

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 9:00 A.M., Monday, July 3, 1989, it being the first Monday.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Samuel G. 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 meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by Commissioner Worley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 5, 1989 meeting, as recorded.

PUBLIC HEARING - BOND REFERENDUM

The Chairman announced that this was the hour and day fixed by the Board of Commissioners for the public hearing upon the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$16,400,000 SCHOOL BONDS" and that the Board of Commissioners would immediately hear anyone who might wish to be heard on the questions of the validity of said orders or the advisability of issuing said bonds.

No one appeared, either in person or by attorney, to be heard on the questions of the validity of said orders or the advisability of issuing said bonds and the County Administrator and Assistant Clerk to the Board of Commissioners announced that no written statement relating to said questions had been received.

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner Junior Dew, seconded by Commissioner Lynwood Norris and carried, the word "Clerk" in paragraph 3 of each of said orders was amended to read "Assistant Clerk".

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner Junior dew, seconded by Commissioner Lynwood Norris and carried, the order introduced and passed on first reading on June 19, 1989 entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$16,400,000 SCHOOL BONDS", as amended, was read a second time and placed upon its final passage. The vote upon the final passage of said order was:

AYES: Commissioners Buddy Byrd, Junior Dew, Sam Koonce,
Lynwood Norris and Ed Worley

NOES: N/A

The Chairman then announced that the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$16,400,000 SCHOOL BONDS", as amended, has been adopted.

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner Junior Dew, seconded by Commissioner Lynwood Norris and carried, the order introduced and passed on first reading on June 19, 1989, entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$1,100,000 COMMUNITY COLLEGE BONDS", as amended, was read a second time and placed upon its final passage. The vote upon the final passage of said order was:

Ayes: Commissioners Sam Koonce, Buddy Byrd, Junior Dew, Lynwood Norris and Ed Worley.

Noes: N/A

The Chairman then announced that the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$1,100,000 COMMUNITY COLLEGE BONDS", as amended, had been adopted.

The County Administrator and Assistant Clerk to the Board of Commissioners was thereupon directed 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.

Thereupon Commissioner Junior Dew introduced the following resolution which was read:

RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL BOND
REFERENDUM

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

Section 1. A special bond referendum is hereby called to be held between 6:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M., on Tuesday, September 19, 1989, at which there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of Columbus County the questions stated in the notice of special bond referendum set forth in Section 3 of this resolution.

Section 2. For said referendum, (i) the regular registration books for elections in Columbus County shall be used and the registration books, process or records shall be open for the registration of qualified persons and for public inspection in the manner, under the conditions and at the times and places as provided in said notice set forth in Section 3 of this resolution (ii) the registrars, judges and other officers of elections appointed by the Columbus County Board of Elections for the several precincts and voting places in said County shall be the election officers for such precincts and voting places and (iii) the precincts and voting places shall be those fixed by the Columbus County Board of Elections as provided in said notice set forth in Section 3 of this resolution, subject to change as provided by law. The Columbus County Board of Elections is hereby requested to conduct said referendum and to take all necessary steps to that end in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Section 3. The County Administrator and Assistant Clerk to the Board of Commissioners shall cause a notice to be published in The News Reporter once at least fourteen days before August 21, 1989 (being the last day on which persons may register for said referendum except as otherwise provided in said notice set forth in Section 3 of this resolution) and once again not less than seven days before said day, such notice to read substantially as follows:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM
In the
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA

A special bond referendum will be held throughout Columbus County between 6:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M., on Tuesday, September 19, 1989, at which there will be submitted to the qualified voters of said County the following questions:

1.

Shall the order adopted on July 3, 1989, authorizing not exceeding \$16,400,000 school Bonds of the County of Columbus County, North Carolina, for the purpose of providing funds, 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 to maintain the nine months' school term as required by Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

2.

Shall the order adopted on July 3, 1989, authorizing not exceeding \$1,100,000 Community College Bonds of the County of North Carolina, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for enlarging, improving and repairing the facilities of 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, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

The questions hereinabove set forth contain a statement of the purposes for which the bonds are authorized by the orders referred to in said questions.

If said bonds are issued taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest thereof will be levied upon all taxable property in the County of Columbus.

For said referendum the regular registration books for elections in the County of Columbus will be used and the registration books, process of records will continue to be open for the acceptance of registration applications and the registration of qualified persons from 8:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. on Monday to Friday, inclusive, of each week at the office of the Columbus County Board of Elections located at 304 Jefferson Street in Whiteville, North Carolina.

