

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 8:00 A.M., April 6, 1992, it being the first Monday.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ed Worley, Chairman  
 Junior Dew, Vice Chairman  
 Lynwood Norris  
 Samuel G. Koonce  
 Mike Richardson

James E. Hill, Jr. Attorney  
 Roy L. Lowe, Administrator  
 Ida. Smith, Clerk to Board

Chairman Worley called the meeting to order and Reverend Wade Fowler gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to approve the Board Minutes of the March 16, and March 20, 1992 meetings, as recorded.

**PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL GOVERNMENT WEEK**

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

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

**National County Government Week**

**April 5 - 11, 1992**

Look across this great country and see beauty, grandeur and a diversity of people and places. Nowhere is this more evident than in America's counties.

Counties border magnificent mountain ranges, harbor mighty rivers and host dry, barren deserts. In counties, you will find mighty forests, lush cornfields, bright lights, bustling streets, frozen plains, tropical beaches, volcanoes, office buildings, subways and streetcars, highways, oil wells, farms, schools, churches, and, of course, people.

Counties are where America lives. Today, 98 percent of our nations's people make counties their home.

Counties began as a response to the needs of the early settlers of our country, tracing their roots to the shires of Anglo-Saxon local government a thousand years ago. Counties first appeared in colonial America, making them older than the Republic itself.

As our county grew westward, so, too, did the number of counties. The primary functions of county government during the 1800s and early 1900s involved judicial, road, law enforcement and other responsibilities in which the county acted mainly as an arm of the state.

Over the last century, the responsibilities of county governments have grown enormously. County governments employ over 2.9 million people of the United States.

Counties, today, are the governmental infrastructure with duties ranging from public safety to preserving the environment. They run housing and community development programs. They maintain parks, airports and transit systems. They work to solve area-wide problems, like air and water pollution, solid waste disposal and drug trafficking. And, when the sick, the aged or the poor have nowhere else to go, it is the county that cares for them.

In recognition of the need for all Americans to acknowledge the important role of county government,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, Columbus County, North Carolina, hereby proclaims

APRIL 5 - 11, 1992

**NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK**

Adopted this 6th day of April, 1992.

Columbus County Board of  
Commissioners

BY: /s/ Ed Worley, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

**PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

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

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

WHEREAS, the Right to Know is defined as the right to free and equal access to information, as guaranteed by America's libraries, without regard to age, sex, status, or race;

WHEREAS, the Right to Know is one of our fundamental rights as U.S. citizens.

WHEREAS, the Right to Know is basic to informed citizenship, personal success and enjoyment;

WHEREAS, librarians serve as the primary guardians of the public's right to know by providing high quality library services and information to all Americans;

WHEREAS, librarians are leaders in challenging censorship, library funding cuts, and other threats to the public's right to know;

WHEREAS, the American Library Association has proclaimed April 5 - 11, 1992, National Library Week, with the theme "Your Right to Know: Librarians Make It Happen;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners hereby PROCLAIM

April 5 - 11

National Library Week

in Columbus County and encourage all citizens to visit and use their libraries and exercise their Right to Know.

Adopted this 6th day of April, 1982.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

BY: /s/ Ed Worley, Chairman

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

COLUMBUS COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN - PRESENTED BY PRESIDENT HORACE WHITLEY

Mr. Horace Whitley, President of the Strategic Planning Committee, presented the Board members with a copy of the completed strategic plan for Columbus County that will be the topic for discussion at the Committee of 100's Annual Meeting that is scheduled for April 22, 1992.

SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE - NAMED BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS BID AGENT FOR CHILD CARE BUILDING PROJECT

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to officially name Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees to act as the Commissioners' Agent to bid and/or re-bid or reject any or all bids for the Southeastern Community College Child Care building project.

APPOINTMENT - SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE TABLED

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to table the appointment that will become vacant on June 30, 1992, to the Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees until the next Board meeting.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY - APPROVAL FOR TOWN OF TABOR CITY

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to permit fireworks at the July 4th Celebration to be held in Tabor City, NC. Fireworks are to be displayed in accordance with the North Carolina General Statutes 14-413.

