

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 111 Washington Street, Whiteville NC, at 8:00 A.M., February 1, 1993, it being the first Monday.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman

Mike Richardson, Vice Chairman

A. Dial Gray, III

Sammie Jacobs

Lynwood Norris

C. W. Williams

Ed Worley

James E. Hill, Jr. Attorney

Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

Chairman Koonce called the meeting to order and the Reverend Bennie E. Pledger gave the invocation.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 19, 1993 Board meeting, as recorded.

**RESOLUTION - APPRECIATION TO HILDA GORE**

Chairman Koonce presented a "Resolution of Appreciation" to Hilda Gore as follows:

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

WHEREAS, Hilda Gore has served as a member of the Health Board for eight (8) years with dedication and distinction; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Commissioners are cognizant of Hilda's special talents and the invaluable service she has given our County in serving on the Board of Health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County does hereby convey to Hilda Gore our heart-felt appreciation and commend her for the long-time service and exemplary spirit in carrying out the duties as a member of the Columbus County Board of Health.

Adopted this the 19th day of January, 1993.

## COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF

ATTEST:

COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

/s/ Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman

RESOLUTION - APPRECIATION TO JUANITA CORBIN

Chairman Koonce presented a "Resolution of Appreciation" to Juanita Corbin as follows:

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

WHEREAS, Juanita M. Corbin has served as a member of the Library Board of Trustees for two (2) four (4) year terms with dedication and distinction; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Commissioners are cognizant of Mrs. Corbin's special talents and the invaluable service she has given our County in serving on the Library Board of Trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County does hereby convey to Juanita M. Corbin our heart-felt appreciation and commend her for the long-time service and exemplary spirit in carrying out the duties as a member of the Columbus County Library Board of Trustees.

Adopted this 1st day of February, 1993.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD

OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

/s/ Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

/s/ Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman

RESOLUTION - RECREATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to adopt the following resolution requesting modification of proposed legislation affecting the recreation and natural heritage trust fund.

## RESOLUTION

## REQUESTING MODIFICATION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

## AFFECTING THE RECREATION AND NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST FUND

WHEREAS, the 1991 session of the General Assembly enacted a bill that increased the excise tax on land transfers by one dollar per thousand; and

WHEREAS, Eighty-five percent of the revenues from this increase on excise tax went into the general fund of the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislative Study Commission of Parks and Recreation has drafted legislation that would dedicate the eighty-five percent of the revenue that is currently going to the general fund to a proposed Park Fund of North Carolina to be used for land acquisition; and

**WHEREAS**, local government in North Carolina need almost One Billion Dollars to meet national standards in providing land and facilities for leisure opportunities for citizens and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, funding from the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, which was a major source of support for State and Land Parks Systems for the last twenty-seven years, has decreased considerably since 1979; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Recreation Parks Society has requested support for modification of the proposal developed by the Legislative Study Commission on Parks and Recreation to divide the entire 1991 tax increase of One Dollar per thousand such that fifteen percent of the funding would be used for acquisition of land with significant natural heritage value, forty-five percent of the funding would be used for local park acquisition and development of park lands, and forty percent of the funding would go to state parks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Parks and Recreation Department has endorsed this formula and has requested the Board of Commissioners to also support this proposal.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS DOTH RESOLVE:**

1. The members of the General Assembly representing the people of the County of Columbus are called on to support the modification of the proposal which has been drafted for a more equitable distribution of the funds from the 1991 tax increase with the funding being divided as indicated above.

2. The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to each of the members of the General Assembly representing the people of the County of Columbus and to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

This the 1st day of February, 1993.

/s/ Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman

/s/ Mike Richardson, V. Chairman

/s/ A. Dial Gray, III

/s/ Sammie Jacobs

ATTEST:

/s/ Lynwood Norris

/s/ Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

/s/ C.W. Williams

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk

/s/ Ed Worley

**PROCLAMATION - VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION WEEK**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to proclaim February 14 - February 20, 1993, as "VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION WEEK."

