

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 7:30 P.M., April 18, 1988, it being the third Monday.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Junior Dew, Chairman

Samuel G. Koonce, Vice Chairman

Lynwood Norris

Ed Worley

Giles E. (Buddy) Byrd

James E. Hill, Jr.
County Attorney

Roy L. Lowe
Administrator/Clerk

Ida L. Smith
Deputy Clerk

The Chairman called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by the Reverend David Spaulding, Mishop Springs Methodist Church.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 4, 1988 meeting, as recorded.

TAX - PLAQUE PRESENTED TO RALPH JOLLY

The Chairman presented a plaque "in appreciation" to Ralph Jolly for his loyal and dedicated service as Tax Supervisor/Collector for Columbus County 1979 - 1988 as he is retiring April 30, 1988.

SHERIFF - LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to accept W. G. Rhodes' application of a leave of absence without pay or privilege for the time stated in the application, without appointment of any person to act as Sheriff of Columbus County in his absence. The matter of the appointment of a person to act in place of the Sheriff of Columbus County is an internal matter of that department at this time. Application submitted by the Sheriff is as follows:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

APPLICATION

NOW COMES, William G. Rhodes, Sheriff of Columbus County and respectfully shows unto the Columbus County Commissioners;

1. That the said William G. Rhodes is the duly elected and acting Sheriff of Columbus County having taken office on or about December 6, 1982, and again for his second term on December 1, 1986.

2. That the undersigned William G. Rhodes hereby applies for a leave of absence from his duties for a period of thirty (30) days without pay and in support thereof offers the following reasons:

a. That he has served as Sheriff of Columbus County continuously for approximately five (5) years and five (5) months and has never taken a vacation and is in need of a short period of time for same.

b. That there is now pending in the Columbus County Superior Court an action pursuant to Chapter 128 of the General Statutes of North Carolina to remove the Sheriff from office and additional time is needed by said William G. Rhodes to assist his attorney in the preparation for the defense of the matter.

c. That the Sheriff's Department has been operating efficiently and is presently stabilized and all divisions within said Sheriff's Department are cooperating with each other in order to afford Columbus County the highest degree of law enforcement and that the absence of the said William G. Rhodes during the thirty (30) day period hereby applied for would cause no disruption in the orderly processes of the Sheriff's Department.

3. That it would be in the best interests of the Sheriff's Department and County Law Enforcement that the Chief Deputy, Major Sterling Cartrette be designated as a substitute for the said William G. Rhodes during his leave of absence in order to continue the policy and procedures which have been inaugurated for the operation of the Sheriff's Department and to assure the ultimate success of ongoing investigations and other matters with which the said Sterling Cartrette is familiar with and has been a part of.

NOW, THEREFORE, the said William G. Rhodes, respectfully requests that his application for a leave of absence for a period of thirty (30) days without pay be granted and that his Chief Deputy, Major Sterling Cartrette be designated by the Commissioners as a substitute for the Sheriff for and during his absence.

This the 11th day of April, 1988.

/s/ William G. Rhodes

FHA PRESENTATION

Mr. Ed Hall, FHA representative, briefed the Board on monies received and expended in Columbus County for Fiscal Year 1987-88.

PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to proclaim the week of April 17 - 21, 1988 as "National Library Week".

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

WHEREAS, libraries are one of the county's most valuable resources; and

WHEREAS, libraries provide information, education, and enjoyment to everyone; and

WHEREAS, the quality, diversity, and quantity of information provided by local libraries is dependent upon local support; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County Libraries are celebrating National Library Week with the theme "The Card With a Charge"; and

WHEREAS, that theme encourages everyone to get and use a library card.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, that the week of April 17 through April 23, 1988 be PROCLAIMED

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

in Columbus County and that all citizens be urged to "charge up" at the library this week and throughout the year.

Adopted this 18th day of April, 1988.

