

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 6:30 P.M., Monday, June 19, 1989, for the purpose of a public hearing on the 1989-90 Columbus County Proposed Operating Budget.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman

Giles E. (Buddy) Byrd, Vice-Chairman

Junior Dew

Lynwood Norris

Ed Worley

*Roy L. Lowe
County Administrator*

*Ida L. Smith
Clerk to the Board*

ABSENT:

*James E. Hill, Jr.
County Attorney*

The public hearing was called to order by the Chairman.

The Chairman stated that anyone wishing to speak concerning the proposed budget be recognized by stating their name and the agency or department they were representing.

Harvard Jennings, representing the Sickle Cell Association for Columbus, New Hanover, Pender and Brunswick Counties, requested financial support.

Mitchel Tyler, Superintendent of Columbus County Schools, commended the Board for the consideration given to Columbus County Schools in the 1989-90 Proposed Budget.

There was no opposition.

At 6:40 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to close the public hearing.

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 7:30 P.M., June 19, 1989, it being the third Monday.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman
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 Ed Worley

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The Chairman called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by the Reverend Elbert Waddell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to approve the following minutes, as recorded:

May 9, 1989, Public Hearing, Brunswick Fire Service District

May 15, 1989, Regular Board meeting

May 30, 1989, Public Hearing, 1989-90 DOT Proposed Secondary Roads

MEETING RECESSED TO SUPERIOR COURTROOM

At 7:40 P.M., the Chairman announced that due to large attendance the meeting would recess to the Superior Courtroom of the Columbus County Courthouse in order to provide more seating capacity.

MEETING RESUMED

At 7:50 P.M., the meeting resumed in the Superior Courtroom.

FIRE SERVICE DISTRICTS DELAYED BY REQUEST OF RESIDENTS

Mr. Henry Fisher from North Whiteville stated that the majority of the residents in attendance were there in opposition of the proposed Fire Service Districts within Columbus County. Mr. Fisher stated that they were not opposing the fire department, we are here to oppose inequity in the law. The tax should be levied on the homes and farm buildings only, and not the land.

The Chairman then allowed anyone in attendance to speak by first being recognized and then stating their name. The following persons spoke in opposition of the Fire Service Tax Districts.

William Freedman, Phil McPherson, Billy Adams, Sammy Jordan, Pearl Freedman, Horry Watts, Angie Robinson, Ronald Fisher, Eugene Walters, Bertie Lanehart, Ina Brown and Charles Lennon.

The following persons spoke in favor of the Fire Service Districts:

Dr. E. Ben Ward and Kenneth Sasser

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and

passed unanimously to place the proposed Fire Tax Districts on hold until the Board can create a Committee and study the needs of the Fire Districts and set a tax that the property owners can live with.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appoint Commissioner Byrd to serve as Chairman of the Fire Tax Districts Committee.

Commissioner Byrd then made a motion to have a vote by the people in each fire district and let the residents decide.

Commissioner Byrd's motion died in lack of a second.

Commissioner Dew stated that he could not vote on Commissioner Byrd's motion due to the legalities of the issue. Commissioners Koonce, Norris and Worley concurred with Commissioner Dew.

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to contact Senator R.C. Soles, Jr. and Representative Leo Mercer to look into the possibilities of rewriting the law for Columbus County, in reference to the flat across-the-board tax which is levied on all property in each fire district and restrict to including homes and buildings only.

SCHOOLS - WHITEVILLE CITY - PLAQUES PRESENTED SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

The Chairman presented plaques of appreciation to the following Sports Championship Teams:

Waccamaw Academy, N.C. Independent Schools Association State Baseball Championship

Whiteville High School:

Baseball - Waccamaw Conference, State 2-A Champions

Golf - Runner-up in Waccamaw Conference, 4th in Regionals

Boys Track - Waccamaw Conference, Sectional and Regional Champions, placed 4th in State

Girls Track - Waccamaw Conference Champions

Boys Tennis - Waccamaw Conference, Regional Champions

Softball - State Play-offs, placed 3rd in Waccamaw Conference

FIRE DEPT. - EVERGREEN CERTIFICATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve the Annual Certification of the Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department.

EMPLOYEE SURETY BOND APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to approve a surety bond for Gayle B. Godwin, Acting Finance Officer, in the amount of \$100,000.00.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - TAX DEPT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to amend the budget for Tax Service Districts (Inventory Tax Distribution and Senior Citizens Tax loss). as follows:

44-366-00 Yam City State Shared Revenues	\$ 421.00
45-366-00 ADR State Shared Revenues	4,217.00
46-366-00 Klondyke State Shared Revenues	2,049.00
47-366-00 Cole State Shared Revenues	1,235.00
44-668-45 Remittance to Yam City	421.00
45-668-45 ADR Remittance to District	4,217.00
46-668-45 Klondyke Remittance to District	2,049.00
47-668-45 Remittance to Cole	1,235.00

Also, increase each District's budget for the amount of taxes collected in excess of the amount budgeted.

