

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 7:30 P.M., May 15, 1989, it being the third Monday.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Samuel F. Koonce, Chairman
 Giles E. (Buddy) Byrd, Vice Chairman
 Junior Dew
 Lynwood Norris
 Ed Worley

James E. Hill, Jr.
 County Attorney

Roy L. Lowe
 County Administrator

Ida L. Smith
 Clerk to the Board

The Chairman called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Commissioner Ed Worley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 1, 1989 meeting, as recorded.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS - REQUEST FOR INCREASED FUNDING IN 1989-90 BUDGET

Mr. Glenn Thompson, representing the Columbus County Volunteer Fire Departments, requesting additional funding in the amount of 25% for Fiscal Year 1989-90 for the Volunteer Fire Departments.

The Chairman advised the Volunteer Fire Departments that their request will be taken into full consideration in the process of developing and adoption of the 1989-90 Columbus County Operating Budget.

FIRE & RESCUE DEPT. - PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

Mr. William Hannah, Williams Volunteer Fire Department Chief, requested a public hearing be scheduled for the consideration of a special fire service district.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to establish Monday, June 12, 1989 at 7:30 P.M. at the Williams Township Volunteer Fire Department.

On May 16, 1989, the Chairman changed the date of the public hearing until June 15, 1989, at 7:00 P.M., due to complying with G.S. 153A-302(c) which states, the notices are to be mailed to the district property owners four weeks before the hearing.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. - CERRO GORDO FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT CONTRACT APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to establish the Cerro Gordo Volunteer Fire Department as a Service District. Contract is as follows:

NORTH CAROLINA
COLUMBUS COUNTY

C O N T R A C T

This Contract is entered into this 15th day of May, 1989, by and between Columbus County, a body politic existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as "County" and Cerro Gordo Volunteer Fire Department, a non-profit corporation organized pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor."

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, Cerro Gordo Fire District is an unincorporated rural fire district organized pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Cerro Gordo Volunteer Fire Department, owns the land and building used as the fire station for the Cerro Gordo Fire District located on Highway 76 in Cerro Gordo, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Cerro Gordo Volunteer Fire Department, owns all fire-fighting equipment located in the Cerro Gordo Fire District Station; and

WHEREAS, THE Board of Commissioners of Columbus County wishes to contract with Cerro Gordo Volunteer Fire Department, to provide fire-fighting and fire-prevention services within the boundaries of the Cerro Gordo Fire District, a description of which is on file in the Office of the County Emergency Management in Whiteville, N.C. and which is incorporated herein by reference, said contract being entered into pursuant to N.C.G.S. Section 153A-233.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and premises herein contained the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The said County contracts and agrees that it will caused to be assessed or levied a special tax of ten (10¢) per one hundred dollars evaluation of all real and personal property in the district unless otherwise limited or prohibited by law and will collect said tax as a part of the Ad Valorem taxes of the County of Columbus; provided however, the amount levied annually shall be based on the needs projected in the budget estimate submitted by the Fire Department to the County and approved by the County Commissioners.

2. The County shall maintain an adequate record for funds collected as a result of said special tax.

3. That the current taxes collected shall be remitted to the Fire Department by the end of the month following the month of collection. All delinquent taxes collected shall be remitted at least quarterly; provided, however, that the total sums remitted to the Fire Department in any fiscal year hereunder shall not exceed the sum appropriated for said service during said fiscal year.

4. The said Fire Department shall provide and furnish adequate fire protection. The Fire Chief of the Cerro Gordo Volunteer Fire Department shall be responsible for the dispatching of the equipment and personnel throughout the

Cerro Gordo Fire District and to see that the Standards as established by the North Carolina Department of Insurance, Fire and Rescue Service Division are met within the local capabilities.

The said Fire Department will furnish said fire protection within the Cerro Gordo Fire District free of charge to all persons and individuals located within the District. Nothing within this Contract shall prohibit the Cerro Gordo Fire Department from soliciting charitable donations, or conducting fund-raising to solely benefit the Cerro Gordo Volunteer Fire Department.