ATTEST:

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Roy L. Lowe, County Administrator

/s/ Junior Dew, Chairman

SENIOR CENTER - GRANT NUTRITION PROGRAM TO SERVICE AMERICA

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to grant a contract to Service America to cater the nutrition program at a cost of \$93,588 for the 1988-89 fiscal year. This will provide 41,650 meals for the homebound and at congregate sites. Also, close the Tabor City site until such time a suitable site can be located and transport clients to the Center one or two days per week, as feasible and move the Chadbourn site to the Center upon completion of the Senior Center addition. Contract is on file at the Clerk's office.

SENIOR CENTER - APPROVED NEGOTIATION WITH #2 BIDDER

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to deny the low bid submitted by Quality Construction Company and allow the Administrator, Wade Fowler, Commissioner Lynwood Norris and the Chairman of the Senior Center Advisory Council to renegotiate the #2 lowest bid on the construction of the addition as the low bidder was not bondable within the time frame to meet the conditions of the State Grant to Columbus County.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - SCC REVENUE SHARING

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to transfer Revenue Sharing Funds appropriated for Southeastern Community College, Capital Outlay (52-683-74) in the amount of \$35,000 to be expended in SCC Current Expense (52-683-00).

BUDGET AMENDMENT - SHERIFF SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to amend the Sheriff's budget as follows:

Increase Capital Outlay-Addition to Building at Jail	\$40,000
Decrease 10-690-40 Appropriation to Public Assistance	(40,000)
Decrease Transfer From General Fund	(40,000)
Increase Appropriation of Surplus	40,000

The Sheriff's Department is to present bills to the Finance Department before invoices are paid for this project. Monies not used for this project will revert back to the General Fund.

RESOLUTION - COLUMBUS COUNTY HOSPITAL LOAN

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution and approved the Chairman and Administrator execute all documents.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COLUMBUS COUNTY

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 a regular meeting of the Board on the 18th day of April, 1988;

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, Columbus County Hospital, Incorporated is negotiating a Letter of Credit with United Carolina Bank as requested by the North Carolina Local Government Commission, Office of the Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, United Carolina Bank has requested certain equipment for collateral of said loan and that a question has arisen which will be resolved by the North Carolina Local Government Commission concerning the same;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, that they do hereby approve for Columbus County Hospital, Incorporated to execute documents necessary to secure United Carolina Bank equipment. The United Carolina Bank will issue a Letter of Credit as required by the North Carolina Local Government Commission. This approval by the Columbus County Board of County Commissioners is effective only upon written approval of the North Carolina Local Government Commission. It is the intent of this Resolution not to violate any laws or regulations of the State of North Carolina or the North Carolina Local Government Commission, Office of the Treasurer.

This the 18th day of April, 1988.

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Roy L. Lowe

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ Junior Dew, Chairman

FIRE & RESCUE - OLD/DOCK CYPRESS CREEK APPROVAL OF RADIOS

The Administrator presented the following bids for two radios and installation for the Old Dock/Cypress Creek Volunteer Fire Department:

Broadcast and Communication Co.	\$1,250.76
General Electric	1,288.73
Motorola Communications & Electronics	1,610.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to award the bid for radios to the lowest bidder, Broadcast & Communication Company, in the amount of \$1,250.76 to be funded from Non-Departmental-Contingencies (10-660-9999) and expended in Spec. Appropriations VFD Radios (10-690-9501).

HOME HEALTH - DELETED FROM AGENDA

The Board reached a general concensus to delete the Home Health Presentation on Consultants Annual Evaluation of the Home Health Service and have this item presented at a later date.

COMMUNITY BASED ALTERNATIVES - PROGRAM AGREEMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to approve Division of Youth Services program agreements with the following schools:

Whiteville City Schools for Counselor in the Elementary School.

Whiteville High School Extended Day for Cooperative Work Study for Vocational Handicapped Students.

Chadbourn Elementary, Hallsboro Elementary for a Home School Counselor.

Tabor City West Elementary for Columbus County Home-School Counselor

Court Counselors, Columbus County Department of Social Services for Court Psychologist.

