

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 9:00 A.M., June 6, 1988, it being the first Monday.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Junior Dew, Chairman

Samuel G. Koonce, Vice Chairman

Lynwood Norris (arrived at 10:30 A.M.)

Ed Worley

Giles E. (Buddy) Byrd

James E. Hill, Jr.  
County Attorney

Roy L. Lowe  
Administrator/Clerk

Ida L. Smith  
Deputy Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by the Reverend Joe Stanley, pastor of New Life Baptist Church, Tabor City, NC.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 23 and May 31, 1988 meetings, as recorded.

**SHERIFF - APPOINTED HENRY ROWAN**

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to appoint Henry Smith Rowan as Columbus County Sheriff, to complete the unexpired term of William Grady Rhodes.

**TAX ADMINISTRATOR POSITION - POSTPONED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce to appoint Bill Waddell as Tax Administrator at an annual salary of \$22,000.

The motion died in lack of a second.

Commissioner Byrd requested that the appointment be tabled until further in the meeting due to interviewing an applicant who was unable to be present for the first interviews and also due to Commissioner Norris was absent and should be arriving later in the meeting and the entire Board would have the opportunity to vote.

The Board concurred with Commissioner Byrd's request.

**CORONER - APPOINTED LYNWOOD CARTRETTE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to appoint Lynwood Cartrette as Columbus County Coroner, to complete the unexpired term of Henry Rowan.

**RESOLUTION - SENATE BILL 2 FUNDS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution:

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

## FOR ENCUMBRANCE OF SENATE BILL 2 FUNDS

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has made available to local units of Government funding for capital improvements in the areas of water and sewer; and

WHEREAS, the stated purpose of these funds is to accomplish such capital investment as may be beneficial to the population at large.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Columbus County hereby respectfully requests that their allocation of such Senate Bill 2 funds be distributed in the amounts and to the projects as indicated on the attached Project Allocation Schedule.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above referenced allocation of funds is prepared this 6th day of June, 1988, to the best knowledge and ability of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners and that further refinements and/or modifications of such allocations and/or project identification may be required in order to fully address the capital needs of Columbus County beyond this date.

ATTEST:

/s/ Roy L. Lowe  
Adm. Clerk

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

## PROJECT ALLOCATION SCHEDULE

## COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER SYSTEM - PHASE I

Engineering reports and water system improvements to serve potential industrial, school, commercial and/or residential properties including potential minor sewer service extensions in support of the above noted efforts.

Requested allocation: \$54,127.00

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to approve budget amendments as follows:

Reduction	10-348-07 Family Planning	(\$1,395.00)
Decrease	10-591-02 Salaries	(433.00)
Decrease	10-591-32 Office Supplies	(162.00)
Decrease	10-591-46 Drugs and Supplies	(800.00)
Increase	10-348-09 Home Health DHS Funds	\$3,517.00
Expend	10-593-4502 Con. Serv.-Phy. Therapy	3,517.00
Increase	10-348-14 WIC Federal Funds	\$2,406.00
Expend	10-598-14 Travel	200.00
Expend	10-598-32 Office Supplies	200.00
Expend	10-598-33 Departmental Supplies	3,006.00
Decrease	10-598-45 Contracted Services	(1,000.00)
Accept	10-348-06 General Health Aid	\$521.00
Expend	10-590-74 Capital Outlay	521.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to amend the budget as follows:

Decrease	10-660-9999 Non-Depart. Contingencies	(\$1,000.00)
Increase	10-540-14 Inspections - Travel	1,000.00

Decrease 10-660-9999 Non-Departmental	(\$3,000.00)
Increase (10-480-74) Register of Deeds	3,000.00
Capital Outlay-Copy Machine	

**FIRE DEPARTMENTS - ACME DELCO-RIEGELWOOD REQUEST FOR TAX INCREASE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to table the request from Acme-Delco-Riegelwood Fire and Rescue for an increase in the Fire Service District Tax contingent upon receiving a 1988-89 Proposed Budget from the District.

**PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED - APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDS FOR REHABILITATION OF RAILROAD BED**

The Administrator advised the Board of an effort to assist Mid-Atlantic Railroad with Community Development Block Grant funds for the rehabilitation of the railroad bed from Georgia-Pacific to Whiteville Plywood and two public hearings are necessary. The first has been scheduled for 8:00 A.M. Monday, June 13, 1988.