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

**VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION WEEK**

**FEBRUARY 14 - 20, 1993**

Building an economic future on high-skill, high-wage jobs depends on the quality of North Carolina's public education system. This is vital in recruiting new industry, promoting job growth from within, raising the standard of living for our citizens, and lifting the poor out of poverty.

Columbus County's education compact promotes a strategy for competing in the modern global economy. This era of highly sophisticated technology requires superior preparation of our emerging and existing work force. Our compact has a clear mission to prepare our graduates to compete for the best jobs in the world. Vocational-technical education at the public school, community college, and university levels contributes significantly to meeting this challenge.

For our mission to succeed, strong partnerships must emerge among our schools, parents, citizens, and business. These partnerships will dictate the standards for what all youth and adults should learn before graduating. Such standards will clearly define what a potential existing entrepreneur/employee needs to know and be able to do to succeed in a modern, world-class economy. We must all work together in Columbus County to increase the awareness of these needs and motivate educators to creatively develop ways of meeting these needs.

*NOW, THEREFORE, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim February 14 - February 20, 1993, as "VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION WEEK" in North Carolina and commend this observance to all citizens.*

*Adopted this 1st day of February, 1993.*

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS**

**ATTEST:** /s/ Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman  
/s/ Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

**ALCOHOL AND DRUG PREVENTION - COLUMBUS COUNTY WITHDRAWS SUPPORT**

*Eunice Campbell, Columbus County Alcohol and Drug Prevention Administrator, requested the Board of Commissioners to continue their support of the project in spite of all the alleged media reports of misused funds. The project has been funded approximately \$900,000 in the past 17 months which Ms. Campbell stated that was used as a research study grant not a service delivery grant. The government is using this money to see what works in rural areas.*

*Stuart Hill, part-time finance officer for CCSM, the parent group, said the Center for Substance Abuse (CSAP) in Washington, DC had told CCSM to send all media requests for information to Washington and not to disclose information to the media at a local level.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed to withdraw the commitment that was endorsed by the Board of Columbus County Commissioners until such problems of accountability and improprieties can be resolved publicly.*

**AYES:** Commissioners Richardson, Norris, Gray, Jacobs and Worley

**NOES:** Commissioners Koonce and Williams

*The motion passed on a 5 - 2 vote.*

**CONTRACT - AUDIT COLUMBUS COUNTY ACCOUNTS**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the Contract to audit accounts with W.A. Wayne, Certified Public Accountant, for the period beginning July 1, 1992, and ending June 30, 1993, in the amount not to exceed TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$28,500.00). The contract is the second year of the proposed three*

(3) year agreement.

A copy of the properly executed Contract is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

**BUILDING (SOCIAL SERVICES) - PLAN APPROVED FOR BID PACKAGE**

Dempsey Herring, Recreation Director, presented the Board with a preliminary plan for construction of a new 34,206 square foot Social Services building at an estimated cost of \$2,917,232.45. The plan calls for a single-story brick and mortar building that would provide office spaces for more than 100 county workers, along with nine vacant spaces reserved for future use. The building will also have conference rooms, waiting areas, kitchen space and public restrooms.

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed to prepare a bid package for design and construction of a 34,206 square foot building, site and utility construction and a master plan of the property to provide the County to make long-range plans.

AYES: Commissioners Norris, Gray, Koonce, Williams, Jacobs, and Worley

NOES: Commissioner Richardson

**CABLEVISION - FRANCHISE APPLICATION APPROVED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the Cablevision franchise application as submitted by James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney. The application is to be mailed to each present Cablevision Company now in operation in Columbus County.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - STATE AID TO AIRPORTS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to continue the Transportation Improvement Aviation Program for the Columbus County Airport projects for 1994-1996. The amount for Land Acquisition in Approaches to Runways 5 and 23 is a total cost of \$166,700 with the state and county to provide a 50:50 match (\$83,350 each). The matching funds for the County were earmarked from Capital Reserve for the land acquisition in approaches to Runways 5 and 23 on December 17, 1990 and is recorded in the minutes of said meeting.

