

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 P.M, Tuesday, October 29, 1991, in the Columbus County Superior Courtroom to resume a meeting for the purpose of holding a public hearing in order to inform the public on the future handling of Solid Waste and the idea of a Regional Landfill being located in Columbus County.

*BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:*

*Lynwood Norris, Chairman*

*Ed Worley, Vice Chairman*

*Junior Dew*

*Samuel G. Koonce*

*Mike Richardson*

*James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney*

*Roy L. Lowe, Administrator*

*Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board*

*CHAMBERS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY:*

*Ross Povey, Southern Regional Manager*

*Wade Jernigan, County Director*

*Greg Cekander, Southern Regional Engineer*

*There were approximately 175 persons in attendance.*

*Chairman Norris called the public hearing to order and Dr. W.C. Burns gave the invocation.*

*Commissioner Dew made the following statement: By new federal and state rules, we have to shut down our present landfill by 1994 and the sad thing is we get no compensation from the state to help with this cost. This is what the Board of Commissioners is facing and we want you to take a look at what we are facing.*

*Chairman Norris then turned the meeting over to Ross Povey, Southern Regional Manager for Chambers Development Company.*

*Mr. Povey, stated that Chambers Development is proposing to develop a new regional landfill and recycling facility in Columbus County and no decision has been made by the County Commissioners. We propose to investigate several potential sites for the new facility; only the Big Bay area has been proposed at this time due to the large acreage involved and the location. In the event a suitable site is available, proper zoning will be obtained from the County and the design and permitting process will be initiated. Once a solid waste disposal permit is obtained from the Division of Solid Waste Management of the N.C. Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, construction will begin on the new regional landfill and recycling facility. The proposal is designed to serve eleven (11) counties: Columbus, Brunswick, Bladen, Robeson, New Hanover, Pender, Cumberland and Sampson in North Carolina, as well as Dillon, Marion and Horry in South Carolina.*

Mr. Greg Cekander showed a video presentation on the development and design of a regional landfill that is in operation in Charles City County, Virginia by Chambers Development Company.

Chairman Norris stated that the Chambers' officials will answer any questions in reference to the proposal. The Chairman requested anyone in attendance who wished to ask questions or make comments to be recognized by raising their hand, state their name and where they reside.

The following persons asked questions and/or made statements:

Walter Strickland, Cherry Grove  
 Cecilia Pleasants, Chadbourn  
 Chandler Worley, Fair Bluff  
 Ted Spivey, Cherry Grove  
 Joe Buffkin, Tabor City  
 Herman Stevens, Fireway  
 Dale McPherson, Union Valley  
 David Gore, Nakina  
 Sterling Hinson, Mill Branch  
 Gale Whitehead, Chadbourn  
 Herbert Murray, Pender County  
 Craig Turner, Whiteville  
 C.W. Todd, Williams Township  
 Bill Ashley, Whiteville  
 H. Ward, Pender County  
 Jake Godwin, Beaverdam  
 Margaret Strickland, Fair Bluff  
 Larry Godwin, Beaverdam  
 Carlton Williamson, Whiteville  
 Mabel Becker, Whiteville  
 Bob High, Whiteville

Mr. Isaiah "Ikie" L. Guyton, R.S., Waste Management Specialist, for N.C. Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, spoke in reference to the landfill permitting process which takes a total of three years. Further, it will be much more successful and feasible if counties join together in the landfill process. We need to reduce waste by recycling. How you plan to undertake the new landfill process, depends on how much you are willing to pay for the project. Mr Guyton advised that incineration is not the way to go as there is not enough waste in Columbus County to even begin to justify the expense.

Commissioners Koonce, Worley, Dew and Richardson made comments concerning the landfill.

Billy Hooks explained to the group that he has been to Charles City County, Virginia, where Chambers Development Company is operating a Regional Landfill and stated he was impressed with the operation.

Chairman Norris assured the persons in attendance that the public will be involved and have input in the landfill program and the Board will keep the County residents informed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 P.M.

APPROVED:

  
 Clerk to the Board

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 Chairman

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 8:00 A.M., Monday, November 4, 1991, it being the first Monday.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lynwood Norris, Chairman (arrived at 8:05 A.M.)

Ed Worley, Vice Chairman

Junior Dew

Samuel G. Koonce

Mike Richardson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board

Vice Chairman Worley called the meeting to order and Mr. Haynes Graham gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 21 and October 29, 1991 Board meetings, as recorded.

**PROCLAMATION - VET WORK WEEK**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to adopt the following Proclamation:

**P R O C L A M A T I O N**

**VET WORK WEEK**  
November 10-16, 1991

WHEREAS, the veterans in our community served their country during peace and war and kept our democracy safe; and

WHEREAS, many of these citizens returned to civilian life seeking full-time employment; and

WHEREAS, veterans are a viable part of the community. They enhance our work force with their experience and skills, and should be given special consideration for jobs; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that a period of time be set aside to honor these men and women;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners do proclaim November 10 through November 16, 1991 as "Employ a Vet Week" in Columbus County and commend this observance to all citizens, and urge the employment of Veterans by Columbus County businesses.