44-310-00 Yam City Special District Tax	\$ 705.00
45-310-00 ADR Special District Tax	2,050.00
47-310-00 Cole Special District Tax	920.00
44-708-92 Yam City Remittance to District	555.00
44-313-00 Releases	150.00
45-700-92 ADR Remittance to District	2,015.00
45-313-00 Releases	35.00
47-700-92 Cole Remittance to District	875.00
47-313-00 Releases	45.00

BUDGET AMENDMENT - HUD

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendment for the HUD Department:

Appropriate 50-300-3826 Oper. Reserve Funds \$18,290.00

To be expended as follows:

50-410-4110 Salaries	1,490.00
50-410-4160 Indirect Cost	12,656.00
50-410-4190 Sundry Admin. Expenses	2,000.00
50-410-4400 M/R Equipment	250.00
50-410-4540 Fringe Benefits	4,540.00
50-410-4510 Insurance	(450.00)
50-410-4590 Sundry	(1,196.00)

BUDGET AMENDMENT - VARIOUS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to approve the following budget transfers from various departments within the 1988-89 budget.

Increase 10-410-14 Travel	\$ 2,500.00
Increase 10-410-54 Insurance	25,500.00
Increase 10-410-57 Miscellaneous	2,000.00
Increase 10-440-02 Salaries	5,000.00
Increase 10-540-14 Travel	6,000.00
Increase 10-540-45 Contracts	420.00
Increase 10-540-74 Capital Outlay	280.00
Increase 10-600-02 Salaries	1,000.00
Increase 10-600-04 Professional Services	2,000.00
Increase 10-607-14 Travel	500.00
Decrease 10-660-04 Professional Services	(5,000.00)
Decrease 10-660-09 Unemployment Insurance	(4,380.00)
Decrease 10-660-54 Insurance	(35,820.00)

WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS - REQUEST FOR 3 TO 1 MATCH IN STATE FUNDS

The Administrator presented the Board with a letter from the Whiteville City Board of Education asking the Board approve its request in seeking the funds on a three to one basis, that are available from the state as they have been able to put aside \$100,000 from the half-cent sales tax and would like to take advantage of the state plan to get \$300,00. These funds would be used to build a multipurpose classroom combination at Edgewood Elementary School.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to table the request until a later date.

SOCIAL SERVICES - APPROVED A CONTRACT WITH COST CONTAINMENT, INC. FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD STAMPS

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to approve the Renewal #2, Addendum #2 to the Contract with Cost Containment, Inc., dated July 1, 1987, for the distribution of food stamp coupons:

RENEWAL #2
ADDENDUM #2

DATE: May 1, 1989

In reference to the Contract dated July 1, 1987, by and between the County of Columbus and Cost Containment, Inc., for the direct mail service of food stamp coupons, Columbus County is using its option to continue said Contract until June 30, 1990 at the same cost and specifications to include any and all addendums.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties through their duly authorized representatives, have caused this agreement to be executed in their respective names on the day and year listed below.

/s/ Samuel G. Koonce
County Official

Sworn and subscribed to
before me this the
19th day of June, 1989.

/s/ Ida L. Smith
Notary Public

COST CONTAINMENT, INS.
/s/ Cynthia H. Ennis

ATTEST:
/s/ T.J. Miles

HEALTH - APPROVAL OF CARRY OVER FUNDS FOR HOME HEALTH

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to allow the Home Health Agency carry-over unexpended funds in the amount of \$140,000 to cover possible Medicare pay back after completion of the 1987-88 audit of the Home Health Department.

ORDINANCE - NOISE TABLED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to table the "Noise Ordinance" as drafted by the County Attorney, James E. Hill, Jr., until a later date.

BOND REFERENDUM - INTRODUCTION, STATEMENT OF DEBT, AUTHORIZATION

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, was held in the County Administration Building on Washington Street in Whiteville, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 7:30 P.M., on June 19, 1989.

Present: Chairman Samuel G. Koonce, presiding, and Commissioners Giles E. "Buddy" Byrd, Junior Dew, Lynwood Norris and Ed Worley.

Absent: None

Also present: Roy L. Lowe, County Administrator and Assistant Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and Gayle Godwin, Acting Finance Officer.