5. That all funds paid to the Fire Department by the County shall be used exclusively to provide fire protection within the District and to pay other legitimate fire protection expenses.

6. It is agreed that the County may inspect all books and accounts to the Fire Department at any time that it shall desire; it is further agreed that the Fire Department will present to the County Commissioners an annual audit by a Certified Public Accountant, which audit shall be in conformity with the then existing audit policies of the County and the North Carolina Local Government Commission.

7. The Cerro Gordo Volunteer Fire Department agrees to comply with County budgeting procedures and other procedures provided for by State Law, and agrees to submit budget estimates to the Board of Commissioners on standard forms used by County Departments; the Cerro Gordo Volunteer Fire Department agrees to use standard line items for accounting devised or consented to by the County Budget Officer from time to time.

8. Either the Cerro Gordo Volunteer Fire Department or the County of Columbus may terminate this Agreement at the end of any fiscal year by giving the other party notice at least six (6) months in advance.

9. The terms and provisions herein contained constitute the entire Agreement by and between the County and Cerro Gordo Volunteer Fire Department, and shall supersede all previous communications, representations or agreements either verbal or written between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this instrument has been executed in duplicate originals, one of which is retained by each of the parties hereto.

ATTEST:

/s/ Joanna Floyd
Secretary

ATTEST:

/s/ Ida L. Smith
Clerk to the Board

CERRO GORDO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

/s/ Monty Herring
Chairperson

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

/s/ Samuel G. Koonce
Chairman

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. - BRUNSWICK FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT CONTRACT APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to establish the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department as a Service District. Contract is as follows:

NORTH CAROLINA

COLUMBUS COUNTY

C O N T R A C T

This Contract is entered into this 15th day of May, 1989, by and between COLUMBUS COUNTY, a body politic existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina, hereafter referred to as "County" and Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department, a non-profit corporation organized pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor."

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, Brunswick Fire District is an unincorporated rural fire district organized pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department, owns the land and building used as the fire station for the Brunswick District located on Highway 130 in Brunswick, North Carolina, and;

WHEREAS, Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department, owns all fire-fighting equipment located in the Brunswick fire district station; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County wishes to contract with Brunswick Fire Department, to provide fire-fighting and fire-prevention services within the boundaries of the Brunswick Fire District, a description of which is on file in the Office of the County Emergency Management in Whiteville, N.C., and which is incorporated herein by reference, said contract being entered into pursuant to N.C.G.S. Section 153A-233.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and premises herein contained the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The said County contracts and agrees that it will cause to be assessed or levied a special tax of seven (.07¢) per one hundred dollars evaluation of all real and personal property in the district unless otherwise limited or prohibited by law and will collect said tax as a part of the Ad Valorem taxes of the County of Columbus; provided however, the amount levied annually shall be based on the needs projected in the budget estimate submitted by the Fire Department to the County and approved by the County Commissioners.

2. The County shall maintain an adequate record for funds collected as a result of said special tax.

3. That the correct taxes collected shall be remitted to the Fire Department by the end of the month following the month of collection. All delinquent taxes collected shall be remitted at least quarterly; provided, however, that the total sums remitted to the Fire Department in any fiscal year hereunder shall not exceed the sum appropriated for said service during said fiscal year.

4. The said Fire Department shall provide and furnish adequate fire protection. The Fire Chief of the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department shall be responsible for the dispatching of the equipment and personnel throughout the Brunswick Fire District and to see that the Standards as established by the North Carolina Department of Insurance, Fire and Rescue Service Division are met within the local capabilities.

The said Fire Department will furnish said fire protection within the Brunswick Fire District free of charge to all persons and individuals located within the District. Nothing within this Contract shall prohibit the Brunswick Fire Department from soliciting charitable donations, or conducting fund-raising to solely benefit the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department.