YOUTH TASK FORCE - APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appoint and reappoint the following persons to serve on the Columbus County Youth Task Force Board of Directors:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>EXPIRATION DATE</u>
Kim Wynn (replacing Gayle Worley)	7-88
Sterling Cartrette (replacing Bill Rhodes)	7-88
Pam Ward	7-89
Judy Spivey	7-89
Ruth Storms (replacing Charlsie Woodward)	7-89
Glenn McPherson	7-88
Frances Bostic	7-88
C.W. Williams	7-89
Irene Young	7-90
Bill Triplett	7-89
Jim Bellamy	7-90
Peggy Willis	7-88

RESOLUTION - REQUEST OF ROUTING WATER LINES

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to adopt the following resolution requesting the City of Whiteville's consideration on the construction of water lines as follows:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus had requested the North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management to suballocate to the City of Whiteville S.B.2; Chapter 480 funds in the amount of \$617,801.00; and

WHEREAS, the City of Whiteville as a part of its proposed improvements to the city's water distribution system, had agreed to construct water lines between Chadbourn and Whiteville; and

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus desires to provide adequate water distribution lines to serve the State of North Carolina Department of Corrections, Prison Unit No. 4543, Prison Camp Road near Brunswick, N.C.; and

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus feels that the area South of Whiteville provides greater growth opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners respectfully request that the City of Whiteville have its Engineers design an adequate size line to connect in the vicinity of the intersection of Highway 701 South By-Pass and Highway 130 to run along 701 South to the intersection of State Road 1170 near New Hope and then run along State Road 1170

to the Prison Unit No. 4543 and back towards Whiteville to form a loop. This request is being made in order to assure the State of North Carolina Department of Corrections that adequate water will be available to provide for growth at the prison unit.

Adopted this 18th day of April, 1988.

ATTEST:

/s/ Roy L. Lowe
Adm. Clerk

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

BY: /s/ Junior Dew, Chairman

HEALTH DEPT. - APPROVAL OF SALARY INCREASES

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve salary increases as approved by the Board of Health on March 23, 1988.

Marian Duncan, Health Director - Increase salary to \$31,260 annually, retroactive to January 1, 1988.

Ruth S. Storms, Director of Nursing - Increase salary to \$25,308 annually, effective April 1, 1988.

Mary S. Buie, Director of Nursing Assistant - Increase salary to \$20,976, effective April 1, 1988

BUDGET AMENDMENT - LIBRARY

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to accept funding from LSCA Grant and State Aid (10-348-3100) in the amount of \$2,772 to be expended as follows:

10-630-3300	Books	\$2,242
10-630-3306	Processing	530

RESOLUTION REQUEST FOR SENATOR R. C. SOLES JR. & REP. RICHARD WRIGHT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to draft a "Resolution of Appreciation" to Senator R.C. Soles Jr. and Representative Richard Wright for funding in the amount of \$12,500 that was appropriated from "pork barrel funds" for the purpose of naming roads in Columbus County.

DOT - REQUEST FROM PROPERTY OWNERS BESIDE 74-76 EAST OF DELCO

Commissioner Byrd read a letter to the Board from several residents residing on Highway 74-76 East of Delco concerning the dust storms resulting from the shoulders of the road and the truck stop.

The Chairman directed the Administrator to contact the Department of Transportation stating their complaint with a copy of the inquiry mailed to Mrs. Ruth Phelps, the person whose signature appears on the letter.

RESOLUTION - COUNTY HOSPITAL BONDS REISSUED

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adopt a Resolution for the reissuance of County Hospital Bonds.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, it has been made to appear that the County of Columbus, North Carolina, County Hospital bonds and coupons, numbers 928 and 930, in the principal amount of \$10,000.00, due June 1, 1993, have become lost; and

WHEREAS, the owner of said bonds, Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc., World Trade Center, New York, New York, has made a request to the Columbus County, North Carolina, to replace (pay) the same; and

WHEREAS, the owner of said bonds, notes and coupons has complied with the requirements of G.S. 159-137 by filing a surety bond in double the amount claimed by reason of the loss of said bonds, notes or coupons, as required by the statutes referred to above:

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Commissioner Samuel G. Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Lynwood Norris, the Administrator, Roy L. Lowe, of Columbus County, North Carolina, is authorized and empowered to issue new bonds and coupons for those obligations herein described.