Commissioner Junior Dew introduced the following two orders authorizing bonds which were read aloud by Alan High:

ORDER AUTHORIZING \$16,400,000
SCHOOL BONDS

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Education and the Whiteville City Board of Education have certified to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, resolutions passed by said boards of education showing that adequate school facilities are not now available in the Columbus County Administrative Unit and the Whiteville City Administrative Unit to comply with the requirements of Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution of North Carolina for the maintenance of schools nine months in every year and that it is necessary, in order to maintain such nine months' schools term as required by Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution, to provide additional school facilities in said units by erecting additional school buildings and other school plant facilities, remodeling, enlarging and reconstructing existing schools buildings and other school plant facilities and acquiring any necessary land, furnishings and equipment therefor, the estimated aggregate cost of which is at least \$16,400,000;

WHEREAS said resolutions request said Board of Commissioners to provide the funds required for such School facilities; and

WHEREAS, said Board of Commissioners has carefully examined the facts and has determined and does hereby find as a fact that the statements made in said resolutions are true and that it has become the duty of said Board of Commissioners, acting as an administrative agent of the State in providing a State system of public schools, to order the issuance of bonds of the County of Columbus so that the school facilities mentioned in said resolutions and in paragraph 1 of this order may be provided in order to maintain the nine months' school term in the County of Columbus as required by Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus:

1. That, pursuant to the Local Government Bond Act, as amended, and in order to maintain the nine months' school term in the County of Columbus as required by Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution, the County of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby authorized to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said County may now or hereafter have man power or authority

to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue School Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$16,400,000 for the purpose of providing fund, with any other available funds, for erecting additional school buildings and other school plant facilities, remodeling, enlarging and reconstructing existing school buildings and other school plant facilities and acquiring any necessary land, furnishings and equipment therefor, in order to provide additional school facilities in said County.

2. That taxes shall be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds.

3. That a sworn statement of the debt of said County has been filed with the County Administrator and Assistant Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for said County and is open to public inspection.

That this order shall take effect when approved by the voters of said County at a referendum as provided in said Act.

ORDER AUTHORIZING \$1,100,000
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BONDS

WHEREAS, the Trustees of Southeastern Community College have submitted to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus a resolution passed on May 23, 1989 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 115D of the General Statutes of North Carolina requesting said Board of Commissioners to call an election in the County of Columbus upon the question of approving bonds for the purpose of providing funds for capital improvements for Southeastern Community College;

WHEREAS, said resolution requests said Board of Commissioners to take all steps necessary for the issuance of such bonds, including the calling of an election on the question of approving bonds, in order to provide for local financial support of Southeastern Community College; and

WHEREAS, said Board of Commissioners has carefully examined the facts and has determined and does hereby find as a fact that it has become the duty of said Board of Commissioners to order issuance of bonds of the County of Columbus so that the capital improvements mentioned in said resolution and in paragraph 1 of this order may be provided; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus:

1. That, pursuant to Chapter 115D of the General Statutes of North Carolina and The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, the County of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby authorized to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said County may now or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue Community College Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,100,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for enlarging, improving and repairing the facilities for Southeastern Community College, including the replacment of roofs on existing buildings, the reconstruction and renovation of existing buildings to provide better access to the handicapped, to meet current safety standards and to make

them more useful for current programs, the construction of additions to existing buildings and the acquisition of any necessary land, furnishings and equipment therefor.

2. That taxes shall be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds.

3. That a sworn statement of the debt of said County has been filed with the County Administrator and Assistant Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for said County and is open to public inspection.

4. That this order shall take effect when approved by the voters of said County at a referendum as provided in The Local Government Bond Act, as amended.

The Board of Commissioners thereupon designated the Acting Finance Officer as the officer whose duty it shall be to make and file with the County Administrator and Assistant Clerk to the Board of Commissioners the sworn statement of debt of the County which is required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, to be filed after the bond orders have been introduced and before the public hearing thereon.

Thereupon the Acting Finance Officer filed with the County Administrator and Assistant Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, in the presence of the Board of Commissioners, the sworn statement of debt as so required.

Thereupon the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$16,400,000 SCHOOL BONDS" was passed on first reading.

Thereupon the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$1,100,000 COMMUNITY COLLEGE BONDS" was passed on first reading.

On motion duly made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Worley and unanimously carried, the Board of Commissioners fixed 9:00 A.M., July 3, 1989, in the County Administration Building on Washington Street in Whiteville, North Carolina, as the hour, day and place for the public hearing upon the foregoing orders and directed the County Administrator and Assistant Clerk to the Board of Commissioners to publish each of said orders, together with the appended statement as required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, once in The News Reporter not later than the sixth day before said date.

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I, Roy L. Lowe, County Administrator and Assistant Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of so much of the proceedings of said Board at a regular meeting held on June 19, 1989 as relates in any way to the introduction and passage on first reading of two orders authorizing bonds of said County and the calling of a public hearing upon such orders and that said proceedings are recorded in Minute Book Number 20 of the minutes of said Board, beginning on page ___ and ending on page ___.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that a schedule of regular meetings of said Board, stating that regular meetings of said Board are held in the County Administration Building on Washington Street in Whiteville, North Carolina on the first Monday of each month at 9:00 A.M. and on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M., has been on file in my office as of a date not less than seven days before the date of said meeting in accordance with G.S. 143-318.12.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County, this 19th day of June, 1989.