In addition, qualified persons may register (i) with the registrars or judges of elections for the several precincts in the County by appointment, (ii) with special registration commissioners designated by the Columbus County Board of Elections at such times and places as are announced by the Columbus County Board of Election, (iii) at any of the public libraries located in the County during their respective normal business hours, (iv) with the City Clerk at the City Hall in the City of Whiteville and the Town Clerk at the Town Hall in each of the towns of Chadbourn, Lake Waccamaw, Bolton, Fair Bluff, Cerro Gordo, Brunswick and Tabor City

during their respective business hours and (v) at any Drivers License Examining Station located in the State of North Carolina during normal business hours when applying for, renewing or correcting driver licenses.

Furthermore, certain persons in the armed forces and their spouses, certain veterans, certain civilians working with the armed forces, and members of the Peace Corps may register by mail at any time prior to said referendum in the manner provided in Article 21 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and in person at any time, including the day of said referendum.

Those residents of the County who have not voted in either of one of the two most recent successive presidential elections or in any other election conducted in the period between said two elections will not be considered to be registered under Columbus County's permanent registration system.

Those residents of Columbus County who are presently registered under Columbus County's permanent registration system and who have not changed residence from one precinct to another since their registration will be permitted to vote in said referendum, provided that removal from one precinct to another shall not deprive any person of the right to vote in the precinct from which he has removed until 30 days after his removal and, further, that any person who has changed residence from one precinct to another more than 30 days prior to said referendum may obtain a certificate of removal and record a change of address on the date of said referendum and vote in the office of the Columbus County Board of Elections mentioned above or at such other location as specified by the Columbus County Board of Elections.

The last day for new registration of those not now registered under Columbus County's permanent registration system is Monday, August 21, 1989.

Except as provided above, the last day on which registered voters who have changed residence from one precinct to another may transfer registration is Monday, August 21, 1989.

Any qualified voter of the County who is qualified to vote by absentee ballot in said special bond referendum may apply to the Columbus County Board of Elections for an absentee ballot. Any qualified voter who is qualified to vote by military absentee ballot pursuant to Section 163-245 of the General Statutes of North Carolina may also apply for an absentee ballot as provided by Section 163-247 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

Persons who are not certain whether they are registered to vote or qualified to vote by absentee ballot or who desire further information concerning the registration process or said referendum should contact the Columbus County Board of Elections at the office of said Board mentioned above.

The registration books for elections in Columbus County will be open to inspection by any registered voter of the County during the normal business hours of the Columbus County Board of Elections on the days when the office of said Board is open, and such days are challenge days.

The registrars, judges and other officers of elections appointed by the Columbus County Board of Elections will serve as the election officers for said referendum.

The Columbus County Board of Elections will conduct said referendum.

The precincts and the voting places for said referendum, subject to change as provided by law, are as follows:

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VOTING PLACE

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Mack I. Todd
Chairman of Columbus County
Board of Elections

Roy L. Lowe

County Administrator and Assistant
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
for the County of Columbus, North Carolina

Section 4. The form of the questions to appear in the ballots to be used at said referendum shall be substantially as follows:

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SCHOOL BONDS

..... Shall the order adopted on July 3, 1989, authorizing not exceeding \$16,400,000 School Bonds of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, for the purpose of providing 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 to maintain the nine months' school term as required by Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

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YES

NO

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE BONDS

..... Shall the order adopted on July 3, 1989, authorizing not exceeding \$1,100,000 Community College Bonds of the County of North Carolina, 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, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

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YES

NO

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Section 5. The County Administrator and Assistant Clerk to the Board of Commissioners is hereby directed to mail or deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Columbus County Board of Elections within three days after the adoption hereof.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner Junior Dew, seconded by Commissioner Lynwood Norris, the following resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM" was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Sam Koonce, Buddy Byrd, Junior Dew, Lynwood Norris and Ed Worley.

Noes: N/A

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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 meeting held

on July 3, 1989 as relates in any way to the adoption of two orders authorizing bonds of said County and the calling of a special bond referendum and that said proceedings are recorded in Minute Book No. ²⁰ of the minutes of said Board, beginning at Page ⁴⁰¹ and ending at Page ⁴¹².