Adopted this 4th day of November, 1991.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS**

ATTESTED:

Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

/s/ Lynwood Norris, Chairman

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At this time, Chairman Lynwood Norris arrived and chaired the remainder of the meeting.

PROCLAMATION - FARM CITY WEEK

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

P R O C L A M A T I O N

FARM - CITY WEEK  
1991

WHEREAS, the growth and development of the County and the well-being of all of its citizens are dependent upon cooperation and exchange between the two essential environments of our society: farmers and city people; and

WHEREAS, the complexities of their individual problems and the divergence of their activities may lead to a widening gap of misunderstanding; and

WHEREAS, any gap of misunderstanding must be eliminated, and each group must understand the other if our American way of life is to endure; and

WHEREAS, Farm-City Week provides an unparalleled experience for farm and city people to become better acquainted.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the period of November 22 through November 28, 1991 to be "Farm-City Week", and do call upon all citizens of Columbus County to participate to the limit of their capabilities in the joint visits and civic and social events associated with a successful Farm-City Week in Columbus County.

Adopted this 4th day of November, 1991.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS

ATTESTED:

/s/ Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

/s/ Lynwood Norris, Chairman

PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL EDUCATION BUSINESS WEEK

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

P R O C L A M A T I O N:

WHEREAS, our business education plays a vital role in helping students effectively prepare for a meaningful occupation or postsecondary education beyond high school; and

WHEREAS, men and women trained as secretaries, accountants, specialists in marketing, merchandising, and information processing careers contribute to efficient business life and are essential to the continued prosperity of these United States; and

WHEREAS, it is altogether fitting and proper that the educational efforts of business education be recognized, encouraged, and honored;

BE IT KNOWN THAT I do hereby declare and set aside the week of November 10 - 16, 1991 to be national Education for Business Week to recognize the significant efforts and educational contributions of our business education teachers and staff to the well being of business and government life in America.

/s/ Lynwood Norris, Chairman

Columbus County Board of  
Commissioners

HANDICAPPED TRANSPORTATION - REPORT FROM PAUL POPE

Paul Pope, representing the Columbus County Interagency Transportation, presented a report to the Board that only \$3,000 has been raised for handicapped transportation. Money now available would pay for the vans through Friday, November 8, 1991. The proceeds from the fund raising dinner has not been determined, to date. Mr. Pope presented the Board with three Alternatives as follows:

1. Take over funding of the program at \$10,500 a month for 60 mental health clients.
2. Partially pay for the program and get the remainder of the money from other sources. Users of the program could be asked to pay more than the \$40.00 per month they are now charged. Other cost-cutting measures could include buying gas from the county and shortening routes.
3. Take no action.

Mr. Tommy Holmes said he did not expect any mental programs to fail without the transportation program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to table the request for funding until the Board receives the official audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 1991.

ALCOHOL DRUG PREVENTION COALITION - REPORT AND DIRECTOR INTRODUCTION

Ms. Ervie Bellamy, representing Columbus County Services Management, Inc., presented the Board with an update on the Columbus County Alcohol Drug Prevention and Coalition and the recent grant received of \$403,811. Mr. Ralph J. Cumbie was introduced to the Board as the new Program Director for the Alcohol Drug Prevention Coalition.

SOLID WASTE - EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH CHAMBERS FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER, 1991

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to extend the Landfill Contract with Chambers Development Company, Incorporated to pay an additional sum of FIFTY ONE THOUSAND, TWELVE (\$51,012.00) DOLLARS per month for the months of November and December, 1991.

SOLID WASTE - TIPPING FEE UPDATE AND DELINQUENT CONTRACT TO BE DRAFTED

The Administrator and the Clerk to the Board gave the following report on the Landfill tipping fee collection:

As of November 1, 1991, total collections are \$6,825.66. Total past due accounts are: \$11,767.40.

Ida Smith requested the Board to advise as to what steps to take in collecting the accounts as all delinquent accounts had been contacted and checks are not being received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to direct the Administrator and Attorney to draft a contract with the following information to be included:

- No charge below \$25.00. (Anything less than \$25.00, must be paid in cash.)
- All other accounts must have prior approval as to credit. (Credit application will be provided to each customer.)
- Charges are made upon dumping.
- 14 days after each charge is the date when the account is considered delinquent.
- Any account after 30 days will cause the account to lose the credit rating and will also stop the account from dumping trash until paid in full and re-established credit with county officials.