/s/ Roy L. Lowe
County Administrator
and Asst. Clerk to
the Board

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA
SWORN STATEMENT OF DEBT MADE PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT BOND ACT, AS AMENDED

I, Gayle Godwin, Acting Finance Officer for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, having been designated by the Board of Commissioners for said County to make and file with the County Administrator and Assistant Clerk to the Board of Commissioners a statement of the debt of said County pursuant to the Local Government Bond Act, as amended, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the following is a true statement as shown by the books in my office, not taking into consideration any debt incurred or to be incurred in anticipation of the collection of taxes or other revenues or in anticipation of the sale of bonds other than funding and refunding bonds:

(a) GROSS DEBT

a(1) Outstanding debt evidenced by bonds:		
County Hospital Bonds	\$3,100,000	
Other Bonds	-0-	\$3,100,000
a(2) Bonds authorized by orders introduced on June 19, 1989, but not yet adopted:		
Community College Bonds	\$11,100,000	
School Bonds	16,400,000	
Total		\$17,500,000
a(3) Unissued bonds authorized by adopted orders:	\$	-0-
a(4) Outstanding debt, not evidenced by bonds:		
Literary Fund Notes	\$147,530	
Other debt	101,186	\$ 248,716
(a) GROSS DEBT, being the sum of a(1), a(2), a(3) and a(4)		\$20,848,716

(b) DEDUCTIONS

b(1) Funding and refunding bonds authorized by orders introduced but not yet adopted	\$	\$ -0-
b(2) Funding and refunding bonds authorized but not yet issued	\$	\$ -0-
b(3) The amount of money held in sinking funds or otherwise for the payment of any part of the principal of gross debt other than debt incurred for water purposes or sanitary sewer purposes (to the extent that the bonds are deductible under G.S. 159-55(b))	\$	-0-

- b(4) Bonded debt included in gross debt and incurred, or to be incurred, for water purposes \$ -0-
- b(5) Bonded debt included in gross debt and incurred, or to be incurred, for sanitary sewer system purposes to the extent that said debt is made deductible by G.S. 159-55(b) \$ -0- -0-
- b(6) Uncollected special assessments heretofore levied for local governments for which any part of the gross debt (that is not otherwise deducted) was or is to be incurred, to the extent that such assessments will be applied, when collected, to the payment of any part of the gross debt \$ -0-
- b(7) The amount, as estimated by the _____, of special assessments to be levied for local improvements for which any part of the gross debt (that is not otherwise deducted) was or is to be incurred, to the extent that the special assessments, when collected, will be applied to the payment of any part of the gross debt \$ -0-
- (b) DEDUCTIONS, being the sum of b(1), b(2), b(3), b(4), b(5), b(6) and b(7) \$ -0- -0-
- (c) NET DEBT
- (c) NET DEBT, being the difference between the GROSS DEBT (a) and the DEDUCTIONS (b) \$ 20,848,716
- (d) APPRAISED VALUE
- (d) APPRAISED VALUE of property subject to municipal taxation before the application of any assessment ration, being the value fixed in 1988 \$868,295,951
- (e) DEBT RATIO
- (e) Percentage which the NET DEBT (c) bears to the APPRAISED VALUE (d) .0241%

The foregoing statement is true.

Gayle B. Godwin
Acting Finance Officer
for the County of
Columbus, North Carolina

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of June, 1989.

Veneda S. Ray
Notary Public

My commission expires February 4, 1992.

I, Roy L. Lowe, County Administrator and Assistant Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a statement which was filed with me at a meeting of said Board held on June 19, 1989, after the introduction and before the public hearing on two orders authorizing \$1,100,000 Community College Bonds and \$16,400,000 School Bonds of said County and that said statement is open to public inspection in my office.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County, this 19th day of June, 1989.

/s/ Roy L. Lowe
County Administrator and
Asst. Clerk to the Board

Published in the News Reporter on June 22, 1989.

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WHEREAS, said resolutions request said Board of Commissioners to provide the funds required for such school facilities; and

WHEREAS, said Board of Commissioners has carefully examined the facts and has determined and does hereby find as a fact that the statements made in said resolutions are true and that it has become the duty of said Board of Commissioners, acting as an administrative agent of the State in providing a State system of public schools, to order the issuance of bonds of the County of Columbus so that the school facilities mentioned in said resolutions and in paragraph 1 of this order may be provided in order to maintain the nine months' school term in the County of Columbus as required by Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution; now, therefore,

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4. That this order shall take effect when approved by the voters of said County at a referendum as provided in said Act.