5. That all funds paid to the Fire Department by the County shall be used exclusively to provide fire protection within the District and to pay other legitimate fire protection expenses.

6. It is agreed that the County may inspect all books and accounts of the Fire Department at any time that it shall desire; it is further agreed that the Fire Department will present to the County Commissioners an annual audit by a Certified Public Accountant, which audit shall be in conformity with the then existing audit policies of the County and the North Carolina Local Government Commission.

7. The Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department agrees to comply with County budgeting procedures and other procedures provided for by State Law, and agrees to submit budget estimates to the Board of Commissioners on standard forms used by County Departments; the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department agrees to use standard line items for accounting devised or consented to by the County Budget Officer from time to time.

8. Either the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department or the County of Columbus may terminate this Agreement at the end of any fiscal year by giving the other party notice at least six (6) months in advance.

9. The terms and provisions herein contained constitute the entire Agreement by and between the County and Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department, and shall supersede all previous communications, representations or agreements either verbal or written between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this instrument has been executed in duplicate originals, one of which is retained by each of the parties hereto.

ATTEST:

Clarie McQueen
Secretary

ATTEST:

/s/ Ida L. Smith
Clerk to the Board

BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

/s/ Kenny Earl Benton
Chairperson

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

/s/ Samuel G. Koonce
Chairman

RESOLUTION & HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH WACCAMAW SIOUAN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION INC.

A motion was made by Commisisoner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve a Resolution and Housing Development Agreement with the Waccamaw Siouan Development Association Inc., as follows:

R E S O L U T I O N
 AUTHORIZED CDBG ASSISTANCE TO A NEIGHBORHOOD-BASED
 NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Resolution Authorizing the County of Columbus to enter into an Agreement with Waccamaw Siouan Development Association, Inc. to administer a Community Development Block Grant Project.

WHEREAS, the Waccamaw Siouan Development Association, Inc., a legally constituted non-profit corporation operating within the applicable laws of the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Waccamaw Siouan Development Association, Inc. has been established and empowered under its Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of aiding the provision of affordable housing for persons of low and moderate income; and

WHEREAS, Waccamaw Siouan Development Association, Inc. has through its purpose, membership, representation, activities and service area met the definition of a neighborhood based non-profit organization as required by the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development; and

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus, having determined that assistance to the Waccamaw Siouan Development Association, Inc., is appropriate and necessary to achieve its community development objectives, does hereby resolve to authorize the Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners to enter into a written Agreement between the County of Columbus, and the Waccamaw Siouan Association, Inc. for the purpose of administering a Community Development Block Grant to further these objectives.

The foregoing Resolution having been put before a quorum of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners on May 15, 1989 upon motion by Commissioner Byrd and seconded by Commissioner Norris, and duly passed with the following results:

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ayes: Five

Noes: None

/s/ Samuel G. Koonce, Board Member
 /s/ Buddy Byrd, Board Member
 /s/ Junior Dew, Board Member
 /s/ Lynwood Norris, Board Member
 /s/ Ed Worley, Board Member

/s/ Ida L. Smith
 Clerk to the Board

LEGALLY BINDING COMMITMENT
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT
HOUSING DEMONSTRATION
COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

NORTH CAROLINA
COLUMBUS COUNTY

This Agreement is entered into by and between Waccamaw Siouan Development Association, Inc., a non-profit corporation, hereinafter referred to as the Developer, and the County of Columbus, a political body located in the State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as the County. This Agreement will not become effective until all conditions placed upon the County's funding approval are satisfied and funds are released by the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development (NRCD).

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus has received a Community Development Block Grant from the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development in the amount of Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000.00) Dollars to be used principally to benefit low-and-moderate-income persons by financing affordable housing with CDBG funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these premises and the mutual covenants and promises set forth below, the parties to this agreement hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE ONE

1. The developer shall execute its responsibilities as the County of Columbus CDBG application to NRCD (Exhibit A) and shall carry out each activity within the time set forth in the Project Schedule, a copy of which is attached to this Agreement as Exhibit B.