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 pursuant to G. S. 143-318.12 as of a date not less than seven days before said meeting.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that I mailed or delivered a certified copy of the resolution passed on July 3, 1989 entitled: "RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM" to the Columbus County Board of Elections on or before the third day following the passage of said resolution.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County, this 3rd day of July, 1989.

/s/ Roy L. Lowe
County Administrator and Assistant
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

The following was published in The News Reporter on July 6, 1989:

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 school 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 ORDERED 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 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.

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 was adopted on the 3rd day of July, 1989, and is hereby published this 6th day of July, 1989. Any action or proceeding questioning the validity of the order must be begun within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.

Roy L. Lowe
County Administrator and Assistant
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
for the County of Columbus,
North Carolina

The following was published in The News Reporter on July 6, 1989:

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 questions of approving such 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 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 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 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.

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 foregoing order was adopted on the 3rd day of July, 1989, and is hereby published this 6th day of July, 1989. Any action or proceeding questioning the validity of the order must be begun within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.

Roy L. Lowe

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The following was published in The News Reporter on July 6 and July 13, 1989:

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LEASE AGREEMENT FOR RECYCLING TRASH - DONNIE BECK

Bob High and Donnie Beck made a presentation to the Board in reference to a recycling project which would require the County of Columbus to enter into an agreement with Donnie's Equipment Service for recycling trash.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to enter into an agreement with Donnie Beck and appropriate funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 from Non-Departmental - Contingencies (10-660-9999) to be expended in Special Appropriations - Recycling Project Agreement (10-690-9801). Agreement is as follows:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COLUMBUS COUNTY

THIS LEASE, made this 31st day of July, A.D., 1989, by Donnie Beck and wife, Linda Beck (herein called the "lessor") and Columbus County, a body politic, (herein called the "lessee").

WITNESSETH: That, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) to the lessor paid by the lessee, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and in further consideration of the rent to be paid as herein set forth, the lessor has demised and leased, and does hereby demise and lease, unto the lessee the following structure in Whiteville Township, Columbus County, State of North Carolina, to wit:

Being a storage warehouse formerly known as Warehouse Number One at the Moores Building Supplies location and being on the South side of Magnolia Street, together with necessary parking for carrying on a recycling business or any other lawful activities connected with Columbus County.

The lessee, the County of Columbus, has the right to construct a ramp outside the premises for the purpose of all loading and unloading materials.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises and the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, to the lessee for a term as follows: Beginning July 1, 1989 and terminating on June 30, 1990.

Provided that the lessee shall have the option and privilege to extend this lease from term to term for 14 additional successive terms of one year each, the rent for the extended term to be as hereinafter set forth, by mailing the lessor at Route 3, Box 327, Whiteville, NC, notice in writing, signed by the lessee, stating that the lessee intends to keep said premises for the ensuing one year period and to become bound for rent for said period, such notice to be posted in the mail or personally delivered to the lessor at least ten days before the expiration of the term then in force. Upon the giving of such notice, all provisions of this lease shall be extended for the additional term, it being understood that the total life of this lease shall not exceed 15 years from July 1, 1989. If the lessee shall fail to give the notice in writing within the time above specified, then the rights of the lessee to extend shall terminate at the end of the term then in force. It is understood that lessee may not elect to take any extended term, unless this lease has been continuously in force and all

accrued rent paid. If the lease is allowed to lapse, then the right to take any further extended terms also lapses.

The lessor hereby reserves rent for the premises, due and payable in the following sums and on the following terms: Beginning July 1, 1989, the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars in advance and continuing at the same rate for August 1, and September 1, 1989. Beginning October 1, 1989 and continuing on the 1st day of each successive calendar month thereafter, the rent rate shall be the sum of \$700.00 per month payable in advance. This is the rate also for the optional period.

The lessee agrees to pay the rent for the original term, and also for each extended term which lessee shall elect to accept. If the lessee shall fail to pay any installment of rent at the time provided for the payment of same as above set forth, and such rent shall continue to remain in arrears for 30 days after the lessor or his agent shall make demand in writing on the lessee for same, then the lessor, at his option, may declare all further rights of the lessee hereunder forfeited, and may immediately enter said premises and dispossess the lessee, who shall have no further right, title, or interest in said premises. This right of the lessor shall be cumulative and shall be additional to other rights and remedies of the lessor, including the right to recover of the lessee for the breach of the agreement.