EMPLOYEES JOB STUDY - TABLED

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to table the request for David M. Griffith & Associates to conduct a jobs study for the Social Services and Health Departments until the next Board meeting. The Board advised the Administrator to request a representative from David M. Griffith & Associates to be present to explain the proposal that has been submitted by them.

COMMUNITY BASED ALTERNATIVES (YOUTH TASK FORCE) - BUDGET APPROVAL

Ruth Storms, Columbus County Youth Task Force Chairperson, submitted the Youth Task Force Board of Directors allocation of Community Based Alternatives Funds for 1992-93 Budget as follows:

Columbus County Youth Task Force Recertification	\$ 250
Juvenile Services' Court Psychological Program	\$ 2,700
Whiteville City Schools' Student Assistance Program	\$26,000
Columbus County Schools Youth and Family Counselor Program	\$56,850
TOTAL	\$85,800

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the Community Based Alternatives Funds for the 1992-93 Fiscal Year as recommended by the Youth Task Force Board of Directors.

**CHADBOURN (TOWN OF) - APPROVAL OF ZONING RIGHTS AND BUILDING PERMITS WITHIN ONE MILE EXTRATERRITORIAL LIMIT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to approve the Town of Chadbourn to exercise the issuing of building permits within the one mile extraterritorial limit, in accordance to Article 19, Part 1. General Provisions, Paragraph 160A-360.

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS - ASSORTED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendments:

Accept 10-335-0000 Insurance settlement for accident	\$1,268.00
Expend 10-510-1700 Sheriff M/R Vehicles	1,268.00
Accept 10-335-0000 Insurance settlement for boiler damage	\$9,298.00
Expend 10-506-1500 Maintenance/Repairs to Buildings	9,298.00
Accept 10-348-1501 Environmental Health - Food & Lodging	\$1,334.00
Expend 10-590-0200 Salaries	1,334.00
Accept 10-335-0000 Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 352.00
Expend 10-605-3300 Agri-Extension Demonstration	352.00
Transfer 10-506-1500 Maintenance/Repairs Buildings	(\$7,700.00)
Expend 10-520-7400 LEC Tile Repair - Capital Outlay	7,700.00
Accept 10-335-0000 Grant from Human Resources	\$1,000.00
Expend 10-690-9702 Alcohol/Drug Prevention Coalition	1,000.00

**AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES - APPROVAL OF CONCEPT IN NAKINA**

Malachi Stanley and Brady Watts addressed the Board requesting authorization to allow them to operate an ambulance transportation service in the Nakina area of Columbus County and requested the Board to enter into contract with them the same as other ambulance transportation services in the County for transportation of indigent citizens and residents of Columbus County from Columbus County Hospital to various other medical locations when they become licensed and certified.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to approve the concept of the ambulance transportation services as presented by Mr. Stanley and Mr. Watts.

CONTRACTS CANCELLED - PROVIDE TEMPORARY LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE

Roy L. Lowe, County Administrator, and Sheriff Harold Rains requested the Board to consider cancelling contracts with the Towns of Brunswick and Bolton to provide Law Enforcement of eighteen hours per week due to the heavy demands placed on the Staff at the Sheriff's Department, effective June 30, 1992. The contract states that either may cancel at any time upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party without cause or justification.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to cancel the contracts to provide Law Enforcement of eighteen (18) hours per week for the Towns of Brunswick and Bolton, effective June 30, 1992.

AYES: Commissioners Koonce, Worley, Norris and Dew

NOES: Commissioner Richardson

The motion passed on a 4 - 1 vote.

SHERIFF - REPORT ON DELCO MAGIC MOMENTS CLUB

Sheriff Rains reported to the Reverend Jim Griffin and Deacon Gary Wooten of the Faith Baptist Church that the Sheriff's Department is looking into the activity at the Magic Moments Club in Delco, NC. Sheriff Rains reported that it is his responsibility to abide by the law as well as enforce it, but we are dedicated to finding out what is going on at the club.