2. The Developer further agrees to the provision of affordable housing. With prior approval from NRCD, this commitment may be partially waived by the County of Columbus if failure to meet the commitment is determined to be due to events beyond the control of the developer including an unfavorable, unforeseeable occurrence of severe economic conditions and where such waiver will substantially affect the project as described in the application.

ARTICLE TWO

1. The County of Columbus agrees to execute its responsibilities as defined in the approved grant application (Exhibit A) and within the times set forth in the Project Schedule (Exhibit B).

ARTICLE THREE

1. Each party shall keep and maintain books, records, and other documents relating directly to the receipt and disbursement of grant funds and the fulfillment of this Agreement.

2. Each party agrees that any duly authorized representative of the County of Columbus, the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Comptroller General of the United States, shall at all reasonable times, have access to and the right to inspect, copy, audit, and examine all of the books,

records, and other documents relating to the grant and the fulfillment of this Agreement for a period of three (3) years following the completion of all closeout procedures respecting the Community Development funds, and the final settlement and conclusion of all issues arising out of the Community Development project.

3. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the parties hereto acknowledge the due execution of the Community Development Grant Agreement between the County of Columbus and NRCDC and agree that any conflict between the provisions, requirements, duties or obligations of this Agreement and the Community Development Grant Agreement shall be resolved in favor of the Community Development Grant Agreement.

4. If at the end of the approved project period the Developer has failed to provide affordable housing as set forth in Article 1, Section 2, then the Developer will pay to the County of Columbus an amount as determined by NRCDC, based on the level of accomplishment and the original project goals. In determining the amount due, NRCDC will review actual project accomplishments in comparison to project commitments, ratings criteria (including, but not limited to, CDBG cost per housing unit), CDBG national objectives and regulatory requirements.

5. This Development Agreement constitutes a legally enforceable contract and shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

/s/ Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman

/s/ Ida L. Smith

Clerk

Date: 5-15-89

VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENTS - SUBMIT AUDIT REPORTS WITH ANNUAL BUDGET

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously that Volunteer Fire and Rescue Departments submit a financial audit report with their annual budget requests for appropriations.

APPOINTMENT - TABOR CITY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to appoint Ben Inman to serve on the Tabor City Board of Adjustment to replace Carolyn Rogers, who resigned.

RESOLUTION - SUPPORT OF HIGHWAY 87

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adopt a Resolution stating the position of Southeastern North Carolina (SENC) Counties concerning the need for rapid development of the strategic corridor and critical connector highway network for the region.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, a surface transportation system for vehicles is an indispensable part of the Economic and Industrial Development functions for any section of the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the State will be stronger if all counties, regardless of geographic location, are encouraged to develop economically; and

WHEREAS, Southeastern North Carolina southeast of Interstate 95 and southwest of Interstate 40 is largely rural and lags behind the state average in economic indicators such as rate of employment and per capita income; and

WHEREAS, Southeastern North Carolina is in critical need of new industry to improve the economic well-being of its citizens and to stem the predicted out-migration of its young adults during the next generation; and

WHEREAS, the 1988-1996 Transportation Improvement Plant (TIP) recognizes the importance of such SENC highways as N.C. Highway 87 and U.S. Highway 17 and 74/76, and assigns them the Strategic Corridor designation calling it "very important to development along their entire route, to stimulate growth in portions of the state that badly need it;" and

WHEREAS, the 1988-1996 TIP also includes the identification of Critical Connectors such as N.C. Highway 24 which will be, in the words of Governor James G. Martin, "a second tier of regional highways that provide access to the strategic highway corridor system;" and