Further, the Board reached a general consensus to request the Airport Authority Board to meet with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss the future of the Airport.

**APPOINTMENTS (TAX)- VEHICLE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

William D. Brooks, Jr., Tax Administrator, requested the Board to appoint a three (3) member Vehicle Review Committee to hear vehicle appeals and act on them.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed to appoint the following persons to serve on the Vehicle Review Committee as recommended by the Tax Administrator:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Length</u>
Vance T. Maultsby	PO Box 764 Whiteville NC 28472	Chairman	2 years
Linwood Cartrette	Route 1, Box 250C Clarendon, NC 28432	Member	3 years
Anthony Ray	Route 4, Box 301 Whiteville, NC 28472	Member	4 years

AYES: Commissioners Norris, Gray, Koonce, Williams, Jacobs, and Worley

NOES: Commissioner Richardson

**RECREATION - AGREEMENT (BOAT RAMP)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to enter into a Cooperative Agreement between Federal Paper Board and the County of Columbus covering the boat ramp area near Big Creek at Lake Waccamaw.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

THIS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT made and entered into this 1st day of February, 1993, by and between FEDERAL PAPER BOARD COMPANY, INC., a New York Corporation maintaining a place of business in Columbus County, North Carolina; and the COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, a body politic;

W I T N E S S E T H

THAT WHEREAS, pursuant to a Cooperative Agreement heretofore existing between the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and Federal Paper Board Company, Inc., said Wildlife Commission has erected and constructed a boat access area at Lake Waccamaw, North

Carolina, upon lands of Federal Paper Board Company, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina Wildlife Commission no longer desires to maintain said existing boat access area; and

**WHEREAS**, Federal Paper Board Company, Inc. has offered use of said boating access area to the County of Columbus;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Federal Paper Board Company, Inc., agrees:

1. To allow the County of Columbus, at its expense, to maintain and improve the existing property owned by Federal Paper Board Company, Inc. at Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina, as hereinafter identified.
2. The exclusive right to retain this area for boating access purposes for a period of three (3) years from the date hereof. This agreement shall be considered extended from year to year thereafter, unless notice of termination of this agreement is given thirty (30) days prior to the ending of any period herein stated. Such revocation notice shall be deemed sufficient if given by duly posted United States mail addressed to the Chairman of Columbus County Commission, Whiteville, North Carolina.

**THIS AGREEMENT** covers that certain parcel of land situated, lying and being in Columbus County, North Carolina, more particularly described as follows:

**BEGINNING AT A POINT** in the west side of East Shore Drive, 30 feet from the centerline thereof; said beginning point being located southwardly 2,369 feet from the intersection of the centerline of the run of Big Creek with the centerline of concrete bridge for East Shore Drive crossing said creek and runs thence south 03 degrees 30 minutes west 106 feet; south 04 degrees 58 minutes east 50 feet; south 10 degrees 50 minutes east 100 feet; thence south 21 degrees 00 minutes east 100 feet; thence south 25 degrees 25 minutes east 100 feet (this line being generally 30 feet west of the centerline of East Shore Drive; thence south 50 degrees 00 minutes west 52 feet more or less to the edge of the pond; thence north 41 degrees 10 minutes west 351.5 feet along the east edge of the pond; thence north 39 degrees 35 minutes east 266 feet with the edge of the canal to the point of beginning, together with all riparian rights thereto. A sketch of the



premises is attached hereto as EXHIBIT "A".

It is agreed to allow the County to control the traffic entering and the people using the area and to establish such regulations and to erect such signs as are necessary to maintain order and to provide the best possible use of the area, provided there is no charge to the public for entering and using the area and such control and regulations and signs are to be approved by Federal Paper Board Company, Inc.