REGIONAL LANDFILL & CABLEVISION FRANCHISE - PRESENTATION BY CECELIA PLEASANTS

Ms. Cecelia Pleasants addressed the Board in reference to a proposed Regional Landfill being located in Columbus County, questioning the Board on their answer to the garbage problem.

Ms. Pleasants further stated that Columbus County is the only county in the state that has no cable franchise. You need a franchise to ensure that the cable companies are doing what they are supposed to and you can regulate cable.

Commissioner Koonce asked Ms. Pleasants what her answer is to the garbage problem?

Ms. Pleasants stated that composting and handling a landfill in the proper way.

Commissioner Worley asked Ms. Pleasants what she had in mind?

Ms. Pleasants said she has a lot of information that she wants to talk with the Commissioners about individually, but could not give her views in a short period of time.

TAX RELEASES

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

Frank Quin Blake; 1981 Volkswagon listed by mistake. Amount \$54.41, valuation \$5,850, year 1981, account #13-02800.

J.M. Dale & Mamie (Heirs); deferred taxes should be released. Amount \$208.68, valuation \$22,174, year 1991, account #13-11240.

Sammy K. Fields; release 1983 - 1991. Property sold to Boardman Pentecostal Holiness Church in 1982. Deed Book 340, page 275. Amount \$990.34, valuation \$126,080.00, years 1983-91, account #12-07970.

Roy Lee and Eliza J. Gerald; property TC 3, lot 23 should be billed to Tangela Baldwin Etal. Amount \$76.59, valuation \$11,100, year 1991, account #06-13960.

Ethel Freeman Graham; property vacant. Amount \$8.20, valuation \$1,200, years 1989-91, account #04-06165.

Giacomo Ghisalberti; value of vehicle incorrect. Amount \$49.38, valuation \$6,250, year 1991, account #15-15365.

Nathaniel W. & Sadie Hall; valuation corrected from \$23,530 to \$16,300. Billed through error with Ronald L. Halls' personal property (7230). Amount \$57.12, valuation \$7,230, account #15-17060.

Carl & Linda Long; release valuation of septic tank (\$1,500) on real estate. Release valuation on 1981 Lincoln, priced wrong. Amount \$60.60, valuation \$7,770, year 1991, account #03-13493.

Vernon Alonza & Goldie Moore; release deferred taxes, property sold to grandson and should not be billed. Amount \$7.10, valuation \$356.00, year 1991, account #15-27800.

William Lawrence Moore; real estate double-listed to Austin Baldwin on M-2-62, from 1982 until 1991. Amount \$362.90, valuation \$45,540, years 1982-91, account #14-11300.

H.L. Norris; release deferred taxes property sold to family. Amount \$127.68, year 1991, account #09-22780.

Alan Dale and Carlene Stanley; vehicle wrecked prior to 1-1-91. Amount \$34.08, valuation \$4,800, year 1991, account #01-88288.

H.G. Stroud; vehicle listed in another state January, 1991. Amount \$146.56, valuation \$21,240, year 1991, account #06-38809.

C.T. Ward; real estate double-listed to Judy Lowery. Amount \$18.06, valuation \$2,100.00, years 1982-84, account #06-40780.

Ben T. Watson (Heirs); release deferred taxes, property sold to family. Amount \$155.04, valuation \$22,470, year 1991, account #12-28386.

B.B. Wright; deferred taxes should be released, property sold to family. Amount \$326.04, valuation \$41,194, year 1991, account #09-34740.

Beatrice Moore Yates; property double-listed to Jesse W. Carter. Amount \$69.00, valuation \$10,000, year 1991, account #13-45820.

Estella Soles; failed to receive the Senior-citizens exemption. Amount \$92.40, valuation \$12,000, year 1991, account #03-23203.

B.A. & Eliza Milligan; not in the Yam City Fire District. Amount \$29.84, years 1989, 90, account #06-25840.

Dayton Tillman & Addie Gore; not in the Old Dock Fire District. Amount \$29.84, year 1991, account #07-05880.

William Moody and Viola Prince; not in the Yam City Fire District. Amount \$29.84, year 1991, account #06-30420.

Mary B. Wyche (Etal); not in the Hallsboro Fire District. Amount \$29.84, year 1991, account #08-21260.

CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION - REQUEST BY CROWELL CONSTRUCTORS

The Administrator presented the Board with a letter from Crowell Constructors requesting a determination of consistency with local zoning and subdivision ordinances for their Whiteville asphalt plant, located on SR 1436.

The Board concurred to write a letter to Crowell Constructors stating that the Whiteville asphalt plant is not located in an area where zoning ordinances have been established in Columbus County.

CDBG - WSDA (STATUS REPORT BY HAYNES GRAHAM)

Mr. Haynes Graham updated the Board on the status of the Community Development Block Grant received for the Housing Demonstration Project, CDBG #88-C-7758.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 A.M.

APPROVED:

  
Clerk to the Board

  
Chairman