The lessor covenants and warrants that the lessor is seized of said premises in fee, free from encumbrance, and has right to make this lease, and the lessee shall enjoy the premises herein provided, free from the adverse claims of any person.

Ad valorem taxes which shall accrue on the premises during the term herein provided shall be paid by the lessor for city taxes and the lessee for county taxes.

The lessee hereby covenants with the lessor (and it is hereby stipulated):

1. That the lessee will keep the premises in as good condition as they are in at the date of this instrument, unavoidable accidents and reasonable wear and tear to the buildings excepted.

2. That the lessee will not cause or suffer any waste of the premises.

3. That the lessee will deliver up to the lessor the possession of said premises when the term of this lease shall expire as provided hereby or by law.

4. That the lessee hereby waives notice to quit; and the lessee shall not use or occupy said premises longer than the term of extension thereof, if any, herein provided, unless a written agreement to the contrary is entered into by the parties.

It is intended that, in the construction of this instrument, if the context require, the singular shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular and the masculine shall include the feminine.

The assigns, heirs, executors, administrators and successors of each party to this instrument shall succeed to all rights, titles, interests or other warranties, contracts, or other obligations herein binding such party; subject however, to the provisions that this lease may be assigned by the lessee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument has been signed, sealed and delivered in duplicate as appears below.

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

Donnie Beck

By: Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman

Linda Beck

ATTESTED BY:

Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

FIRE SERVICE DISTRICTS - COMPLAINT ON TAXATION

There were several Columbus County citizens attending the Board meeting in reference to the Fire Service Districts taxation.

Chairman Koonce appointed Charles Lennon as spokesman for the group.

First, Chairman Koonce made the following comments.

We needed to have this meeting for final figures from the Administrative office to end the fiscal year. We did not adjourn at the last meeting to circumvent the actions of this Board. In order for a Fire District to become a Tax Service District it had to be approved at the end of the fiscal year. If it had not been acted on it would be the next fiscal year before any action can be taken. At the public hearings, the proposed rates requested were from 7¢ to 10¢ and we thought that a 6¢ rate would be agreeable with everyone.

Mr. Charles Lennon then addressed the Board stating that at the June 19, 1989 meeting, it was the understanding of the people that nothing would be done on real or personal property until a Committee was formed and a study done. We read in the paper that the 6¢ tax rate was set for four (4) districts, Roseland, North Whiteville, Hallsboro and Williams Township. We are not against the fire departments, we are against the concept of taxing our property. We feel that a 6¢ tax levy is too much. We would like to see the law changed from taxing all property to homes and buildings only (farmland and equipment should not be included). We want Senator Soles and Representative Leo Mercer contacted to see if the law can be changed.

Mr. Jake Godwin, representing the Williams Township Fire District, spoke stating that the 6¢ tax rate was too much, we would like to see the Volunteer Fire Department be a Community effort in raising funds as we have in the past.

Commissioner Worley stated that he had taken a neutral stand in the issue. This Board is in agreement with you concerning the farmland and equipment. We cannot do anything about this, we are within the law and until it is amended in Raleigh all personal and real property are included. These taxes for the Fire Departments will not be misused. Each Fire Department will be audited each year and if there is a surplus, a public hearing can be scheduled for the residents within the district to request a lower rate to be set.

Commissioner Dew commented that the Board appreciates everyone's support. Approximately three years ago several insurance companies were leaving Columbus County and in order to get insurance on your property it is important to have fire protection. If you do not have Fire Departments to protect you then your insurance premiums can be doubled.

Commissioner Byrd commented that it is the Fire Departments requesting a tax levy now, the Rescue Squads will probably be next.

Commissioner Dew stated that the contract can be broken at the end of six months should the Fire Service Districts request another public hearing.

Attorney James E. Hill, Jr. stated that the General Statute 153A-302(a) states all property within the district will be taxed. We cannot change the law, we will have to introduce a local bill for our Senator and Representative to present to the N. C. General Assembly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, and seconded by Commissioner Byrd to exempt the North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department from the 6¢ tax levy as approved on June 29, 1989 and set a 0¢ tax rate. Also, write a letter to Senator R. C. Soles, Jr. and Representative Leo Mercer to introduce a bill to the N.C. General Assembly to exclude farmland and farm machinery from the Fire Service Tax Districts. If the bill is passed, all other fire service districts will be adjusted accordingly.