WHEREAS, the TIP does not contemplate that there should be construction of either Strategic Corridors or Critical Connectors, but a combination of both to form an efficient, state-wide highway network; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Military frequently uses SENC transportation such as N.C. Highway 87 for its convoys as it transports personnel and equipment from Fort Bragg/Pope Air Force Base to seaport facilities at and around Wilmington, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, virtually all of the vacationers going to Southeastern North Carolina beach resorts must travel along highways in the region, creating a significant increase in traffic during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, the emerging alternatives to tobacco as a cash crop in Southeastern North Carolina, such as product, livestock and poultry, all require timely access to markets because of their highly perishable nature; and

WHEREAS, the 12-year maximum time period for completion of the North Carolina Strategic Corridor and Critical Connector network as contemplated by the joint legislature Highway Study Commission is too long to wait for needed improvements to the transportation system of Southeastern North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners petitions the North Carolina Legislature and the North Carolina Department of Transportation to assign high priority to the Strategic Corridor and Critical Connector Development in Southeastern North Carolina, in recognition of the critical need for economic and industrial development in the area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board is committed to working in unison with other counties in Southeastern North Carolina to insure that the transportation needs of the region are articulated to the appropriate decision makers.

ADOPTED this 15th day of May, 1989.

ATTEST:

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Ida L. Smith
Clerk to the Board

/s/ Samuel G. Koonce
Chairman

(SEAL)

BUDGET AMENDMENT - REGISTER OF DEEDS TABLED

The Administrator advised the Board that the Register of Deeds has requested approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$7,100.00 for a computer floppy disc which is being used for indexing purposes in said office and was not included in the 1988-89 adopted Register-of-Deeds budget nor had a purchase order been issued for same.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew to approve the budget amendment and advise the Register-of-Deeds that in the future all purchases must be made with an approved purchase order by the Administrator.

Commissioner Dew withdrew his motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to table the budget amendment and advised the Administrator to request the attendance of the Register-of-Deeds at the next Board meeting for clarification of the purchase.

PURCHASING POLICY - ADVISED ADMINISTRATOR TO DRAFT FOR CONSIDERATION

The Board reached a general concensus to instruct the Administrator to draft a county purchasing policy and present to the Board at the next Board meeting for consideration of approval.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - AIRPORT

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve a budget amendment for the Airport as follows:

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| Appropriate | 10-660-9999 Non-Departmental Contingencies | \$37,500.00 |
| Expend | 10-690-9513 Airport Apron Construction | \$37,500.00 |

BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to approve a budget amendment for the Emergency Food Program as follows:

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| Accept | 10-380-33 Emergency Food Administration | \$500.00 |
| Expend | 10-690-95 Emergency Food Distribution | \$500.00 |

BUDGET AMENDMENT - HEALTH

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve a budget amendment for the Health Department as follows:

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| Accept | 10-348-08 Maternal Health | \$3,303.00 |
| Expend | 10-592-45 Contracted Services | \$3,303.00 |

BUDGET AMENDMENT - RAPE CRISIS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve a decrease in grant funds for the Rape Crisis Program as follows:

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| Decrease 10-361-0000 Reimbursement Rape Crisis | (\$2,378.00) |
| Decrease 10-514-0200 Salaries | (3,000.00) |
| Decrease 10-514-1400 Travel | (878.00) |
| Increase 10-514-5700 Miscellaneous | 2,989.00 |
| Decrease 10-514-7400 Equipment | (1,489.00) |

BUDGET AMENDMENT - AGING

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve a budget amendment for the Aging Department as follows:

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| Accept 12-336-0400 COG Donations/Transportation | \$6,000.00 |
| Accept 12-336-0100 Donations Federal | 1,728.00 |

To be expended as follows:

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| 12-612-7400 Capital Outlay | \$1,728.00 |
| 12-616-1400 Travel | 6,000.00 |

BUDGET AMENDMENT - HEALTH

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve a budget amendment for the Health Department as follows:

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| Accept 10-348-15 State Funds | \$1,000.00 |
| Expend 10-596-14 Travel | 500.00 |
| Expend 10-596-32 Office Supplies | 500.00 |

PROCLAMATION - HURRICANE AWARENESS WEEK

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to proclaim the week of June 4, through June 10, 1989, as "HURRICANE AWARENESS WEEK."