Columbus County agrees as follows:

1. To do all necessary maintenance to said area at no cost to Federal Paper Board Company, Inc.
2. To provide and maintain suitable signs for designating the area. These signs are to state that Federal Paper Board Company, Inc. is cooperating with the Commission in making this access area available to the public.
3. Insofar as is legally authorized to do so, the County will indemnify and hold harmless Federal Paper Board Company, Inc. from and against all lawsuits, claims, damages or liabilities for death of or injury to any and all persons or the loss or damage to any and all property and such suits, claims, demands and liabilities out of or incidental to the use of said parcel of land under this Agreement and the rights herein granted.
4. To provide personnel necessary to maintain the area and for reasonable enforcement of the regulations as established by the County concerning this area.
5. The parties will cooperate to insure compliance with the guidelines set forth in the Clean Air Act and other environmental laws and regulations in the operation of the area, the cost of which shall be borne by Columbus County.
6. It is understood and agreed that upon termination of this agreement, all improvements, fixtures and betterments shall remain the property of Federal Paper Board Company, Inc.

BY VOTE of a majority of the duly elected Columbus County Commissioners, who have authorized the undersigned Chairman to execute this agreement on behalf of Columbus County, this agreement is

accepted the day and year first above written.

FEDERAL PAPER BOARD, INC

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

/s/ Richard W. Huges, V.P.

/s Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman

**ELECTIONS - APPROVAL OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT ADVERTISEMENT**

Annie R. Strickland-Buffkin, Elections Supervisor, presented the Board with a list of surplus elections equipment and requested the Board's approval to advertise for bids.

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to allow Ms. Buffkin to advertise surplus elections equipment for sealed bids to be opened by the Board of Elections and presented to the Board of County Commissioners to accept or reject any and all bids. If a bid is awarded to the bidder, the funds will revert to the General Fund.

**ELECTIONS - VOTING EQUIPMENT INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT APPROVAL WITH SOUTHERN NATIONAL LEASING CORPORATION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to enter into an Installment Purchase Contract with Southern National Leasing Corporation for Optical Scan Voting Equipment for the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED, FORTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$100,248.00) at an annual interest rate of 4.050%. The payments are to be repaid in three (3) annual payments in arrears of THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED, FIFTY EIGHT AND 51/100 DOLLARS (\$36,158.51). A copy of the Contract is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

**FIRE & RESCUE - POSTPONE REQUEST FOR RADIOS UNTIL REPRESENTATION FROM FIRE DEPTS.**

Jimmy Jackson, Fire Marshal, presented the Board with requests from the following Fire and Rescue Departments requesting radios for equipment:

Acme Delco-Riegelwood Fire and Rescue

Lake Waccamaw Fire and Rescue

Hallsboro Volunteer Fire Department

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to postpone the request from the Fire and Rescue Departments until the units had representation at the meeting from their respective Fire and Rescue

Departments.

STATE LOTTERY - OPPOSITION FROM COMMISSIONER WORLEY

Commissioner Worley stated opposition to the Legislation that is being introduced to the General Assembly to request a vote by the people in reference to a State Lottery in North Carolina.

Commissioner Worley made a motion to write letters of opposition to Dan Blue, Marc Basnight and Senator George Daniel from Caswell County who introduced the legislation from the Board of Columbus County Commissioners.

Commissioner Gray seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Gray and Worley

NOES: Commissioners Richardson, Norris, Koonce, Williams and Jacobs.

The motion failed on a 5 - 2 vote.

SENIOR CENTER (AGING) - ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION CHANGED FROM 25 MEMBERS TO 28

Wade Fowler, Aging Director, recommended that since the restructure of Columbus County from five Commissioner zones to seven that they consider changing the Advisory Council from twenty-five (25) members to twenty-eight (28) members and from five (5) members per zone to four (4) per zone.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve changing the Advisory Council from twenty-five (25) members to twenty-eight (28) and from five (5) members per zone to four (4) with the exception of Zone one (1) which presently has five (5) active members and when a replacement is needed, one member can be dropped at that time.

