

COLUMBUS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, NC, at 8:00 A.M., December 6, 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 Wade Fowler gave the invocation.

APPOINTMENTS - GOVERNING BODY CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

The meeting was then turned over to James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, to act as Chairman to transact the appointments for Chairman and Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

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 Richardson for Chairman and Commissioner Jacobs for Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Jacobs declined the nomination for Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Worley then nominated Commissioner Williams for Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Jacobs nominated Commissioner Koonce for Chairman and Commissioner Richardson for Vice Chairman.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norris.

There being no further nominations, a motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to close the nominations.

Voting for Commissioner Koonce for Chairman and Commissioner Richardson for Vice Chairman were Commissioners Richardson, Norris, Gray, Koonce, Williams, Jacobs and Worley.

The vote being unanimous on the second nomination, the vote was not taken on the first nomination.

Attorney Hill announced that Commissioner Samuel G. Koonce was appointed Chairman and Commissioner Mike Richardson was appointed as Vice Chairman by acclamation for the ensuing year.

Chairman Koonce and Vice Chairman Richardson are authorized to sign all instruments on behalf of Columbus County. Resolution is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 15, 1993, Board meeting as recorded.

SURETY BONDS - EXAMINATION & APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to approve Surety Bonds on the following persons that are now in effect, the amounts and the expiration dates:

Ila Penny	\$ 15,000	December 7, 1996
Harold Rains	50,000	December 7, 1994
Linwood Cartrette	15,000	December 7, 1994
Dale Ward	15,000	December 7, 1994
Gayle Godwin	100,000	April 17, 1994
W.D. "Bill" Brooks	75,000	Continued until canceled
Brenda Strickland	25,000	Continued until canceled

APPOINTMENT (COUNTY ATTORNEY) - HILL & HIGH ATTORNEYS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to appoint James E. Hill, Jr., as County Attorney, representing Hill & High Attorneys, for the ensuing year.

PAYROLL - DISTRIBUTION FOR DECEMBER, 1993

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the distribution of payroll checks and Christmas Bonuses for the month of December to be issued on December 20, 1993.

RESOLUTION - CAPE FEAR RIVER CONSERVATION

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

RESOLUTION FOR CAPE FEAR RIVER AWARENESS

The Board of Columbus County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, at its regular meeting held on December 6, 1993, adopted the following Resolution;

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, numerous citizens of Columbus County use the Cape Fear River for the purpose of recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Cape Fear River now exist in a mostly natural state and should be preserved as much as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Cape Fear River poses hazards to its users when those who use it are not properly educated to its dangers; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County agrees with other counties in the region that education about the river and safety guidelines are paramount when using the river.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Columbus County supports programs that will lend to the conservation of the Cape Fear River as well as programs that will educate the users of the Cape Fear River and make it a safe recreation attraction.

Adopted the 6th day of December, 1993.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman

ATTEST:

Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

APPOINTMENTS - BOARD OF HEALTH

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to reappoint the following

persons to serve on the Board of Health for three (3) year terms.

C. Lacy Tate, term expires December 31, 1996

E. Ben Ward, DDS, term expires December 31, 1996

APPOINTMENT - SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Williams, and passed unanimously to reappoint Fredrica Turner to serve on the Southeastern Regional Mental Health Board for a four (4) year term, with term expiring November 30, 1997.

APPOINTMENT - COLUMBUS COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, and seconded by Commissioner Worley to appoint Chairman Koonce to serve a one (1) year term on the Columbus County Hospital Board of Trustees.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris to appoint Sammie Jacobs to serve on the Columbus County Hospital Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Jacobs withdrew his name for the appointment.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to appoint Commissioner Lynwood Norris to serve on the Columbus County Hospital Board of Trustees for a one (1) year term, with term expiring December 31, 1994.

TAX - APPROVAL OF FILING TAX JUDGEMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to approve the following Resolution directing the tax collector to file tax judgements, thereby beginning the in rem foreclosure on "Heir" property.

