has under consideration a proposal to rewrite General Statutes 105-275(21) to read:

(21) The first Thirty-Four Thousand (\$34,000.00) Dollars in assessed value of a residence, and the necessary land for the residence, that is owned and occupied by a Veteran, who, because of one or more service-connected disabilities, is rated by the Veterans Administration as one hundred percent (100%) disabled or is assigned a disability rating of one hundred percent (100%) because his service connected disabilities renders him or her unable to secure or follow a substantial gainful occupation.

WHEREAS, the exclusion allowed by this subdivision may not be claimed in addition to any other exclusion allowed by this Sub-chapter for the same property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that they have no objections to the proposed property tax exemptions for one hundred percent (100%) Disabled Veterans.

Unanimously adopted this the 4th day of May, 1987.

ATTEST:

Roy L. Lowe, Adm./Clerk

(SEAL)

/s/ Ed Worley, Chairman  
Columbus County Board of  
Commissioners

TAX RELEASES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to approve the tax releases as recommended by the Tax Supervisor.

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of Phillip L. Evans and June Kinlaw, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,740 due to incorrect billing. Billed with 80 acres valued \$28,970; should have been 49 acres valuation \$23,230.

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of Jerry Caines, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,250 due to incorrect billing. Billed with one acre valued \$2,250 that was sold and billed to Floyd and Brenda Norris for year 1986.

Ordered: that the 1986 listing of Mildred Freeman, Waccamaw Township, be released on the valuation of \$13,850 due to motor vehicles double-listed in Township 99.

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of Phil and Don Hughes, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,530 due to three buildings located on property were torn down prior to January 1, 1986.

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of Fran Whitlock, Bug Hill Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$890 due to motor vehicle was listed as Franchester Gore Skipper.

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of Gregory Dunham Scott, Fair Bluff Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$4,790 due to motor vehicle was already listed in Township 99.

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of Wade Hampton Meadows, Western Prong Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$8,100 due to motor vehicle was listed thru error in Columbus County. Mr. Meadows lives in Tennessee.

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of Donna J. Mayes, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$5,000 due to 1981 Buick is the property of Isadore H. Mayes.

Ordered: that the following tax listings, personal property, Township #99, be released or cancelled for the year 1986, as follows:

Dupree Deloach Cox; double-listed in Williams Township.

Mary Ann Formyduval; listed Monty Hale Formyduval, Lees Township.

Charlie Earl Goins; motor vehicle junked since September, 1985.

Lena Anders McNeil; motor vehicle listed in Ransom Township.

Robert Currie Clark; listed in Bladen County.

Beatrice Freeman Robbins; two motor vehicles disposed of prior to 1-1-86.

Terry Allen Wooten; does not reside in Columbus County.

MILLER BUILDING - ELEVATOR CONTRACT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to award the Miller Building elevator service contract to Eastern Elevator Service, Incorporated, Wilson, North Carolina 27894. The contract consist of furnishing labor and material to complete the recommendations made by the N.C. State Elevator Inspector for the sum of Four Thousand, Two Hundred, Twenty Dollars (\$4,220.00). Further, provide a monthly examination including oiling and cleaning machine, motor and controller, greasing or oiling bearings and guides, and making necessary minor adjustments at the time of service for the sum of Forty Dollars (\$40.00) per month, payable monthly. Contract is on file at the Clerk to the Board's office.

HUD - TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$19,465.93 from the General Fund to the Housing Authority to cover checks until monies are received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

RESOLUTION - IN SUPPORT OF ADDITIONAL ONE-PERCENT SALES TAX

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adopt a Resolution supporting House Bill 307 for an additional one-percent state sales tax for school construction.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Columbus County has needs for its public school facilities of over \$46,000,000 in order to assure a quality education for our community's children; and

WHEREAS, the funds for our public schools are needed before 1993 in order to provide adequate facilities for classrooms and for compliance with State law; and

WHEREAS, to raise over \$46,000,000 in Columbus County will require a substantial increase in our present tax rate if these school facilities are funded through a local bond issue, or through any type of State loan requiring repayment with interest; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County is dependent upon agriculture as its number one industry that is vitally important to our local economy, and at this time that economy is suffering due to the poor agricultural economy and the serious financial problems faced by farmers; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of our County cannot afford the substantial tax increase that would be required to finance the facility needs for our public schools and to meet needs for a quality education for our children due to our lack of an industrial base and our heavy dependency upon agriculture; and

WHEREAS, a sales tax is more equitable in the distribution of the tax burden than the ad valorem property tax while providing funding for public schools construction at a lower cost than borrowing through a bond issue that would require repayment with interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners does hereby support an additional one-percent increase in the State Sales Tax with all revenues to be provided for public school facility needs as introduced in the 1987 General Assembly under House Bill 307, and further does hereby encourage and support the passage of this legislation by the 1987 General Assembly.

Unanimously adopted this 4th day of May, 1987.

ATTEST:

/s/ Roy L. Lowe  
Administrator/Clerk

/s/ Ed Worley, Chairman  
Columbus County Board of  
Commissioners

(SEAL)

COMMUNITY BASED ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM AGREEMENT APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to approve the Community Based Alternatives Program Agreement as follows:

Funding Period - 8-19-87 through 6-16-88

West Columbus High School  
In-School Suspension Program \$37,785.00

Tabor City High School  
In-School Suspension Program \$26,515.00

Hallsboro High School  
In-School Suspension Program \$24,865.00

Acme Delco High School  
In-School Program \$27,805.00

Chadbourn Elementary School  
In-School Suspension Program \$27,115.00

Funding Period 8-1-87 through 6-30-88

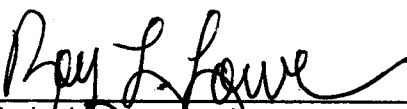
Whiteville City - Central Middle School  
In-School Suspension Program \$25,880.00

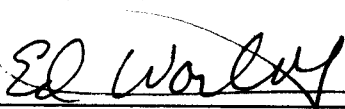
Whiteville City - Whiteville High School  
Cooperative Work Study Program for Vocational  
Handicapped Students \$4,225.00

MEETING ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 A.M.

APPROVED:

  
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Administrator/Clerk

  
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Chairman