SENIOR CENTER (AGING) - BY-LAWS AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to amend the Columbus County Department of Aging Bylaws to reflect the change from a twenty-five (25) member Advisory Council to twenty-eight (28) members and from five (5) members per zone to four (4) members per zone.

A copy of the revised bylaws is on file at the office of the clerk to the Board and at the office of the Director of the Department of Aging.

APPOINTMENT - SENIOR CENTER (AGING) ADVISORY COUNCIL COMMISSIONER TO SERVE

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to appoint Commissioner Lynwood Norris to serve on the Department of Aging Advisory Council as an ex-officio member.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - BOARD OF ELECTIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendment for the Board of Elections:

Appropriate	10-660-9999 Non-Depart. - Contingency	(\$9,034)
Expend	10-430-3200 Elections - Office supplies	\$9,034

BUDGET AMENDMENT - FIRE MARSHAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendment for the Fire Marshal:

Accept	10-335-0000 Donations/Miscellaneous Revenue	(\$1,175)
Expend	10-530-3300 Departmental Supplies	\$1,175

BUDGET AMENDMENT - HEALTH

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

Accept	10-348-1501 Food & Lodging Funds	(\$2,267.60)
Expend	10-590-02 Salaries	\$2,267.60

BUDGET AMENDMENT - SHERIFF

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendment for the Sheriff's Department:

Transfer	10-397-0300 Special Alcohol & Drug Fund	(\$6,192)
Expend as follows:		
10-510-0200	Salaries	\$5,220
10-510-0500	FICA	400
10-510-0600	Insurance	70
10-510-0700	Retirement	502
Transfer	54-510-9100 Drug Fund to General Fund	\$6,192
Decrease	54-510-7400 Capital Outlay	(\$6,192)

BUDGET AMENDMENT - GOVERNING BODY

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendment (line item transfer) for the Governing Body:

Increase 10-410-1101 Governing Body - Postage	\$ 50
Decrease 10-420-1101 Administration - Postage	(\$ 50)

BUDGET AMENDMENT - VARIOUS (LINE ITEM TRANSFERS)

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendments (line item transfers) for various departments:

Decrease 10-503-15 Adm. Building/Maintenance & Repair	(\$ 440)
Increase 10-503-72 Adm. Building/Wall covering	440
Decrease 10-505-74 Maintenance/Capital Outlay	(\$ 600)
Increase 10-506-33 Maintenance/Dept. Supplies	600
Increase 12-607-32 Aging/Office Supplies	\$ 39
Increase 12-610-32 Aging/Office Supplies	92
Decrease 12-609-32 Aging/Office Supplies	(\$ 131)
Decrease 10-430-02 Elections/Salaries	(\$2,600)
Increase 10-430-05 Elections/FICA	\$1,800
Increase 10-430-11 Elections/Telephone	200
Increase 10-430-1101 Elections/Postage	600
Decrease 10-503-15 Adm. Building/Maintenance & Repairs	(\$ 300)
Increase 10-503-74 Adm. Bldg./Cap. Outlay-Com. Desk	300

TAX RELEASES & REFUNDS

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

J. M. Boone (Heirs); CH-1-51, double-listed to CH-1-50 (S. B. Newell Heirs) and CH-1-50A (Bennie Turbeville, Sr.). Amount \$223,85, valuation \$30,780 Years 1986 through 1992, account # 13-03320.

Columbus Pallet Co., Inc.; business audits, discovered in error. Amount \$550.70, valuation \$64,090, years 1991 and 1992, account # 15-09800.

W. R. & Sessie Cribb; G-9-30, house (value \$25,200) rebilled to Coy Cribb on # 09-05460, amount \$189.00, valuation \$25,200, year 1992,

account 09-66420.