R E S O L U T I O N

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, at their regular meeting on the 6th day of December, 1993, unanimously adopted the following resolution:

R E S O L V E D :

WHEREAS, Columbus County is a body politic, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County is the governing body as defined by Chapter 105 of the North Carolina General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County is cognizance to the fact that taxes need to be collected within Columbus County and pursuant to N.C.G.S. 105-375 hereby authorize the Columbus County Tax Administrator to use in rem method of foreclosure; and the Board of County Commissioners directs the Tax Collector to file, no earlier than six (6) months following the advertisement of tax liens, with the Clerk of Superior Court of Columbus County a certificate showing the items required to be set forth in N.C.G.S. 105-375.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners for Columbus County, North Carolina, does hereby instruct W. D. Brooks, Jr. as Columbus County Tax Administrator, or his successor in office at a later time, to begin during the year 1993, to file, no later than six (6) months following the advertisement of the tax liens, with the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Columbus County, North Carolina, a certificate showing the following:

- a. The name of the taxpayer listing the real estate on which the taxes are a lien, together with the amount of the taxes, penalties, interest, and cost that there are a lien thereon;
- b. The year or years for which the taxes are due;
- c. A description of the property sufficient to permit its identification by parole evidence; and
- d. To comply with any and all other provisions of N.C.G.S. 105-375 or any revision hereinafter required by the statute or subsequent similar statutes.

This the 6th day of December, 1993.

/s/ Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman
Columbus County Board of
Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board

SOCIAL SERVICES - CONTINUATION OF FLEX HOURS APPROVED

Jo Anne Vereen reported that the six (6) month trial period for flex hours for the Social Services employees has been advantageous for the clients and the employees and requested that

the Board allow the Social Services Department to continue with the flex schedule indefinitely.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to permit the Department of Social Services to continue the flex time schedule indefinitely.

SENIOR CENTER/AGING - CLERK TYPIST III POSITION APPROVED

Wade Fowler, Aging Director, requested the approval of a Clerk Typist III position for the In-Home Services Department to enhance the program and allow time for professional employees to perform their duties in a timely manner.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to approve the employment of a Clerk Typist III, at a 57 grade level for the In-Home Services Department with the cost to be absorbed within the Department.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - SHERIFF

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

Accept 10-335-00 Insurance Revenue	\$ 4,187.00
Expend 10-510-17 M/R Vehicles	\$ 4,187.00

BUDGET AMENDMENT - HEALTH

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

Decrease 10-399-00 Fund Bal. Appropriated	(\$61,650.00)
Decrease 10-591-46 Family Planning	(\$ 4,720.00)
Decrease 10-589-46 Maternal Health	(\$36,271.00)
Decrease 10-593-46 Child Health	(\$12,592.00)
Decrease 10-595-46 Home Health	(\$ 3,079.00)
Decrease 10-595-46 Glaucoma/Diabetes	(\$ 4,105.00)
Decrease 10-597-46 Crippled Children	(\$ 883.00)

BUDGET AMENDMENT - FINANCE

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

budget amendment for the Finance Department.

Decrease 10-345-0100 Article 40 Sales Tax	(\$354,000.00)
(County Share)	
Increase 10-345-0200 Article 40 Sales Tax	259,447.00
(County Schools)	
Increase 10-345-0300 Article 40 Sales Tax	94,553.00
(Whiteville City Schools)	
Increase 10-399-0000 Fund Balance Approp.	104,000.00

BUDGET AMENDMENT - FINANCE

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendment for the Finance Department to cover costs of employment compensation charged to Columbus County FY 1992-93.

Increase 10-430-0900 Elections	\$ 68.00
Increase 10-510-0900 Sheriff	1,865.00
Increase 10-520-0900 Law Enforcement	6,489.00
Decrease 10-660-0900 Non-Departmental	(\$8,422.00)

BONDS (SCHOOL) - CONTRACT FOR FINANCIAL ADVISOR SERVICES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to enter into a contract with J. Lee Peeler & Company, Incorporated to act as financial advisor to the County of Columbus with respect to the refunding of \$16,600,000 outstanding general obligation bonds (\$7,950,000 School Bonds, Series 1990, \$1,050,000 Community College Bonds, Series 1990 and \$7,600,000 School Bonds, Series 1991). J. Lee Peeler & Company agrees to perform the following services in connection with the referenced refundings in a proper and satisfactory manner as determined by the County:

