

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 9:00 A.M., December 4, 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 Chairman called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by the Reverend Wade Fowler.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD - CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman announced that it was time to appoint a Chairman and Vice Chairman for the upcoming year and asked County Attorney, James E. Hill, Jr. to act as Chairman to transact the appointments.

Attorney Hill briefed the Board on the procedure for selecting officers and then opened the floor for nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Worley nominated Commissioner Byrd for Chairman and Commissioner Norris as Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Koonce nominated Commissioner Norris for Chairman and Commissioner Byrd for Vice Chairman.

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to close the nominations.

Attorney Hill stated that the Board would vote on the nominations in reverse order.

Voting for Commissioner Norris for Chairman and Commissioner Byrd for Vice Chairman was Commissioner Koonce.

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Attorney Hill announced that Commissioner Byrd was appointed as Chairman and Commissioner Norris as Vice Chairman.

Chairman Byrd and Vice Chairman Norris are authorized to sign all instruments on behalf of Columbus County. Resolution is on file at the Clerk to the Board's office.

Commissioner Byrd then assumed the duties of Chairman and conducted the following business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 20, 1989 Board meeting, as recorded.

SURETY BOND EXAMINATION AND APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve the surety bonds in the amounts listed for the following persons:

Ila Penny, Register of Deeds	\$ 15,000
Sheriff	50,000
Linwood Cartrette, Coroner	15,000
Dale Ward, Assistant Coroner	15,000
Gayle Godwin, Finance Officer	100,000
W.D. "Bill" Brooks, Tax Administrator	75,000

APPOINTMENTS - ADVISORY PERSONNEL BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to reappoint the following persons to serve on the Advisory Personnel Board, with two (2) year terms, expiring November 30, 1991.

Donnie Graham, P.O. Box 141, Whiteville, NC 28472
 M.S. "Jake" Jones, 602 Bob White Lane, Whiteville, NC 28472
 Tom Aldridge, District Attorney, Whiteville, NC 28472

APPOINTMENT TABLED - SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to table the appointment to the Southeastern Regional Mental Health Board until the next Board meeting.

COLUMBUS INDUSTRIES - TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Mr. Dave Godwin addressed the Board in reference to the loss of federal funding to the Columbus County Mental Health Center has forced them to begin charging handicapped, mentally retarded and mentally ill clients \$40.00 per month for transportation, effective December 6, 1989.

Mr. Tommy Holmes, Mental Health Director, stated that they are getting money for the programs in Columbus county but are not getting money to transport the people to the programs. He further stated that the only solution to the transportation problem is to lobby state legislators for more funding.

SHERIFF DEPT. - DISPOSITION OF SERVICE REVOLVER

The Administrator presented a letter from the Sheriff requesting that Kenneth M. Squires, Retired Deputy, be awarded his service revolver for his years of dedicated service to Columbus County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the Sheriff's Department to get an appraisal on the revolver and allow Kenneth M. Squires to purchase the revolver for the appraised price.

PAYROLL - DISTRIBUTION OF DECEMBER PAY CHECKS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve the distribution of payroll checks and Christmas Bonuses on December 21, 1989.

TAX RELEASES

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

Requested: that the following tax listings be cancelled or released due to changes in transfers, valuations, or rebillings.

Donald O. & Patricia J. Wiggins; valuation of house located on TC 4 173 C reduced due to depreciation. Amount \$153.05, valuation \$4,800, year 1989, account #6-43015.

David Earl and Helen H. Fowler; only one septic tank on property. Amount \$9.62, valuation \$1,300, year 1989, account #9-08600.

Paula Ann Murry; motor vehicle was listed in Columbus County through error. Finance Company repossessed it from husband who was living in Alamance County. Amount \$36.45, valuation \$5,360, year 1989, account #9-21198.

United States of America FHA; United States of America owned the following properties on 1-1-89 (not sold as of 11-16-89) therefore are tax exempt. Amount \$650.08, valuation \$95,600, year 1989, account #14-17161.

D.L. & Emma F. Todd; parcel J5B-123, year 1989, account 31-95720. Amount \$194.28, valuation \$28,570, year 1989, account #1-95720.

Barney Benton (Heirs); out building transferred from M-16-25 to M-16-27. Amount \$29.24, valuation \$4,300.00, year 1989, account #7-00320.

