

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 7:30 P.M., July 20, 1992, it being the third 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 L. Smith, Clerk to Board

Chairman Worley called the meeting to order and Mr. J.D. Gore gave the invocation.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 15, June 29, and July 7, 1992 Board meetings, as recorded.

AWARDS - COLUMBUS COUNTY SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Plaques were presented to the Columbus County Schools' Athletic Teams as follows:

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE

WEST COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' TRACK TEAM

IN WINNING THE 1992 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HALLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

IN WINNING THE 1992 EASTERN SECTIONALS CHAMPIONSHIP

HALLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

IN WINNING THE 1992 SOUTHERN 8 CONFERENCE CO-CHAMPIONSHIP

NAKINA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM

IN WINNING THE 1992 SOUTHERN 8 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

TABOR CITY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

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BOARD OF ELECTIONS - REQUEST FOR VOTING MACHINES

Frank Stanley, Edward Ulrich, and Bobby Sessions, Columbus County Board of Election Members, addressed the Board on the voting equipment needs for Columbus County. The voting machine problems exist due to the result of redistricting in Columbus County. There will be approximately 72 combinations for the fall election; therefore, we will need 72 counters and 72 boxes. Cost of new machines range from \$153,000 to \$177,000; however, a lease/purchase agreement could be used.

Commissioners Koonce and Richardson and County Administrator Lowe stated they were told that at the National Association of County Commissioners meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota that the presently owned vote-counting machines could be programmed to count split precincts.

The Board of Commissioners concurred to instruct the County Administrator to contact the firm that presented this information to them and prove to the Board of Elections that the machines will work.

There was a lengthy discussion between the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Elections.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the Board of Elections to provide bid specifications for the machines and James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, to prepare the bid for advertising the purchasing, lease/purchase, long-term maintenance, and the life expectancy of the new vote-counting machines.

TAX DEPARTMENT - INSOLVENT TAX LIST APPROVED

Ida McPherson, represented Bill Brooks, Tax Administrator, stated that certain personal property taxes levied for the years 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1990 remain uncollected. Said taxes are not liens upon real estate. The Tax Administrator has made diligent efforts to collect said taxes by use of remedies against personal property as provided by law, but has been unable to locate the delinquent taxpayers or has been unable to locate sufficient property belonging to them of which the taxes might be collected. In every instance in which he has been able to discover through diligent inquiry the existence of property belonging to delinquent taxpayers within other taxing units in North

Carolina, the Tax Collector has proceeded under the provisions of G.S. 105-364, as amended.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to declare the insolvent list of taxes as presented and credited to the Tax Collector upon his annual settlement. Listed are totals for 1982-1990. A complete report of insolvents are on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

1982	\$ 4,594.75
1983	4,643.87
1984	2,210.42
1985	1,651.95
1986	34,657.63
1987	43,902.38
1988	186,274.32
1989	158,067.10
1990	<u>113,380.89</u>
TOTAL	\$549,383.31

COLUMBUS DAY QUINCENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Jackie McPherson, Whiteville Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, and Linda Rosel advised the Board on the plans being made to celebrate Columbus Day Quincentennial during the month of October and requested the Board to support the concept.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to support the concept of the Columbus Day Quincentennial celebration.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS - HEALTH

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

Accept 10-348-14 WIC Federal Grant	\$6,635.00
To be expended:	
10-598-02 Salaries	3,440.00
10-598-11 Telephone	400.00
10-598-14 Travel	1,400.00
10-598-32 Office Supplies	745.00
10-598-74 Capital Outlay	650.00
Accept 10-348-1301 Com. Base Injury State Funds	1,351.00
To be expended:	
10-582-04 Professional Services	300.00
10-582-14 Travel	251.00

10-582-32 Office Supplies	100.00
10-582-33 Departmental Supplies	700.00

BUDGET AMENDMENT - SCHOOLS

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to approve a budget amendment appropriating funds held in reserve fund balance account for County Schools (Senate Bill 2 funds to be used in water and sewer projects).

Appropriate 10-399-0000 Fund Balance	\$100,000.00
Expend 10-680-9500 County Schools-Capital Outlay	\$100,000.00

ORDINANCE - CABLEVISION (REVISE AND SUBMIT TO BOARD FOR FURTHER ACTION)

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to accept the concept and direct the Attorney to review and revise the ordinance that was drafted in 1984 and present to the Board for further consideration of action.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - COUNTY SAFETY MANUAL APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adopt the Columbus County Safety Manual and the Safety Rules and Regulations as presented by the Emergency Management Director, John H. Moore. Copies of the manuals are on file at the office of the Clerk to the Board and the office of the Emergency Management Director.