The foregoing order has been introduced and a sworn statement of debt has been filed under the Local Government Bond Act showing the appraised value of the County of Columbus to be \$868,295,951 and the net debt thereof, including the proposed bonds, to be \$20,848,716. A tax will be levied to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds if they are issued. Anyone who wishes to be heard on the questions of the validity of the bond order and the advisability of issuing the bonds may appear at a public hearing or an adjournment thereof to be held at 9:00 A.M. on July 3, 1989, in the County Administration Building on Washington Street in Whiteville, North Carolina.

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WHEREAS, said resolution requests said Board of Commissioners to take all steps necessary for the issuance of such bonds, including the calling of an election on the questions of approving such bonds, in order to provide the local financial support of Southeastern Community College; and

WHEREAS, said Board of Commissioners has carefully examined the facts and has determined and does hereby find as a fact it has become the duty of said Board of Commissioners to order the issuance of bonds of the County of Columbus so that the capital improvements mentioned in said resolution and in paragraph 1 of this order may be provided; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus:

1. That, pursuant to Chapter 155D of the General Statutes of North Carolina and The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, the County of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby authorized to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said County may now or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue Community College Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,100,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with

any other available funds, for enlarging, improving and repairing the facilities for Southeastern Community College, including the replacement of roofs on existing buildings, the reconstruction and renovation of existing buildings to provide better access to the handicapped, to meet current safety standards and to make them more useful for current programs, the construction of additions to existing buildings and the acquisition of any necessary land, furnishings and equipment therefor.

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/s/ Roy L. Lowe
County Administrator
and Asst. Clerk to
the Board

APPOINTMENTS - COMMUNITY ADVISORY/DOMICILIARY NURSING HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Community Advisory/Domiciliary Nursing Home Advisory Committee for three year terms, expiring June 30, 1992.

Harvey Cross, Chadbourn, NC 28431

Maxine Hinson, Whiteville, NC 28472

Eunice Shipman Campbell, Whiteville, NC 28472

Clyde Gore, Tabor City, NC 28463

APPOINTMENT - COLUMBUS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Columbus County Economic Development Commission Board with three year terms, expiring June 30, 1992.

Randy Britt, Fair Bluff, NC 28439

Haynes Graham, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450

Bob Deans, Whiteville, NC 28472

APPOINTMENTS - LIBRARY

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Columbus County Public Library Board with four year terms, expiring June 30, 1993.

A.P. Worley, Cerro Gordo, NC 28430

Mary Cartret, Nakina, NC 28455

APPOINTMENTS - SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Senior Citizens' Advisory Council with three year terms, expiring June 30, 1992.

Emogene Suggs, Route 4, Whiteville, NC 28472

T. Ben Douglas, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450

APPOINTMENT - SOCIAL SERVICES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to appoint Commissioner Junior Dew to serve on the Social Services Board of Directors for a three year term, expiring June 30, 1992.

APPOINTMENTS - SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Southeastern Community College Board of Directors with four year terms, expiring June 30, 1993.

Commissioner Samuel G. Koonce, Chadbourn, NC 28431

John C. Williams, Tabor City, NC 28463

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH - APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appoint Cecelia H. Pleasants to serve on the Southeast Regional Mental Health Board to fill the unexpired term of Doris Norris, whose term expires November 30, 1989.

APPOINTMENTS - YOUTH TASK FORCE

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Youth Task Force Board of Directors with three year terms, expiring July, 1992.

Thomas Mehalic, Law Enforcement Center, Whiteville, NC 28472

C.W. Williams, Chadbourn, NC 28431

Judy Spivey, Columbus County Schools, Whiteville, NC 28472

Ruth Storms, Columbus County Public Health, Whiteville, NC 28472

Bill Triplett, Agriculture Extension, Whiteville, NC 28472

Franklin Thurman, Whiteville, NC 28472

1989-90 PROPOSED COLUMBUS COUNTY BUDGET ADOPTED

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to adopt the 1989-90 Proposed Columbus County Operating Budget as presented with the following amendment:

Transfer Chore Services/Personal Care from the Department of Social Services to the Department of Aging. Also, transfer two employees from Social Services and employ an additional person to administer the program.

The Budget Ordinance is as follows:

BUDGET ORDINANCE 1989-90

COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina.

SECTION 1: BUDGET ADOPTION 1989-90: There is hereby adopted the following Operating Budget for the County of Columbus for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1989, and ending June 30, 1990; the same being adopted by fund and activity within each fund as listed.