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 1987 tax listing of Brenda F. Ratley, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$270; billed with 4 lots instead of 2 lots.

Ordered: that the 1987 tax listing of Sadie R. & Alvin Shelley, Fair Bluff Township, be released on the valuation of \$8,400; failure to receive the Senior-citizen's exemption.

Ordered: that the 1987 tax listing of Dewey Ray Edward, Lees Township, be cancelled in the amount of \$1.22; late list was omitted from release of 3-21-88.

Ordered: that the 1987 tax listing of Cecile Bailey, South Williams Township, be released in the valuation of \$15,600; motor vehicle valued for this amount already listed.

Ordered: that the 1987 tax listing of Gladys Virginia Powell, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,530; motor vehicle was double-listed.

Ordered: that the 1987 tax listing of Robert F. & Elaine Gore, Waccamaw Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$19,500; real estate was double listed.

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of Oscar Hallie Brown, Discoveries Township #99, be cancelled on the valuation of \$2,980; motor vehicle listed Hallie Brown.

Ordered: that the 1987 tax listings, Township #99, Discoveries, be released as follows:

Billings, Virginia Smith; motor vehicle junked prior to 1-1-87.

Bowen, Nina Berthel; motor vehicle listed in Bladen County.

Brown, Jesse McClamney; motor vehicle listed on account 1505620.

Brown, Oscar Hallie; motor vehicles already listed.

Bullard, C.E.; does not reside in Columbus County.

Bullock, Malcolm Stanley; listed in Tatum Township.

Clarida, Larry; motor vehicle junked in 1986.

Edmunds, Earl Durant, listed on account #0122785.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Federal Paper Board Company, Incorporated, Tax Department, Riegelwood, N.C. 28456, Ransom Township, in the amount of \$24.77 for year 1987; property was double-listed.

Ordered: that the 1986 and 1987 tax listings of Percy William Jr. Pickett, Bogue Township, be released on the valuation of \$13,120; billed with house valued at \$26,240, should have been one-half as house was only 50% complete.

Ordered: that the 1987 tax listing of Paul Dorris Godwin, Cerro Gordo Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$3,710; property should be listed to Jesse Monroe Godwin.

Ordered: that the 1987 tax listing of Mrs. Lucy J. Strickland, Cerro Gordo Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$15,740; failure in receiving the Senior-citizen's exemption.

Ordered: that the 1987 tax listing of Council Tool Company, Waccamaw Township, be released on the valuation of \$83,300; clerical error.

Ordered: that the 1987 tax listing of Henry A. Fisher, Whiteville Township, be released in the amount of \$.90; not located in Klondye District.

Ordered: that the 1987 tax listing of Gladys Clifton Fisher, Whiteville Township, be released in the amount of \$7.90; does not reside in the Klondyke District.

Ordered: that the 1987 tax listing of Ernest W. Jones, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,070; 1983 motor vehicle already listed.

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of William Henry Ganous, Township #99, Discoveries, be released on the valuation of \$7,000; motor vehicle was already listed to Barbara & William Ganus, Welches Creek Township.

Ordered: that the 1987 tax listings, Township #99, Discoveries, be released as follows:

Blackwell, James A.; 1986 Chevrolet S.W. already listed.

Blackwell, James Arnold; 1985 Chevrolet TK already listed.

Evans, Gay Meares; 1985 Mercury double-listed.

Faulk, William Henry; motor vehicle double-listed.

Flowers, James Sollicitor; motor vehicle not in Columbus County on 1-1-87.

Floyd, Frances Powell; motor vehicle listed in Fair Bluff.

Foster, Franklin Lee; motor vehicle listed to Patricia Foster.