J. M. Faircloth; billed with unidentified property. Does not own. Amount \$927.79, valuation \$123,400, years 1985 through 1992, account # 06-09280.

Artimissa Graham; billed with unidentified property. Does not own. Amount \$349.45; valuation \$42,000, years 1983 through 1992; account # 01-33980.

Robert Henry Gore (Heirs); billed with unidentified property. Does not own. Amount \$59.74, valuation \$8,400, years 1983 through 1992, account # 01-33660.

Lela Jones; billed with property unidentified. Does not own. Amount \$39.75, valuation \$5,000, years 1983 through 1992, account # 01-48700.

Beatrice P. Malpass Heirs; W-4-89, double-wide mobile home listed on real and personal property. Amount \$57.20, valuation \$7,240, year 1992, account # 15-25400.

David Penny; vehicle was listed in Charlotte, N. C. in 1992. Amount \$5.31, Valuation \$770, year 1992, account # 01-69040.

A. B. Prince; billed with unidentified property. Does not own. Amount \$68.81, valuation \$9,100, years 1983 through 1992, account # 01-74000.

Valeria Sutton Shaw; billed with unidentified property. Does not own. Amount \$95.10, valuation \$13,500, years 1987 through 1992, account # 01-81760.

Seymour Smith; unidentified property. Does not own. Amount \$216.50, valuation \$30,000, years 1983 through 1992, account # 01-86620.

W. R. & Sessie Cribb; G-9-30, one house rebilled to Coy Cribb. Amount \$30.00 User fees; year 1992, account # 09-06420.

Beatrice P. Malpass (Heirs); mobile home listed on real and personal property. Amount \$30.00 User fees, year 1992, account # 15-25400.

Vernon and Betty Babson; H-1-12B, one dwelling only. Amount \$30.00 User fees, year 1992, account # 12-00400.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Willard Iverson Norris, Route # 1, Box 101, Chadbourn, N. C. 28431, in the amount of \$36.52 for year 1992. Prowler camper valued wrong. Valuation \$4,870, Account # 09-22360.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Carl E. & Hilda W. Butler, P. O. Box 522, Whiteville, N. C. 28472, in the amount of \$574.08 for years 1991 and 1992. 94.50 acre/tract, map J-7-81, billed with market value instead of present use value. Valuation \$73,600, account # 01-11120.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to James Elbert Hardie, Route # 3, Box 249, Whiteville, N. C. 28472, in the amount of \$209.25 for year 1992. I-10-35, leasehold (double-wide mobile home) destroyed by fire September, 1990. All taxes paid through December 30, 1992. Valuation \$23,900, account # 09-12560.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Mrs. Juanita W. Small, Route # 4, Box 716, Bladenboro, N. C. 28320, in the amount of \$30.00 for year 1992. J-1-11, house vacant. Account # 05-06440.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Darlene Spaulding, Route # 2, Box 247-B, Clarkton, N. C. 28433, in the amount of \$2.42 for year 1992. Vehicle valued wrong for 1992. Valuation \$350, account # 14-15065.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Robert H. Sr. and Nina White, Route # 1, Box 120, Whiteville, N. C. 28472, in the amount of \$77.28, for year 1992. I-2-4, mobile home, double-listed on real and personal property. Valuation \$6,660, account # 02-05200.

**ORATORIO SOCIETY - FUNDING APPROVAL**

Chairman Koonce stated that he was contacted by the Oratorio Society and they have not received funding from any other source and is still requesting the Board to consider funding \$2,500 that was tabled at the last Board meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson to deny the request for additional funding from the Oratorio Society.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs and seconded by Commissioner Williams to fund the request from the Oratorio Society in the amount of \$2,500.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Norris, and seconded by Commissioner Gray to fund the Oratorio Society the sum of \$1,000 as this was the amount that was taken from their original request in the adopted 1992-93 budget, with funds to be appropriated from Non-Departmental - Contingency.