GENERAL FUND

Revenues:

Current Year Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 8,682,763
Prior Year Ad Valorem Taxes	800,000
Collections - Written off (p. yr.)	1,000
Refunds	8,000-
Releases	25,000-
Penalty & Interest	175,000
Privilege License	1,500
Excise Tax - RD	32,000
Marriage License	4,500
Interest on Investments	155,000
Rent	4,920
Miscellaneous - General Fund	100,000
Miscellaneous - Health Dept.	8,000
Miscellaneous Revenue - Library	35,000
Miscellaneous - Concessions	25,000
Donations to Recreation	200
Special Olympics	200
CP&L - Energy	5,000
Intangible Taxes	335,000
Local 1 Cent Sales Tax	1,725,000
½ Cent Sales Tax	815,000
Second ½ Cent Sales Tax	465,000
½ Cent Sales Tax - CC Schools	262,000
Second ½ Cent Sales Tax	523,000
½ Cent Sales Tax - City Schools	87,000
Second ½ Cent Sales Tax	174,000
5 Cent ABC Tax	20,000
State Aid - Emergency Management	11,600
State Aid - Veterans Service Officer	2,000
State Aid - Soil Conservation	13,391
State Aid - DWI	10,000
100% Child Day Care - State	197,561
Aid to Health Department	52,477
Grants to Family Planning	97,890
Grants - Maternal Care	153,738
Child Health	85,554
Adolescent Health	57,500
Grants - Home Health - Seed Money	31,952
Aids Control	12,500
Reimbursements to Home Health	1,211,975

Grants - TC Hypertension Clinic	\$ 15,849
Grants - Glaucoma/Diabetes Clinic	42,848
Grant - Health Promotion	17,674
Grant - Crippled Children Clinic	9,857
Grants - TC W.I.C. Clinics	128,700
Healthy Generations	38,775
Grants - Tuberculosis Clinics	30,554
Aid to Social Service Administration	1,320,197
State Aid to DDS Administration	57,930
IV-D Incentive & Cost Recovery	59,786
Certification Fees	200
Food Stamp Fraud Recovery	4,592
State Aid - Library	105,000
Arrest Fees	50,000
Facilities Fees	45,000
Building Permits	35,000
Register of Deeds' Fees	100,000
Sheriff's Department Commissioners	1,000
Jail Fees - Clerk of Court and R	25,000
Refuse Collection	4,224
Rape Crisis Program	11,416
Inventory Tax	1,201,141
Senior Citizen Tax Exemption	55,000
Sales Tax (Food Stamps Loss)	60,000
Sales Tax Refund	9,000
5% Commission on Tax Collection - Riegelwood	1,000
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TOTAL GENERAL FUND	<u>\$19,770,964</u>

Expenditures:

Governing Body	\$ 146,829
County Administrator	127,414
Elections	135,673
Finance	139,161
Tax Listing	466,077
Professional	63,888
Register of Deeds	148,693
Economic Development	125,694
Courthouse & Grounds	93,216
Robinson Building	4,660
County Hall & Grounds	69,151
Administrative Building	50,539
Senior Citizen Center	11,690
Miller Building	203,082
Public Buildings	166,345
Sheriff's Department	1,128,164
Veterans Services	11,416
District Court	12,175
Law Enforcement Center	523,482
Emergency Management	54,996
Fire Marshal	44,552
Inspections	78,343
Solid Waste Disposal	524,248
Healthy Generations	38,775
Aids Control	13,773
Health Promotion	17,649
Adolescent Health	57,500
Child Health Care	85,554
Cooperative Health	599,640
Family Planning	97,890
Maternal & Child Health	153,738
Home Health	1,243,927
Hypertension	23,738
Glaucoma/Diabetes	42,848
Tuberculosis	40,107
Crippled Children	9,857
W. I. C.	128,700
Dog Warden	54,027
Coroner & Acting Medical Examiner	16,841
Extension Service	226,264
Soil Conservation Service	43,252
Veterans' Service Officer	41,601
Social Services Administration	1,878,592
Social Service Programs	483,252

Recreation Department	\$ 215,129
Library	596,800
Airport	25,100
Non-Departmental	261,205
Special Appropriations	9,045,717
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	<u>\$19,770,964</u>

AGING FUND

Revenues:

Miscellaneous	\$ 94,206
Donations	4,660
Federal Grant	200,088
Long Term Screening	624,960
Personal Care	316,800
Title III-B	9,128
County Appropriation	54,812
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,304,654</u>

Expenditures:

Chore	\$ 921,921
Aging Fund	71,218
Case Management	30,926
CMF	26,058
SCDF/SCDNF	37,408
Nutrition	129,887
MHRF/MHRNF	2,315
Transportation	41,349
Home Delivered Meals	43,572
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,304,654</u>

DEBT SERVICE FUND

Revenues:

Contribution - Hospital	\$ 100,000
Contribution - Schools	31,200
Contribution - General Fund	532,781
TOTAL	<u>\$ 663,981</u>

Expenditures:

Debt Service	\$ 663,981
TOTAL	<u>\$ 663,981</u>

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND

Revenues:

State Aid-Foster Home Care	\$ 7,362
Equalizing Fund	52,904
Crisis Intervention	62,901
State Foster Care	11,500
Emergency Assistance Program	42,299
Incentive & 4D	55,030
Transfer from General Fund	1,813,183
TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,045,179</u>

