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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Junior Dew, Chairman

Samual 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 meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by Reverend Willie McLawhorn, Western Prong Baptist Church.

MINUTES APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 20, June 29 and July 5, 1988 meetings, as recorded.

FIRE & RESCUE SQUADS - FIREMEN CERTIFICATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the annual certification of firemen for the following Volunteer Fire Departments:

St. James, Route 1, Box 359, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450

Williams Township, Route 3, Whiteville, NC 28472

BOARD OF ELECTIONS - VOTING EQUIPMENT

Mack Todd, Chairman of the Board of Elections, addressed the Board on the future needs of voting equipment. Mr. Todd stated that the Board of Elections has agreed to repair voting machines as needed, instead of placing them on maintenance contract due to the circumstances of the maintenance now being provided.

The Board concurred with repairing the voting machines on an as needed basis.

FORESTRY SERVICE - ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE BOLTON UNIT

Mr. Gary Curico, representing the Forestry Service, requested the Board to consider funding the Columbus Cooperative Budget in the amount of \$6,200 to provide the county's share of operating expenditures for the forestry unit at Bolton, NC.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed to amend the 1988-89 Forestry budget in the amount of \$6,200 to be appropriated from Contingencies (10-660-9999) and expended in Forestry Services (10-690-9701).

AYES: Commissioners Norris, Koonce, Dew, and Worley

NOES: Commissioner Byrd

FIRE & RESCUE - KLONDYKE VFD RADIO FUNDS APPROPRIATED

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the purchase of a Regency Radio, 4 Channel, 40 Watt with antenna, plus installation in the amount of \$598.00 for the Klondyke Volunteer Fire Department to install on a 1981 International tanker that is a new addition to their fire equipment.

Further, amend the budget appropriating funds in the amount of \$598.00 from Contingencies (10-660-9999) and expend in Special Appropriations - Rescue Squads-Klondyke (10-690-9501).

TAX - BULK TOBACCO BARNS PRICING

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce to use the following schedule in pricing bulk tobacco barns as personal property:

150 rack and up \$3,250 110 rack - 149 rack 2,750 All others 2,000

The motion died in lack of a second.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adopt the following pricing schedule for bulk barns as real property for Fiscal Year 1988-89:

 150 rack and up
 \$3,000

 110 rack - 149 rack
 2,500

 All others
 2,000

TAX RELEASES

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

Ordered: that the 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987 tax listings of Auty Godwin Heirs, Williams Township, be released on the valuations of \$940 and \$2,110; double listed.

Ordered: that the 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984 tax listings of Barclays American Leasing, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$15,000; double listed.

Ordered: that the 1987 tax listing of Elzerwan Daniels, Jr., Township #99, dicoveries, be released on the valuation of \$3,190; motor vehicle was listed in Bladen County.

SCHOOLS, COUNTY - CRITICAL NEEDS CONTRACT APPROVAL OF SIGNATURES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to authroize the Chairman and the Administrator to execute the necessary Critical Needs Contract for the Columbus County Schools.

REQUEST BY HAYNES GRAHAM

Mr. Haynes Graham thanked the Board for a job well done but stated that he would like to see the minority native Americans included in appointments to positions when available within Columbus County agencies.

Further, Mr. Graham requested that the radio purchased for the St. James Volunteer Fire Department last year be funded.

The Chairman directed Mr. Graham to submit a bill to the Emergency Management Coordinator, Howard Stanley, to see if the radio purchased qualifies to be funded by the Board.

GOVERNING BODY - CHAIRMAN JUNIOR DEW APPOINTED TO NCACC

The Administrator advised the Board that Chairman Junior Dew was appointed to serve a two year term as Director from District #4 on the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Association.

MEETING ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M.

APPROVED:

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Columbus County Board of Commissioners

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