Austin and Pearl Clewis; parcels 0-8-45 and 0-8-48 are double-listed on parcel 8-8-57. Amount \$163.04, valuation \$20,160, years 1982 through 1989, account #3-03100.

Requested; that a refund check be issued to Leroy and Martha Thompson, Route 1, Box 23, Chadbourn, NC 28431, in the amount of \$126.36 for year 1989. A release was to be made due to the fact that a green house was no longer on tract H-6-102, but through error, Mrs. Thompson paid the bill before the release was complete. Amount \$126.36, valuation \$16,200, year 1989, account #13-39820.

Requested: that a refund check be issued to D.L. and Emma F. Todd, UCB Trust Department, C/O James Edwards, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$125.32, for the year 1989. Billed with a value of \$66,300 instead of Land Use Value of \$19,300. Payment of \$256.56 was made instead of \$131.24. Amount \$125.32, valuation \$66,300, year 1989, account #1-95720.

RESOLUTION - APPRECIATION TO SAMUEL G. KOONCE FOR CHAIRMANSHIP

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to draft a resolution of appreciation to Samuel G. Koonce for his services as Chairman for the past year to be presented to him at the next Board meeting.

PERSONNEL HANDBOOK - DISTRIBUTE DRAFT TO BOARD MEMBERS

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris, and passed unanimously to direct the Administration office to complete the draft of the Personnel Manual and distribute to all Board members for final approval.

PURCHASING POLICY - DRAFT FOR BOARD'S APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to direct the Administrator to develop a policy on purchasing to be presented to the Board for approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:40 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 10:00 A.M., a motion was made Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn executive session and resume regular session.

No action was taken.

SHERIFF - APPOINTMENT OF HAROLD LEE RAINS TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF HENRY ROWAN

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to appoint Harold Lee Rains as the Columbus County Sheriff, to fill the unexpired term of Henry Rowan, with term expiring December 3, 1990, with salary to be as indicated in the 1989-90 Adopted Operating Budget.

GOVERNING BOARD - MEETING DATE CANCELLED FOR THIRD MONDAY IN DECEMBER, 1989 AND TIME CHANGE FOR JANUARY 16, 1990

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to cancel the December 18, 1989 Board meeting and change the time for the January 16, 1990 meeting from 7:30 P.M. to 9:00 A.M.

NOTICE AND RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH 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 4th day of December, 1989, unanimously adopted the following Resolution:

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, have presently regularly scheduled meetings at 7:30 P.M. on the third Monday of each calendar month; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, are desirous of changing the meeting for the third Monday in December, 1989 only.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153-40 that the Board will not meet at 7:30 o'clock P.M. in the Board Room of the Columbus County Administration Building, Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, on the third Monday in December, 1989; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners that a copy of this Resolution and Notice shall be placed on the Courthouse Bulletin Board and the main door to the County Administration Building, as well as, to all the news media who has requested notice.

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

BY: /s/ Buddy Byrd, Chairman

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ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

BY: /s/ Buddy Byrd, Chairman

MEETING RECESSED

At 10:05 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to recess the meeting until 11:00 A.M., December 4, 1989.

The Board then went to the Superior Court Room for the swearing in ceremonies of the newly appointed Sheriff, Harold Lee Rains.

OATH OF OFFICE - SHERIFF HAROLD LEE RAINS

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
 COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
 IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Harold Lee Rains, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, so help me, God.

I, Harold Lee Rains, do further solemnly and sincerely swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me God.

I, Harold Lee Rains, do solemnly swear that I will execute the office of Sheriff of Columbus County to the best of my knowledge and ability, agreeably to law; and that I will not take, accept or receive, directly or indirectly, any fee, gift, bribe, gratuity or reward, whatsoever, for returning any man to serve as a juror or for making any false return on any process to be directed; so help me, God.

/s/ Harold Lee Rains

Sworn and subscribed before me,
 this 4th day of December, 1989

/s/ Dexter Brooks
 Presiding Superior Court Judge

RECESSED MEETING RESUMED

The Chairman called the meeting back to order at 11:10 A.M., December 4, 1989, with all Board Members, County Attorney, County Administrator and Clerk to the Board present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Immediately a motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting into executive session to discuss an attorney/client matter.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 12:45 P.M., A motion was made by Commisisoner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn executive session and resume regular session.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED:


 Clerk to the Board


 Chairman