Expenditures:

A.F.D.C.	\$ 619,453
Medicaid	987,939
Special Assistance	331,040
Foster Home Care	8,786
Crisis Intervention	62,901
Adoption Assistance	1,200
State Foster Care	23,000
Special Assistance - Blind	10,860
TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,045,179</u>

H.U.D. FUND

Revenue	<u>\$ 1,206,727</u>
Expenditure	<u>\$ 1,206,727</u>

REVALUATION FUND

Revenues:

Contribution - General Fund	<u>\$ 35,000</u>
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Expenditures:

	<u>\$ 35,000</u>
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TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 25,026,505
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES (EXCLUDING FIRE DISTRICTS AND INTERNAL SERVICE FUND)	\$ 25,026,505
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FIRE TAX

Revenues:

Cole's Fire District Tax	\$ 29,766
Inventory	<u>9,234</u>

TOTAL	<u>\$ 39,000</u>
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Expenditures:

Remittance to District	<u>\$ 39,000</u>
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Revenues:

Kbondyke Fire District Tax	\$ 34,751
Inventory Tax	<u>5,049</u>

TOTAL	<u>\$ 39,800</u>
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Expenditures:

Remittance to District	<u>\$ 39,800</u>
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Revenues:

Acme-Delco Fire District Tax	\$ 30,734
Inventory Tax	<u>4,766</u>

TOTAL	<u>\$ 35,500</u>
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Expenditures:

Remittance to District	<u>\$ 35,500</u>
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Revenues:

Yam City Fire District Tax	\$ 20,000
Inventory Tax	<u>415</u>

TOTAL	<u>\$ 20,415</u>
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Expenditures:

Remittance to District	<u>\$ 20,415</u>
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Revenues:

Brunswick Fire District Tax	\$ 48,865
Inventory Tax	<u>600</u>

TOTAL	<u>\$ 49,465</u>
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Expenditures:

Remittance to District	<u>\$ 49,465</u>
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Revenues:

Cerro Gordo Fire District Tax	\$ 35,950
Inventory Tax	<u>400</u>
TOTAL	\$ <u>36,350</u>

Expenditures:

Remittance to District	\$ <u>36,350</u>
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CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

All Capital Projects Continued

INTERNAL SERVICE FUND

Department Contribution	\$ <u>125,216</u>
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Expenditures	\$ <u>125,216</u>
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TOTAL REVENUES (All Funds) \$25,372,251

TOTAL EXPENDITURES (All Funds) \$25,372,251

SECTION II. TAX RATE LEVY: There is hereby levied for the fiscal year 1989-90 on ad valorem property tax on all property having a situs in Columbus County as listed for taxes as of January 1, 1989, at a rate of Sixty-eight (.68¢) Cents per one hundred dollars (\$100.) of assessed value of such property pursuant to and in accordance with the Machinery Act of Chapter 105 of the North Carolina General Statutes and other applicable laws. The estimated revenues from the ad valorem property tax are based on an established collection during the 1989-90 fiscal year of Ninety-three (.93¢) Cents of the levy and the estimated taxable base of \$1,372,985,970. Special district tax rate for purposes providing fire protection are also levied as follows:

Acme-Delco	\$.10
Klondyke	.07
Cole	.10
Tabor City	.10
Cerro Gordo	.10
Brunswick	.07

Building inspection fees are amended as reflected by Board action.

SECTION III. SCHEDULE B LICENSES: The business license fees are hereby continued for Fiscal Year 1989-90.

SECTION IV. SALARIES: The following provision shall govern salary and wage compensation for Fiscal Year 1989-90

Pay Plan

There is hereby continued a pay plan applicable to all County employees. The pay plan shall have a range of eleven (11) steps with each step after the first step divided into two equal parts.

All County employees' salaries are hereby adjusted as a cost-of-living increase of 4.8%.

Effective July 1, 1989, all county offices will be operating on a schedule beginning at 8:30 A. M. and closing at 5:00 P. M., except those who operate under Boards and Commissions, and work different hours in order to serve the needs of Columbus County citizens. Salary adjustments of 7.2% have been made to compensate employees for additional hours worked.

SECTION V. BUDGET CONTROLS: The Board of Commissioners in approving the proposed Budget, has utilized to the fullest extent possible its revenue sources and the County Administrator is herein directed to initiate steps to insure that the Budget fixed herein is lived within.