The Board concurred with the Administrator's request.

**FORESTRY SERVICE - REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR FY 1988-89**

The Administrator advised the Board that the Forestry Service is requesting funding in the amount of \$6,200 in addition to their 1988-89 Proposed Budget due to Riegel Association Cooperative Budget is not being funded by Federal Paper Company.

The Chairman advised the Administrator to include the request in the 1988-89 Proposed Columbus County Budget and the Board will take action on the request when the 1988-89 Columbus County Operating Budget is adopted.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT**

The Administrator presented the Board with updated reports on the Senior Center building and the Columbus County Jail stating that completion dates for both projects will be June 30, 1988.

**COUNTY WIDE TELEPHONE - DRAFT RESOLUTION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to instruct the Administrator draft a Resolution requesting utility companies to consider a county-wide telephone system.

**APPOINTMENTS - LIBRARY**

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Columbus County Public Library Board of Trustees with four (4) year terms, expiring June 30, 1992:

Juanita Corbin - reappointed  
John Gardner - appointed to replace Louise Covington

**APPOINTMENTS - AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Board reached a general consensus to table the appointments to the Aging Advisory Council until the next Board meeting.

**APPOINTMENTS - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner

Koonce and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Columbus County Economic Development Board of Directors for three (3) year terms, expiring June 30, 1991.

Samuel G. Koonce, Commissioner, reappointed  
 J. T. Smith appointed to replace Al Hackney  
 Jimmy Garrell appointed to replace Bernice Gerald

HEALTH - MACRIBIOTIC DIET

Mr. Paul Kendall adressed the Board on the continutation of the macrobiotic diet program.

The Chairman stated the purpose of discontinuing the program through the Health Department was that it has not been approved by the USDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously requesting the Administrator draft a Resolution in reference to macrobiotic dieting.

TAX RELEASES

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to approve the tax releases and refunds as recommended by the Acting Tax Administrator.

Ordered: that the 1987 tax listing of Peggy Vereen Suggs, Township #99 Discoveries, be released on the valuation of \$2,820; motor vehicle was listed in Williams Township.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Kathy D. Todd, P.O. Box 352, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$125.97 for year 1986; name change to Wade & Teresa Waldrop.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Lula Beatrice Freeman, Route 2, Box 215B, Clarkton, NC 28433, in the amount of \$56.86; 1980 Cadillac valued \$6,010 double-listed to George D. & Lula Freeman.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to John T. Thompson, Route 3, Box 475, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$120.40, for years 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986 & 1987; property was double-listed.

PROCLAMATION - HURRICANE AWARENESS WEEK

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

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

WHEREAS, North Carolina's location makes it vulnerable to hurricanes and accompanying flash floods and tornadoes; and

WHEREAS, the economic development of our coastline has greatly increased the value of beachfront property; and

WHEREAS, the coastal population has multiplied greatly, necessitating prompt and efficient evacuation of residents and visitors in the event of an approaching hurricane; and

WHEREAS, citizen awareness and appropriate response to weather advisories can save countless lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners appeal to all citizens to become better informed about the nature of hurricanes and the steps they can take to protect lives and minimize property damage, and Proclaim the Week of June 12 through June 18, 1988 as

**HURRICANE AWARENESS WEEK**

in Columbus County and commend this observance to our citizens.

Adopted this 6th day of June, 1988.

ATTEST:

/s/ Roy L. Lowe

Administrator/Clerk

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Junior Dew  
Chairman

**APPOINTMENTS - COLUMBUS COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Columbus County Local Emergency Planning Committee:

Lee Sudia, Whiteville Fire Chief

David P. Hammond, Lumber River Basin Committee Representative

**COUNTY GROUNDS - PERMIT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PLANT DOGWOOD TREE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to allow the Greater Whiteville Chamber of Commerce to plant a dogwood tree on the southeast corner of the courthouse grounds to kick-off the "1988 Operation Clean-up" sponsored by the Greater Whiteville Chamber of Commerce on June 15, 1988 at 10:00 A.M. The planting of the tree at the Courthouse is to honor the many deeds of the Columbus County Agriculture Extension Service.