WHEREAS, after thirty-five years, Hurricane Hazel still brings back memories of the most destructive and damaging storm ever known to strike North Carolina. With 120 mile per hour winds as a calling card, she slammed ashore on October 15, 1954, claiming 19 lives and leaving in her wake damages estimated at more than \$125 Million Dollars; and

WHEREAS, the coastal area has grown tremendously in the years since Hazel. As an example, an estimated 80 per cent of our population has never faced a major hurricane. It is almost certain that sooner or later North Carolina will be struck by another Hazel-type storm. By being prepared we can prevent some of the major destruction caused by one of Nature's greatest shows of force; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety's Division of Emergency Management, the North Carolina Department of Administration's Division of Marine Affairs and the National Weather Service want our citizens and our visitors to be aware of the hurricane threat and the things that can be done to minimize its effects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of June 4 through 10, 1989, as "Hurricane Awareness Week" in North Carolina and encourage all citizens to participate in the observance by reviewing the hurricane safety information to protect their property and save lives.

Adopted this the 15th day of May, 1989.

ATTEST:

/s/ Roy L. Lowe
County Administrator

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman

TAX RELEASES AND REFUNDS

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

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Sam and Juanita Antone, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$6,110; failed to receive the senior citizen's exemption.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Welton Batten, Cerro Gordo Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$2,730; personal property double-listed.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Canal Industries, Inc., Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$600; property was sold to Eva Smith.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Jimmy C. and Connie Dyson, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$630; clerical error.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Linwood Edge, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$600; has not leased nitrogen tank since 1985.

Ordered that the 1988 tax listing of Phillip and Mary Edwards, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,720; lot was sold to Cynthia George in 1985.

Ordered; that the 1988 tax listing of Eugene T. Green Etal, Cerro Gordo Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,340; billed with property that he does not own.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Alex and Loris McClellan, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,090; two motor vehicles listed through error.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Ella Jo Sellers, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$6,950; double-listed in Waccamaw Township.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Emma D. Spivey, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$750; motor vehicle double-listed in Whiteville Township.

Ordered: that the tax listings of Township #99, motor vehicle discoveries, be released or cancelled as follows:

Donald Wayne Albers; vehicle double listed on Late List.

Earnest Allen Armakovitch; moved to Brunswick County, November 1986.

Rodney E. Bass; 87 Chevrolet Truck not in Columbus County on January 1, 1988.

Marion McKay Bracey; vehicle listed in Bladen County.

Timothy Lee Brown; vehicle not in Columbus County on January 1, 1988.

James Frederick Bryant; vehicle listed in Bladen County.

Lisa Carol Byrd; vehicle wrecked and junked in 1987.

A.G. Carter, Jr., Inc.; 1985 GMC TK double-listed to Whiteville Building Supplies.

Monty Carter; 1978 Buick double-listed to Jerry Lamont Carter.

John Wayland Chestnut; 1978 Chevrolet double-listed to John Waylon Chestnut.

Terry Mitchell Chestnut; did not own 1987 Chrysler on January 1, 1988.

Willie M. Chestnut; 1987 Nissan listed in Georgia where he lives.

Angela Hammond Cole; 1984 Chevrolet double-listed.

Debra Kay Conner; vehicle double-listed to Edward Sr. & Debra Clifton.

Felix Domingues; vehicle not in Columbus County on January 1, 1988.

Willard Duncan; 2 motor vehicles double-listed to Willard and Hilda Duncan.

Frances Brown Edwards; 1980 Ford double-listed to Jack & Mary Frances Edwards.

Debbie Cook Faulk; vehicle billed with penalty to Danny Ray and Debbie Faulk.

Margaret Elliott Fowler; vehicle wrecked and junked December, 1987.

Tammy Lynn Godwin; 1976 Pontiac double-listed to Tony and Tammy Sellers.