Voting on the substitute motion by Commissioner Norris is as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Norris, Gray, Koonce, Williams, Jacobs and Worley

NOES: Commissioner Richardson

The motion passed on a 6 - 1 vote.

Commissioner Jacobs withdrew the original motion, and Commissioner Williams withdrew the second.

The following budget amendment was approved appropriating funds in the amount of \$1,000 from Non-Departmental - Contingency (10-660-9999) to be expended in Special Appropriations - Oratorio Society (10-690-9508).

**SOLID WASTE TASK FORCE (REGIONAL) - REPORT FROM COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS**

Commissioner Williams reported that a joint meeting with Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender and Columbus Counties has been scheduled for February 18, 1993 for the Regional Solid Waste Task Force update and requested all County Commissioners to attend.

**SALARY ADJUSTMENTS - TABLED UNTIL ALL FIGURES CAN BE COMPILED**

Commissioner Williams inquired on the status of the employee salary adjustments.

Roy Lowe, Administrator, stated that he has not received requests from all departments and the figures have not been compiled, as yet.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to table any action taken on the salary adjustments until all departments can be compiled and reviewed.

**COUNTY PROPERTY - LONG RANGE PLAN FOR ALL PROPERTY IN COLUMBUS COUNTY**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to invite engineers to provide a long-range plan for all Columbus County property.



Dempsey Herring stated that the Division of Planning in Raleigh will probably provide a long-range plan for the County property if contacted.

The Board concurred to direct Dempsey Herring to check into the possibility of getting the long-range plan prepared by the Division of Planning in Raleigh and report back to the Board.

**PERSONNEL - REQUEST FOR SICK LEAVE TO BE USED FOR FAMILY SICKNESS**

Jo Anne Vereen, Social Services Director, requested the Board's consideration to consider allowing employees to use sick leave when a member of their family is sick instead of taking vacation leave and/or same as the State Personnel Policy allows.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Norris to table the request until the next meeting in order for the Board to receive a copy of the State Personnel Policy for the Board to review before taking action.

An amended motion was made by Commissioner Worley and seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to comply with the State Personnel Policy on sick leave taken for County Employees.

Voting on Commissioner Worley's amended motion is as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Williams, Jacobs and Worley

NOES: Commissioners Richardson, Norris, Gray and Koonce

The substitute failed on a 4 - 3 vote.

Voting on Commissioner Williams' original motion is as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Richardson, Norris, Gray, Koonce, Williams, Jacobs and Worley

NOES: None

The original motion passed unanimously.

**SHERIFF - REPORT ON JAIL EXPANSION**

Sheriff Rains reported that he and Commissioner Koonce visited the Robeson County Jail but will need someone to tell us if the present jail can be expanded.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to direct Chairman Koonce, Sheriff Rains, Administrator Lowe and Dempsey Herring to explore the possibilities of expansion of the present jail and give direction to the Board.

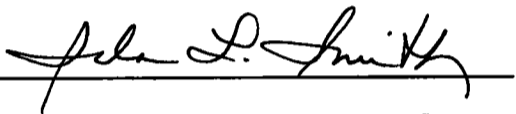
SCHOOLS (NAKINA) - REPORT FROM COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON

Commissioner Richardson stated that he and the Nakina School Community Advisory Committee met on January 21, 1993 and have scheduled a public meeting for everyone who is concerned about the Nakina Facility on February 4, 1993, at the Old Dock Cafeteria at 7:00 P.M. and invited the Commissioners to attend. After the meeting on February 4th, the Committee will take their recommendations to Bob Etheridge and the State Planning Board.

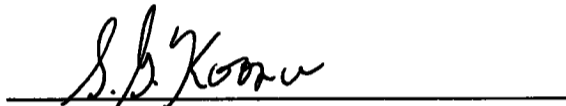
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 A.M.

APPROVED:



Clerk to the Board



Chairman