Commissioner Byrd made a substitute motion to recind the tax levy of 6¢ to 0¢ on all four of the newly established fire tax districts (Roseland, North Whiteville, Hallsboro and Williams).

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

The Chairman then requested the vote on Commissioner Dew's motion.

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

NOES: None

NORTH CAROLINA

COLUMBUS COUNTY

C O N T R A C T

This Contract is entered into this 3rd day of July, 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 North Whiteville Volunteer 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, North Whiteville Fire District is an unincorporated rural fire district organized prusuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department, owns the land and building used as the fire station for the North Whiteville Fire District located on Highway 701 in Whiteville, North Carolina; and

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

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

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 zero (0¢) cents 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 North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department shall be responsible for the dispatching of the equipment and personnel throughout the North Whiteville 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 North Whiteville Fire District free of charge to all persons and individuals located within the District. Nothing within this contract shall prohibit the North Whiteville Fire Department from soliciting charitable donations, or conducting fundraising to solely benefit the North Whiteville 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 North Whiteville 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 the County Department; the North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department agrees to use standard line items for accounting devised or consented by the County Budget Officer from time to time.

8. Either the North Whiteville 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 the North Whiteville 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.

NORTH WHITEVILLE
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.
By: Arthur B. Horton

ATTEST:
/s/ Betty Oliver
(SEAL)

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
/s/ Samuel G. Koonce
Chairman

ATTEST:
/s/ Ida L. Smith
Clerk to the Board
(SEAL)

TAX ADMINISTRATOR - OATH OF OFFICE

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to appoint William D. Brooks, Jr. as Tax Administrator-Assessor for a two (2) year term. Oath of Office was administered by Lacy Thompson, Clerk of Court.

NORTH CAROLINA

COLUMBUS COUNTY

OATH OF OFFICE

"I, William D. "Bill" Brooks, do Solemnly Swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Tax Administrator-Assessor of Columbus County, so help me God."

William D. Brooks, Jr.

Sworn to before ~~to this the~~ 3rd day of July, 1989.

Lacy Thompson
Clerk of Court

Attest:

Roy L. Lowe
County Administrator
(SEAL)

FIRE AND RESCUE - ANNUAL CERTIFICATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve the annual certification of volunteer firemen and rescue squad members as follows:

Cerro Gordo Volunteer Fire Department
White Marsh-Welches Creek Volunteer Fire Department
Williams Township Volunteer Fire Department
Old Dock-Cypress Creek Volunteer Fire Department
Buckhead Volunteer Fire Department
Buckhead Volunteer Rescue Squad
Roseland Volunteer Fire Department
Bolton Volunteer Fire Department
Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department
Nakina Volunteer Fire Department
Nakina Volunteer Rescue Department
St. James Volunteer Fire Department
Tabor City Volunteer Rescue Squad

DOT - REQUEST FOR IDENTIFICATION OF BROADWAY AND CHINA GROVE COMMUNITIES TO BE PLACED ON COUNTY MAP

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to contact the Department of Transportation requesting that the communities of Broadway and China Grove be placed on the County map and identification signs erected in each community.

PROJECT ORDINANCE ADOPTED - ROAD NAMING PROJECT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adopt the following project ordinance for the road naming project.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus, North Carolina that, pursuant to Section 159-13.2 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project ordinance is HEREBY ADOPTED:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is the Road Naming Project.

SECTION 2. The project director is hereby directed to proceed with the construction of the project within the terms of the various grant and loan agreements executed with the Federal and State governments in accordance with the limitations set forth in Section 143 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, and within the funds appropriated herein.

SECTION 3. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to the County to complete the project:

Transfer from General Fund (Pork Barrel Contributions)	\$13,950.00
State Appropriations (Estimate)	32,550.00

SECTION 4. The following amounts are appropriated for the project.

Road Naming Project	\$46,500.00
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SECTION 5. The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly on the financial status of this project. We shall also keep the governing body informed at each regular meeting of any unusual occurrences.

SECTION 6. Copies of the capital project ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out the project.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of July, 1989.

APPOINTMENTS - LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to appoint Linda Young to serve on the Local Emergency Planning Committee to replace Mr. Walter Willis due to retirement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to appoint C. W. Formyduval to serve on the Local Emergency Planning Committee to replace LaRue Fowler.