Fowler, Jeanette Richardson; motor vehicle listed as Bonnie Jeanette Fowler, Williams Township.

Ganous, Allie Watts; double-listed in South Williams Township.

Garrell, Sondra D. Edwards; 1978 Mercury listed Michael Coleman.

Gatlin, James Andrew; 1985 Ford listed in Bladen County where he lives.

Gilbert, Deidra Jones; 1982 Pontiac repossessed in December, 1986.

Gore, Danny Feril; double-listed to Danny F. Gore.

Hammonds, Anthony Ray; motor vehicle already listed in Chadbourn.

Ordered: that the 1987 tax listings, Township #99, Discoveries be released as follows:

Hemingway, Franklin Earl; motor vehicle repossessed prior to 1-1-86.

Hines, James; motor vehicle listed on 0407521.

Horne, Simon Edward; motor vehicle already listed.

Ordered: that the 1987 tax listings; Township #99, Discoveries be released as follows:

Kersey, Deborah Lynn; motor vehicle listed Billy Floyd.

Lennon, James Lee; motor vehicle listed Bladen County where he resides.

Long, David Wayne, motor vehicles junked prior to 1-1-86.

Long, Mala Dare; motor vehicle already listed.

McPherson, Nora; listed Nora Hyatt McPherson.

Michelot, Edward; motor vehicle listed on 0161927.

P & P Wrecker Service; listed to Charles Mitchell Powell.

Palmer, Myra Joyce; listed in Brunswick County as Robert & Myra Butler.

Ordered: that the 1987 tax listings, Township #99, Discoveries, be released as follows:

Storms, Kathie Ellen; resides in Georgia since June, 1985.

Strickland, Juan Elaine; listed in South Williams Township.

Taylor, Amanda; motor vehicle was not in Columbus County on 1-1-87.

Thomas, Kenneth Wayne; listed in Anson County where he resides.

Waddell, John Henry; listed on account #1536900.

Powell, Willie V.; 1978 Buick already listed on #112125.

Simmons, Joseph Jefferson; listed on account #0321500.

Stephens; Connie; listed Eddie Leon Stephens on #0636130.

Stevens, John Edward; motor vehicle listed on #0716650, Bug Hill Township.

Ward, Thomas Earl; listed as Earl Ward on #0416220.

Ward, Vera Mae; already listed H. Elbert Ward on #0326800.

Wilson, Karen Dudley; listed as Joseph Wilson on #1618000.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Raleigh Orbin Fowler, Route 4, Box 112A, Whieville, NC 28472, Whiteville Township, in the amount of \$88.84, for year 1987; 1984 mobile home already listed in Lees Township.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to World Omni Leasing, Whiteville Township, P.O. Box 8624, Deerfield Beach, Florida 33442, Whiteville Township, in the amount of \$50.05 for year 1987; motor vehicle valued \$5,820 leased to Terry Canter, was listed and taxes were paid in Davidson County where Mr. Canter lives.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Clifford Earl Hughes, P.O. Box 102, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450, Township #99, Discoveries in the amount of \$46.64, for year 1987; motor vehicles listed and taxes already paid on regular list, valuation \$4,930.

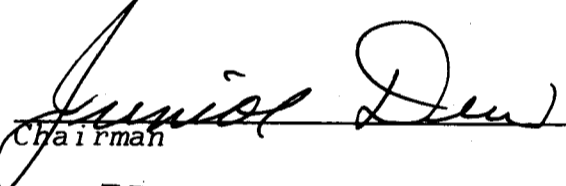
Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Marty Everette Norris, P.O. Box 75, Clarendon, NC 28432, Township #99, Discoveries, in the amount of \$29.92, for year 1987; 1980 Oldsmobile, valued \$3,100, already listed in Williams Township, and taxes paid on both accounts.

MEETING ADJOURNED

At 8:20 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:


 Administrator/Clerk


 Chairman

APPROVED
 Columbus County Board
 of Commissioners

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