Reverend Griffin asked if the Massage Parlor Ordinance can be amended to include a certain distance from churches, schools and homes that a business of this nature can be established. Attorney Jim Hill stated that this request would have to be included in a zoning ordinance and Columbus County does not have zoning except for an area around Southeastern Community College.

TAX RELEASES AND REFUNDS

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

Ed Vance, Jr., or Eva Baldwin; home was unoccupied in 1991. Amount \$30.00, year 1991, account #11-00620.

Nelson Wayne & Linda Duncan; billed with lot TC-2-179 through error, valuation \$3,700; should have been billed with TC-2-178 (lot & house) valuation \$12,700. Amount \$25.53. valuation \$3,700, year 1991, account #06-06857.

Marilyn Enzor Huggins; mobile home was sold prior to 1-1-91. Amount \$30.00, year 1991, account #10-09236.

Proctor Johnson; lot and house totally exempted through Senior Citizen Exemption. No user fees. Amount \$30.00, year 1991, account #10-09640.

Dan Jones; vehicle was already listed on #01-48318, Daniel Jones, III. Amount \$57.62, valuation \$8,350, year 1991, account #01-48311.

J.R. Lewis; clerical error, mobile home was vacant in 1990. Amount \$30.00, valuation \$4,350, year 1990, account #03-13220.

Sharon I. Lobdell; billed with lot TC-2-178, valuation \$11.500 through error instead of TC-2-179 valued \$1.800. Amount \$84.93, valuation \$9,700, year 1991, account #06-23275.

Donald Parnell and wife; personal property double-listed to Donald Parnell on #3-17312. Amount \$86.94, valuation \$10,109, year 1986, account #09-23545.

Raymond Banks and Ruby Watts; overcharged on Whiteville Rescue District. Amount \$3.04, year 1991, account #02-03320.

Henry Yeoman Heirs; HB-3-18, building valued \$16,900 double-listed to James Elkins on account #11-08370, leaving 6 acre/tract (HB-3-18) valued \$9,200. Amount \$125.06, valuation \$125.06, valuation \$16,900, year 1989, account #11-31140.

James Henry Yeomen; 4.56 acre tract (HB-3-18) billed with a valuation of \$23,900 instead of \$3.900. House double-listed to James Elkins on HB-3-19. Amount \$150.00, valuation \$20,000, year 1991, account #11-31163.

Mary Lee Callavan Eaniri; failed to receive the Senior Citizens' exemption on lot and house WH-3-647. Amount \$82.80, valuation \$12,000, year 1991, account #01-22540.

Lela Graham; failed to receive the Senior Citizens' exemption on mobile home. Amount \$9.10, valuation \$1,000, year 1988, account #06-15805.

Bertha Yeoman; failed to receive the Senior Citizens' exemption for year 1990, 1991. Amount \$197.08, valuation \$18,400, years 1990, 91, account #11-31120.

Jimmy Weldon Guyton; vehicle junked since 1989. Amount \$20.19, valuation \$2,660, year 1991, account #17-14558.

Winslow Hall; 1977 Chevrolet sold in 1990. 1984 Buick junked prior to 1991. Amount \$26.72, valuation \$3,520, year 1991, account #17-14567.

William Page Inman; Three vehicles double-listed to William Page Inman on regular list, account #12-12940. Amount \$55.44, valuation \$5,860, year 1987, account #17-19315.

Barbara Ann King; 1983 Oldsmobile double-listed to Barbara Smith on account #01-84503. Amount \$19.21, valuation \$2,530, year 1991, account #17-21720.

Maxine McLamb; 1981 Chevrolet did not own on 1-1-88. 1978 Buick and 1969 Pontiac junked in 1987. Amount \$235.28, valuation \$3,760, years 1988-90, account #17-24908.

Rudolfo Martinez; not in Columbus County on 1-1-91. Migrant worker. Amount \$9.49, valuation \$1,250, year 1991, account #17-25734.