**RESOLUTION - SUPPORT OF LEGISLATIVE FUNDING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATIVE FUNDING FOR  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Commerce is the lead agency responsible for the state's economic development activities; and

WHEREAS, a successful economic development effort requires well-planned, well-financed programs to allow North Carolina to compete with other states in the attraction of new jobs and capital investments; and

WHEREAS, a successful economic development effort must also, include services for traditional and existing industries and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Industrial Developers Association's Board of Directors, representing a non-partisan association of 600 economic development professionals, has closely reviewed the North Carolina Department of Commerce's program plans and 1988 Legislative funding request; now

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners endorses and supports the North Carolina Department of Commerce's 1988 legislative funding request and urges the 1988 General Assembly to consider funding the request of \$2,800,000.

Adopted this 6th day of June, 1988.

ATTEST:

/s/ Ida L. Smith  
Deputy Clerk

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT - TAX DEPT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to approve a budget amendment appropriating funds from Contingencies (10-660-9999) in the amount of \$3,000.00 to be expended in the Tax Department - Capital Outlay - Computer communications between Social Services and the Tax Department (10-450-74).

RESOLUTION - REQUESTING PERMISSION FROM STATE FOR ADDITIONAL ONE-CENT SALES TAX

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, at its regular meeting held on June 6, 1988, adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Schools and the Whiteville City Schools have requested additional funds for the construction and maintenance of their respective educational structures; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County have further been requested by each of the respective Boards verbally, which will be followed by Resolution, to request the local Legislators to introduce local Legislation in the short term of the 1988 Legislature for the enactment of the County Commissioners of an additional Sales Tax throughout Columbus County in the amount of ONE CENT (1¢) for the limited purpose of construction and maintenance of county and educational buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County acknowledge the county buildings need repair and/or replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County acknowledge that the Sales Tax is the fairest and most reasonable manner of raising the needed revenue by all three (3) agencies and will not unreasonably place a hardship upon any individual or group of individuals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that it is hereby requested that Senator R.C. Soles, Jr. and Representative O. Richard Wright introduce and support local legislation during this session of the General Assembly to allow the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County to enact a ONE CENT (1¢) Sales Tax for the limited purpose of funding Capital Outlay for the Whiteville City Schools, the Columbus County Schools and the County of Columbus. This Resolution is passed in conjunction with the oral request of the Columbus County Schools and the Whiteville City Schools.

Adopted this 6th day of June, 1988.

ATTEST:

/s/ Ida L. Smith  
Deputy Clerk

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:05 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to adjourn into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 11:10 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to adjourn executive session and resume regular session. No action was taken.

MEETING RECESSED

Immediately, the Board recessed to the Columbus County courthouse for swearing in ceremonies of Sheriff Henry Smith Rowan and Coroner Linwood Cartrette by Judge Giles Clark.

TAX ADMINISTRATOR - W.D. BROOKS APPOINTED

Commissioner Koonce stated for the record: that earlier in the meeting that he made a motion to appoint Bill Waddell as Tax Administrator and the motion died for lack of a second. He then made the following motion:

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce to appoint W. D. Brooks as Tax Administrator.

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd to appoint William Thompson as Tax Administrator.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce and seconded by Commissioner Norris that nominations be closed.

Commissioner Koonce withdrew his nomination.

Commissioner Byrd withdrew his nomination.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce and seconded by Commissioner Norris to offer the job as Tax Administrator to W.D. "Bill" Brooks at an annual salary of \$22,512 with an increase in salary in the amount of \$1,000.00 as he successfully passes state mandated courses to become a certified Tax Administrator.

Commissioner Byrd made an amendment to the motion offering the Tax Administrator position to William "Bill" Thompson.

Commissioner Byrd then withdrew his motion.

Votes on awarding the Tax Administrator position to W.D. "Bill" Brooks are as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Norris, Koonce, Dew, Worley and Byrd

AYES: None

MEETING RECESSED

At 11:50 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to recess the meeting until 8:00 A.M., June 13, 1988 at which time a public hearing is scheduled for the purpose of soliciting public participation in the proposed filing of an application for a Community Development Block Grant.

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