Diane McCall Harrison; resides in Bladen County.

Jesse Wayne Hilbourn; vehicle not in Columbus County on January 1, 1988.

Ortha Mae Hill; vehicle junked in 1987.

Kaye Hollard; vehicle double-listed to Linda Kaye Holland.

John Steven Jackson; moved to Horry County in 1987.

Willie Cary Jacobs; vehicle wrecked and junked in 1987.

Joy Elkins, Knotts; vehicle double-listed to Michael P. Knotts.

Lavern Lawrence; 1983 Buick not in Columbus County on January 1, 1988.

Arter Lee; vehicle double-listed to Arter L. Sullivan.

Henry Lee Little; vehicle and utility trailer not in Columbus County.

Gordon Brown Graham; vehicle double-listed to Gordon B. Graham.

Clara Barnes Locklear; resides in Robeson County.

Timothy Wayne Long; 1986 Pontiac listed in Brunswick County.

Sheila Howell McDonald; vehicle listed to Willie Lee McDonald.

Lorene Mahoney; 1980 Chevrolet sold for junk in 1987.

Barbara Jane Marvin; 1978 Chevrolet repossessed in 1986.

Bobby Neal Maultsby; vehicle was stolen in 1987.

Bobby Mincey; two vehicles not in Columbus County on January 1, 1988.

Bonnie Flynn Parks; 1981 Pontiac junked December, 1987.

Jeffrey Clark Phipps; 1987 Ford was sold December 1987.

Eugene and Joann Powell; vehicle double-listed.

Cindy Williamson Rogers; vehicle double-listed to Tommy and Cindy Rogers.

Gary Dean Sellers; vehicle wrecked in 1987.

Patsy Hardie Simmons; 1982 Oldsmobile repossessed October 1987.

Jesse Ray Soles; resides in Johnston County and 1974 Jeep listed there since 1986.

Mary Alice Vereen; vehicle listed in South Carolina where she resides.

Thomas W. Ward; 1981 Chevrolet listed in Brunswick County where he resides.

Jonathan Lynn Wayne; vehicle repossessed in November 1987 by First Investors.

James Anthony Williams; 1979 Oldsmobile double-listed to James A. Williams.

William David Williams; failure to release penalty when vehicles were released March 13, 1989.

Ernest Ray Williamson; vehicle listed in Brunswick County where he resides.

Linda Bell Williamson; vehicle listed in Kentucky on January 1, 1988 where she resides.

Andrew Isaac Yates; vehicle listed in Richmond County where he resides.

Darryl Robinson; 1987 Chevrolet listed in Cook County, Chicago, where he resides.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to James Rickey Bullard, Route 1, Box 348C, Cerro Gordo, NC 28430, Cerro Gordo Township, in the amount of \$10.28 for 1988; billed incorrectly with 5.18 acre/tract valued at \$2,630; per deed, only 3.18 acres valued \$1,500.

Ordered; that a refund check be issued to Annie Ruth Wilson, Route 1, Box 261, Tabor City, NC 28463, Township #99 Discoveries, in the amount of \$144.17 for year 1988; 1983 Ford valued at \$4,130 was double-listed in Bug Hill Township as Annie Ruth Gerald.

TABOR CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - APPROVAL OF AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to approve the Tabor City Chamber of Commerce to renovate the old Ritz Theatre facility to be used for an Agricultural Museum.