SECTION VI. APPROPRIATIONS: The amount of the General Fund proposed for the Fiscal Year 1989-90 is hereby appropriated to the County Administrator for the operation of the Columbus County Government and its departments and agencies for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1989 and ending June 30, 1990. In administering the program authorized under this ordinance, the County Administrator is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund between objects of expenditures within a department without limitation and without a report being requested, and between departments within a fund not to exceed Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars. Appropriations for land and new buildings included in this ordinance may be expended only after release by the Board of Commissioners. The Chairman of the Board and the Administrator are hereby authorized to execute the necessary agreements within funds included in the Budget Ordinance for the following purposes:

- (1) Grant agreement to Public and Non-Profit Agencies;
- (2) Leases of normal and routine business equipment;
- (3) Consultant, Professional, or Maintenance Service Agreements;
- (4) Purchase of apparatus, supplies, and materials where formal bids are not required by law;
- (5) Agreements for acceptance of State and Federal Grant funds; and
- (6) Construction or repair work where formal bids are not required by law.

SECTION VII. RESTRICTED REVENUES: The Finance Officer is hereby directed to fund appropriations which have been specified revenues prior to the funding with General Fund monies. This is to include, but not limited to Fines and Forfeiture, ABC profits and Forestry Revenues.

SECTION VIII. ENCUMBRANCES: All outstanding Encumbrances from Fiscal Year 1988-89 are to be carried forward to Fiscal Year 1989-90.

SECTION IX. PUBLIC PURPOSE LIMITATION: In accordance with Article V of the North Carolina Constitution which states in part, that "Power and Taxation shall be exercised...for public purpose" and/or decisions of the State Supreme Court, the County Administrator shall require the following before releasing public funds to other governmental agencies or private groups:

- (1) The activity in question is for a public purpose;
- (2) The activity in question is one the County is authorized to undertake or for which the County has specific statutory authorization for giving financial aid to the agencies in question; and
- (3) Through appropriate means the County retains some degree of control over the expenditure of its funds.

SECTION X. This Ordinance shall become effective July 1, 1989.

Adopted this the 19th day of June, 1989.

Motion by Commissioner Junior Dew, Seconded by Commissioner Ed Worley.

AYES 5

NOES 0

Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman
Columbus County Board of Commissioners

Roy L. Lowe,
County Administrator

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 listings of Carl Wayne and Wanda Sue Seale, Lees Township be cancelled; per deed of 10-13-87, property on J-8A-83 (valued at \$1,080), J-8A-84 (valued \$1,080) and J-8A-85 (valued \$21,980) was sold to Charles M. & Joyce Claus.

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

Johnnie Campbell; vehicle not in Columbus County.

Shelia Davis Collins; vehicle not in Columbus County, listed in Robeson County.

Country Satellites and Videos; vehicle junked in 1987.

Walter Lee Daniels; vehicle junked prior to 1-1-88.

Woodrow Daniels; vehicle listed in Bladen County where he resides.

Marjorie Spivey Nance; failed to release penalty in due time (Mrs. Nance deceased on 7-20-87).

Dennis Edward Richardson; 1984 Chevrolet was double listed in the name of Hazel Richardson.

Ordered: that a tax refund be issued to Dennis Edward Richardson, Route 1, Box 351, Hallsboro, NC 28442, in the amount of \$133.06, for year 1988. 1984 Chevrolet was double-listed to Hazel Richardson.

Ordered: that a tax refund be issued to Brenda Betts Cromartie, P.O.Box 1594, Whiteville, NC 28472, Township #99, in the amount of \$115.10 for year 1988.

Vehicle double-listed.

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF FIREMEN

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to approve the annual certification of Fireman for the Tabor City Volunteer Fire Department.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - YOUTH SERVICES - CBA

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to approve a budget revision in Youth Services reducing state funds in the amount of \$1,711.00 due to not hiring Home-School Counselors at the beginning of the school year.

APPOINTMENT - JURY COMMISSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to reappoint Haynes Graham to serve on the Columbus County Jury Commission for a two year term, expiring June 30, 1991.

SCHOOLS, COLUMBUS COUNTY SPECIAL RECOGNITION IN SPORTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to give special recognition to the Columbus County Schools winning sport teams by honoring them with a plaque. The winning teams are as follows:

Tabor City Girls' Softball Team - State runner-ups - Conference Champions

Acme Delco Baseball Team - State play-offs - Tied for 1st in Southern 8

Acme Delco Volleyball Team - Tied for 1st place in Southern 8 Conference

Hallsboro Baseball Team - State play-offs

Hallsboro Girls' Basketball Team - Southern 8 Conference Champions

Williams Township Volleyball Team - State play-offs - Conference Champions

SCHOOLS - HONOR COUNTY AND CITY SYSTEMS FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously that in the future the Board will honor the entire County and City School Systems for outstanding achievements.

FINANCE - GAYLE GODWIN APPOINTED AS FINANCE OFFICER

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appoint Gayle B. Godwin as Finance Officer effective June 19, 1989 at an annual salary of \$27,792.00 as adopted in the 1989-90 Columbus County Operating Adopted Budget.

MEETING RECESSED

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to recess the meeting at 9:10 P.M. until a date to be set later in the month in order to take care of budget amendments and other matters relating to the June 30, 1988-89 year-end close out.