SURPLUS VEHICLES - APPROVAL OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR SALE

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to authorize the selling of three (3) surplus county owned vehicles:

- 1984 Chevrolet - 4 Door ID No. 1G1AL6964EX158919
- 1984 Chevrolet - 4 door ID No. 1G1AL6963EX158975
- 1985 Chevrolet - 4 Door ID No. 1G1BL6965FY153857

The date of the sale is the 27th day of July, 1989, at 6:30 P.M. at the Columbus County Auto Auction, Chadbourn Highway, Whiteville, North Carolina

Each vehicle will be sold separately for cash.

The Board of Commissioners of Columbus County reserves the right to award or reject any and all bids in the best interest of Columbus County.

Roy L. Lowe
County Administrator

BUDGET AMENDMENT - SHERIFF'S DEPT.

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

Appropriate 10-660-9999 - Non-Dept. Cont.	(\$14,294.00)
To be expended as follows:	
10-510-0200 Salaries	11,832.00
10-510-0500 FICA	900.00
10-510-0700 Retirement	970.00
10-510-0901 Retirement (401 K)	592.00

CONTRACT - POLICE PROTECTION TOWN OF BRUNSWICK

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to enter into a contract with the Town of Brunswick for police protection as follows:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT, made and entered into this the 3rd day of July, 1989, by and between the County of Columbus, through its subsidiary, the duly executed Sheriff of Columbus County, a body politic, and the Town of Brunswick, a municipal government corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina and located in Columbus County, North Carolina;

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus has been requested by the Town of Brunswick to provide temporary assistance with respect to the furnishing of law enforcement officials, and the County has agreed to provide the same; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 160A-288 provides for the cooperation between law enforcement agencies and allows the governing body of the town and of the county to provide temporary officers to the requesting agency, the Town of Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Brunswick has agreed to partially reimburse the County of Columbus for providing of the said law enforcement officials on a part time basis;

BE IT THEREFORE CONTRACTED AND AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The County of Columbus, through the Columbus County Sheriff's Department shall furnish to the Town of Brunswick, Deputy Sheriffs within the said town for a period of eighteen (18) man hours per week within the town limits; and

2. The County of Columbus shall provide the Town of Brunswick with a toll free number to call on a twenty-four (24) hour day, seven (7) days a week service for any emergency assistance with respect to law enforcement; and

3. The County of Columbus shall allow the Sheriff's number to be published under the policeman number for the Town of Brunswick in the upcoming new directory for the town; and

4. The Town of Brunswick shall beginning on the 1st day of July, 1989, and continuing on the 1st day of each month thereafter pay to the County of Columbus to be deposited in the general funds under the Sheriff's Department the sum of Five Hundred, Forty One and 67/100 (\$541.67) Dollars per month as partial reimbursement for the equipment, automobiles and manpower encompassed within this Contract.

5. The County of Columbus and the Town of Brunswick may cancel this Contract at any time upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party without cause or justification.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the County of Columbus has caused this Contract to be executed in its name, by its Chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners, attested to by its Clerk and the county seal thereunto affixed, all by the

authority of the Board of County Commissioners duly given and the Town of Brunswick has caused this Contract to be executed in its name, by its Mayor, attested by its Clerk and the town seal thereunto affixed, all by authority of the town board duly given as of the day and year first above written.

County of Columbus
Samuel G. Koonce
Chairman

ATTEST:
Ida L. Smith
Clerk to the Board

TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
Bennett Williams
Mayor

ATTEST:
Minerva Williams
Town Clerk

This Contract properly executed, notarized and certified.

GOVERNING BODY - BOARD MEETING CANCELLED

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution to cancel the July 17, 1989 Board meeting.

NOTICE TO CANCEL REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

The Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, at their regular meeting on the third of July 1989, unanimously adopted the following resolution and notice:

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners would hold a regular meeting on July 17, 1989 as regularly scheduled; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the Board of Commissioners are planning to attend the National Association of County Commissioners' Annual Conference on July 17, 1989; and

WHEREAS, a majority is needed to form a quorum under North Carolina Law.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that the regular meeting of the said Board scheduled for 7:30 P.M. on the 17th day of July, 1989 be, and the same is hereby cancelled, and the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board shall be the 7th day of August, 1989.

BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
COLUMBUS COUNTY, NC
/s/ Samuel G. Koonce
Chairman

ATTEST:
/s/ Roy L. Lowe
Administrator/Asst. Clerk

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 A.M.

APPROVED:

Samuel G. Koonce
Chairman

Ida L. Smith
Clerk to the Board