ORDINANCE - ATTORNEY TO DRAFT FOR VFD TO HAVE PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE INCREASING TAX RATES IN THE FIRE DISTRICTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adopt an Ordinance requiring a public hearing for amending rates in tax service districts.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County as follows:

WHEREAS, Columbus County, has hereunto established many service districts within its boundaries as set forth under Chapter 153A, Article 16, and has taxed the various citizens of Columbus County pursuant to the provisions of the said article; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desire to have the input of each citizen within the service district prior to amending the tax as it presently exist in each of the said service districts and to require the future Board of County Commissioners to hear from the said citizens prior to the amendment or change of the said rates; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners in order to achieve this goal does hereby adopt the following:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, that they shall not at any time in the future, amend, change, or increase the rate of taxation for any service district without first holding a public hearing on the same within the district. That notice of the said public hearing shall state the date, hour and place of the hearing and the subject of the said hearing. Notice shall be published at least one week prior to the said public hearing, and in addition thereto, notice shall be mailed at least four weeks prior to the said hearing by United States mail, first class, which is fully paid for the owners as shown on the tax books of Columbus County, North Carolina, for the preceding January 1, of all properties located and taxed within the said districts. The person designated by the Board of County Commissioners to mail the notice shall certify to the Board that the mailing has been completed and that service is conclusive in the absence of fraud.

That this Ordinance shall become in full force and effect upon its ratification. Adopted this the 15th day of May, 1989.

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith
Clerk

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman

COUNTY SURPLUS VEHICLES

The Administrator requested the Board's permission to compile a list of surplus vehicles that will be advertised for sale at a public auction.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to approve the list to be compiled and presented to the Board at the next Board meeting.

EXTENDED AREA TELEPHONE SERVICE

The Chairman stated that a Resolution to the Utilities Commission in reference to Extended Area Telephone Service had not been drafted and explained the order in which to obtain county-wide telephone services. The residents of the areas where it is long distance to Whiteville must contact their respective telephone companies with signed petitions requesting the extended service. After the petitions are signed, then the Board of Commissioners should contact the Utilities Commission with the request.

The Board reached a general consensus to direct the Administrator to contact residents in the respective areas through Community organizations to express their interest and report back to the Board at the end of thirty (30) days on the progress of the project.

WACCAMAW SIOUAN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION - APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Mr. Haynes Graham, representing the Waccamaw Siouan Development Association, requested the Board fund a commitment fee in the amount of \$1,800.00 representing 1 1/2% of the \$200,000.00 federal grant for Affordable Housing Demonstration Scattered Lot Project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to approve funding in the amount of \$1,800.00, appropriating monies from Non-Departmental - Contingencies (10-660-9999) and expending in Special Appropriations - Wacamaw Siouan Development Association (10-690-9806).

RESOLUTION - RELEASE OF FUNDS TO THE REGION O COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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

WHEREAS, in North Carolina the Lead Regional Organizations, as voluntary organizations serving municipal and county governments, have established productive working relationships with the cities and counties across this state; and

WHEREAS, many counties and cities need assistance in pursuing economic and community development opportunities, but federal assistance in the form of intergovernmental revenues has been severely curtailed in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the 1988 General Assembly recognized this need through the appropriation of \$990,000 to help the Lead Regional Organizations community development, and to support local industrial development activities and other activities as deemed appropriate by their local governments; and

WHEREAS, these funds are not intended to be used for payment of member dues or assessments to a Lead Regional Organization or to supplant funds appropriated by the member governments; and

WHEREAS, in the event that a request is not made by the County of Columbus for release of these funds to our Regional Council, the available funds will revert to the state's General Fund; and

WHEREAS, in Region 0 funds in the amount of \$55,000 will be used for economic and community planning and grants administration, regional data center activities, local technical assistance and other functions approved by our Executive Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners requests the release of its share of these funds, \$9,763.60 to the Region 0 Council of Governments at the earliest possible time in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 830 of the 1987 Sessions Laws (HB 1515).

Adopted this 15th day of May, 1989.

ATTEST:

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Roy L. Lowe
County Administrator

/s/ Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:45 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting into executive session to discuss an attorney/client matter.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RESUME REGULAR SESSION

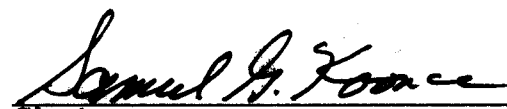
At 9:30 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adjourn executive session and resume regular session. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Immediately, a motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:


Clerk to the Board


Chairman