FIRE MARSHAL - VEHICLE PURCHASE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to approve the purchase of a 1989 Crown Victoria Ford 4-Door from the N.C. State Highway Patrol in the amount of \$6,000.00 to be assigned to Jimmy Jackson, Fire Marshal. Also, declare the 1985 Ford presently assigned to Jimmy Jackson, as surplus and prepare for selling with funds to be placed in the General Fund.

SCHOOLS (COLUMBUS COUNTY) - REQUEST & APPROVAL OF EAST COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL MAIN ENTRANCE TO BE NAMED "GATOR LANE"

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the request that the main entrance to the East Columbus High School campus from State Road #1740 be named "Gator Lane."

TAX RELEASES & REFUNDS

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

Linda & Legrant Bellamy; 1976 Honda sold to Charles Norris Body Shop prior to 1-1-91. Amount \$2.69, valuation \$390, year 1991, account #01-04470.

Bullard & Hardee Plumbing Company; moved to S.C. in 1991 where they had to acquire S.C. tags for their vehicles. Amount \$215.21, valuation \$31,190, year

1991, account #07-01117.

Berlene W. Barnhill; 1981 Ford listed in South Carolina for 1991. Amount \$9.18, valuation \$1,330, year 1991, account #06-00735.

Betty Long Batten; clerical error on real property value. Amount \$12.42, valuation \$1,800, year 1991, account #07-00165.

Tony Cromartie; 1963 Buick listed through error. Amount \$3.45, valuation \$500, year 1991, account #01-18456.

P.E. Dawsey; per deed 421-583, the 65/100 acre tract, map V-3-65, was consumed in the property listed to Reginald Lewis. Amount \$13.11, valuation \$1,900, account #15-11745.

Jesse Fisher, Jr.; WH-5-60, WH-5-270A, valuations adjusted due to misapplication of schedule of values. (See refunds.) Amount \$661.34, valuation \$92,600, year 1991, account #01-26785.

M.K. Long Heirs; N-12-2, 45 acre tract; deferred taxes billed through error. Amount \$30.75, valuation \$4,500, years 1989-91, account #07-11020.

Joyce Nealy Mitchell; 1990 Ford was already listed on #13-29091 as Mitchell and Joyce Nealy. Amount \$74.15, valuation \$9,770, year 1991, account #13-29081.

Daniel Porter; 1981 Mercury listed through error in 1991. Vehicle was sold to Columbus Auto Sales in June, 1990, per letter. Amount \$6.62, valuation \$960, year 1991, account #11-20796.

J.M. Powell & Mark Powell; house vacant (unfinished). Amount \$18.00, year 1991, account #13-33160.

Edith Page; billed with property she does not own. Per deed search, unidentified land can not be located. Amount \$106.51, valuation \$13,800, years 1983-91, account #13-31666.

Geneva Meares Lennon; 3 acre tract D-2-20 double-listed to Burnece E. Smith in 1987. Amount \$46.61, valuation \$5,420, year 1988 for 1987, account #12-15260.

Nellie Mae S. Richardson; C-8-7 (\$136.96 acre tract) deferred taxes, billed through error. Property transferred to daughter. Amount \$12.10, valuation \$1,030, years 1989-91, account #16-12730.

Ervin & Pearline Simmons; failed to receive the Senior Citizens' exemption on their lot and addition to mobile home (signed-up prior to 1985). Amount \$23.29, valuation \$5,100, years 1989-91, account #06-32860.

Pearline & Ervin Simmons; failed to receive the Senior Citizens' exemption on mobile home that was listed separately. Amount \$6.90, valuation \$1,000, year 1991, account #06-32843.

Davis & Ludie Sealey; billed with CH-4-195 valued \$26,200, instead of CH-4-71 valued \$23,400. Amount \$57.40, valuation \$8,400, years 1989-91, account #13-35500.

Nyoka Elaine Armstrong; 1984 Toyota double-listed on #15-13165, Aaron &

Nyoka Everette. Amount \$32.79, valuation \$4,320, year 1991, account #17-00413.

Legrant Bellamy; vehicle listed on regular list #09-01125, Legrant Bellamy. Amount \$25.54, valuation \$2,700, year 1986, account #17-01890.

Daniel Thomas Ford; 1979 Ford traded for 1981 Buick already listed on regular list on account #16-04590, Daniel Thomas Ford. Amount \$109.80, valuation \$1,310, year 1989, account #17-11466.

Beverly Joyce Gang; vehicle was junked in 1990, prior to moving to Florida. Amount \$3.56, valuation \$370, year 1991, account #17-12914.

Mary McElveene Johnson; 1982 Oldsmobile double-listed on regular list #06-16567, Mary Jo Johnson. Amount \$16.62, valuation \$2,190, year 1991, account #17-20749.

George Stephen Jones; listing and paying taxes in Bladen County. Amount \$12.38, valuation \$1,630, year 1991, account #17-15293.