Lois Koller Moss; 1982 Ford repossessed November 1990 by Village Motors, Tabor City, NC. Amount \$8.80, valuation \$1,160, year 1991, account #17-26989.

Helen Faye Sasser Stephens; 1977 Pontiac sold October, 1987. Amount \$111.21, valuation \$1,120, year 1988, account #17-35670.

Minor Lewis Taylor, Jr.; 1984 Pontiac and 1980 Buick listed in Atlanta, Georgia. Amount \$137.02, valuation \$4,900, years 1990, 91, account #17-37023.

Sara Autry White; 1974 Dodge junked in 1987. Amount \$211.25, valuation \$1,250, years 1988, 89, account #17-40490.

Raymond Morton Wicker; 1984 Mercury listed in Guilford County. Amount \$135.13, valuation \$4,670, years 1989, 91, account #17-40493.

William Wright; 1986 Chevrolet double-listed on regular listing to William & Mary Louise Wright, account #02-09540. Amount \$42.74, valuation \$5,630, year 1991, account #17-42195.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Lonnie Autry, 301 Johnson Street, Burgaw, NC 28425, in the amount of \$43.88, for years 1990 and 1991. J-7-127A is listed to Ada Warren on account #02-2600. See rebilling. Valuation \$3,400, account #01-01277.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Phyllis Cooper Shaw, P.O. Box 354, Riegelwood, Nc 28456, in the amount of \$104.34, for year 1991. Mobile home was double-listed on real and personal property. All taxes were paid through error. Valuation \$9,410, account #15-33585.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Herman Stevenson, Route 1, Box 139, Tabor City, NC 28463, in the amount of \$55.82, for year 1991. 1985 Cadillac double-listed to John Herman Stevenson on #06-38100. All taxes paid. Valuation \$8,090, account #06-38040.

**BOARD OF ELECTIONS - BUDGET AMENDMENT DUE TO PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL ELECTIONS EQUIPMENT DUE TO REZONING**

Bobby Sessions and Van Ulrich, Board of Elections Board Members addressed the Board in reference to the need for fifty (50) additional voting booths due to candidate combinations in various precincts due to the rezoning of Columbus County. Mr. Sessions stated that each precinct will be required to have sixteen (16) curbside units because of the voting combinations and they need an additional fifty to handle these combinations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the purchase of 50 voting booths (reconditioned) at \$105.00 each and 50 curb-side units (reconditioned) at \$75.00 each for a total of \$9,000.00 to be appropriated from Non-Departmental Contingency 10-660-9999 to be expended in Board of Elections 10-430-7400 Capital Outlay.

**RESOLUTION - NC ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC SCHOOL ENERGY COSTS**

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

**R E S O L U T I O N**

WHEREAS, the 1991 North Carolina General Assembly began to phase-out of state funding for Public School Energy Costs; and

WHEREAS, this action by the State of North Carolina places a new financial responsibility on all 100 counties; and

WHEREAS, sufficient notice was not provided to counties to prepare this new financial burden; and

WHEREAS, the primary responsibility of financing Public School Energy Costs has historically been provided by the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Statutes do not specify Public School Energy Costs as a local responsibility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners request that the North Carolina General Assembly assume the financial responsibility for Public School Energy Costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board requests the assistance of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, the North Carolina School Board Association and all 100 Counties in this effort.

Adopted this 6th day of April, 1992.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD

OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST;

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

/s/ Ed Worley, Chairman

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:20 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to enter into executive session to study the solid waste contract.

**RESUME REGULAR SESSION**

At 9:45 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to resume regular session.

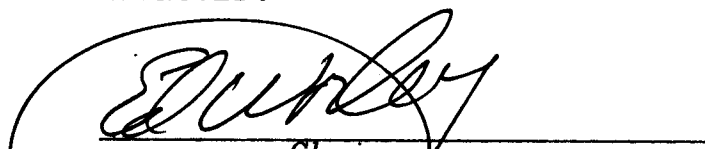
No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

APPROVED:

  
Clerk to the Board

  
Chairman