Cathy Bennett King; listed vehicle in Augusta, Georgia where she resides. Amount \$20.88, valuation \$2,750, year 1991, account #17-21798.

Christopher Theodore Williams; vehicle totaled July 3, 1990. Amount \$3.11, valuation \$410, year 1991, account #17-40743.

John Joseph Chaszar; moved to Chicago, Illinois, November, 1989. Amount \$127.82, valuation \$16,840, year 1991, account #17-06408.

Christopher Wayne Gilliard; 1979 Ford was sold in 1989. Amount \$108.68, valuation \$1,160, year 1990, account #17-13723.

Randy Gayle Hill; 1976 Datsun was listed on regular list on #01-40640, same name. Amount \$24.88, valuation \$2,630, year 1987, account #17-18287.

Douglas Gary Lane; vehicle sold September, 1986. Amount \$30.17, valuation \$3,190, year 1987, account #17-22048.

Charles Williams, Jr.; 1988 Buick out of state January 1, 1991. Amount \$71.95, valuation \$9,480, year 1991, account #17-40653.

Ordered; that a refund check be issued to Jesse C. Fisher, Jr., 106 Powell Boulevard, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$840.00, for year 1991. J6B-222 and WH-5-270A, values adjusted due to misapplication of "Schedules of Values." Amount \$840.00, valuation \$115,600, year 1991, account #01-26780, 01-26785.

Ordered; that a refund check be issued to Chester Graham, Sr., 420 S. Memory Street, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$137.53, for years 1987, 88, 89, 90 and 91. WH-3-169 double-listed on map J6B-207. All taxes paid. Amount \$137.53, valuation \$14,980, years 1987-91, account #01-34100.

NC DEPT OF WILDLIFE - REQUEST TO REPAIR LAKE WACCAMAW PUBLIC BOAT RAMP ACCESS AREA

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to contact the N. C. Department of Wildlife and request that they repair the public boat ramp access area located at Lake Waccamaw on Canal Road as it is damaging boats that are accessing the lake from the ramp.

SCHOOLS (CITY) - REQUEST & APPROVAL TO ADVANCE \$75,000 FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY

The Administrator presented the Board with a letter from Jerry D. Paschal, Superintendent of Whiteville City Schools, requesting the Board to consider advancing Whiteville City Schools SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000) for capital outlay needs so the necessary projects can be done before the school year begins.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to advance the Whiteville City Schools SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000) for school construction.

FIRE MARSHAL & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - CHANGE OF CALL SIGN APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the call sign for the Fire Marshal to be changed from FM2 to F1. Also, approved the call sign for Emergency Management to be changed from CP1 and CP2 to EMC-1 and EMC-2.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:10 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to enter into executive session to discuss solid waste contract negotiations.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 9:50 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to resume regular session.

No action was taken.

MEETING RECESSED

Immediately, thereafter, a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to recess the meeting until 7:30 A.M., July 24, 1992.

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 7:30 A.M., to continue a meeting that was recessed at 9:50 P.M. on July 20, 1992.

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ABSENT:

Lynwood Norris

Chairman Worley called the meeting to order.

SHERIFF - LEASE/PURCHASE APPROVAL OF PATROL CARS

The Administrator advised the Board that public notice has been published in the local newspaper to solicit sealed bids from Franchised Automobile Dealers for eight (8) full-size Law Enforcement equipped vehicles that will be contracted as a three (3) year Lease/Purchase Agreement.

The Administrator advised that only one (1) bid has been received and it was from Quality Ford, Incorporated, Whiteville, N.C. N.C.G.S. 143-129 allows the County to accept the one bid for vehicles without advertising a second time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to award the bid for lease/purchase to Quality Ford, Incorporated, for eight (8) Crown Victoria Ford Police Sedans at the cost of \$13,500.00 each for a total of \$108,000.00 at an interest rate of \$6.75. The County of Columbus is to award Quality Ford one-third of the total price July, 1992, one-third, July, 1993 and one-third, July 1994. At the end of the lease, and/or after the third payment, the County of Columbus can purchase the vehicles for \$1.00 per vehicle. The lease/purchase agreement is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board and the Finance Office.

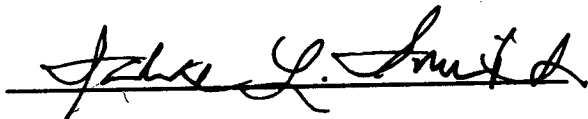
SOLID WASTE - RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to advertise for bids for the management of the collection and disposal of garbage in the present landfill and for the formation, construction and operation of a regional landfill with collection of garbage for all of Columbus County. Sealed bids will be opened on the 5th day of August, 1992, at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 A.M.

APPROVED:



Clerk to the Board



Chairman