- (a) Prepare refunding transaction analysis setting forth all relevant structure, analytical, and securities information, SLGS subscription forms, and if required, open market confirmations.*
- (b) Recommend terms and conditions for the refunding bonds.*
- (c) Assist in assembling financial and budgetary information necessary for the completion of financial plans.*
- (d) Assist in preparation of bond prospectus or official statement.*
- (e) Recommend debt amortization and redemption provisions.*
- (f) Assist in all matters relating to printing, execution, sale and delivery of bonds.*

The County agrees to pay and Peeler agrees to accept, for the financial advisor services provided hereunder, a fee based on

the services rendered, such fee to be \$16,000, plus out-of-pocket expenses to be capped at \$500. This fee includes the cost of a third party verification agent. Out-of-pocket expenses include printing, postage, federal express, telephone calls, facsimiles, travel and parking. However; in the event a trip to New York to the rating agencies or insurance companies is needed, Peeler will be compensated. If presentations are made in the County, no additional compensation is necessary. Payment of the fee and expense reimbursement will be made from bond process within 30 days of bond closing.

If, for any reason, Peeler shall fail to perform the aforementioned services in a manner satisfactory to the County, the County, at its discretion, may terminate this Agreement by giving Peeler written notice of such termination at least five days before the effective date. In such event, all finished and unfinished documents, reports, etc. prepared by Peeler under this Agreement, shall, at the option of the County, become its property, and Peeler shall be entitled to reasonable compensation therefore.

If, for any reason, the County is unable to consummate the refunding, the County will not be liable for the financial advisor fee. The fee will be paid only upon the successful completion of the financing.

ACCEPTED:

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA

/s/ By: Roy L. Lowe, County Administrator, December 6, 1993

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - PIPELINE OPERATING AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to enter Columbus County into a Pipeline Operating Agreement with the North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation contingent upon the final agreement being completed by N. C. Natural Gas Corporation and reviewed by the County Attorney, James E. Hill, Jr.

RESOLUTION - SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE RESEARCH STATION

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

R E S O L U T I O N

The Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, at their meeting on December 6, 1993, unanimously adopted the following Resolution.

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, it is believed that sustainable agriculture is a way of the future; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County is aware that farming which avoids chemicals and practices that deplete the land are of utmost importance and that people must learn to live in balance with nature; and

WHEREAS, North Carolinians are growing organic crops with sustainable methods and large quantities of organic produce are being made available at major grocery stores; and

WHEREAS, the announcement by the Department of Agriculture that it would cooperate with North Carolina State in opening up a research station dedicated to the study of sustainable agriculture and is in the process of working on standards for certification of organic produce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Columbus County Commissioners is respectfully requesting that the Department of Agriculture consider locating the research station dedicated to the study of sustainable agriculture in Columbus County.

ADOPTED the 6th day of December, 1993.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman

ATTEST:

Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

AUDIT REPORT (JUNE 30, 1993) - ACCEPTED BY BOARD

Andy Wayne, representing W. A. Wayne, CPA, presented the Board with the Columbus County audit report for the year ended June 30, 1993. Mr. Wayne made recommendations as outlined in the audit letter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to accept the 1993 Columbus County Audit report from W. A. Wayne, CPA, as presented

for review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to take Mr. Wayne's recommendations under consideration.

RESOLUTION – FINANCING APPROVAL FOR E-911 PROJECT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson to adopt the following E-911 financing project Resolution.

RESOLUTION APPROVING TERMS OF INSTALLMENT

FINANCING FOR E-911 PROJECT

WHEREAS, Columbus County, North Carolina (the "County"), has previously approved and determined to undertake a plan for the acquisition and installation (the "Project") of certain emergency communication equipment; and

WHEREAS, there have been presented the following draft agreements (the "Agreements") which the County proposes to execute in connection with the Project, copies of which shall be filed with the County's records:

(a) A draft dated December 1, 1993, of an installment financing contract to be dated as of December 6, 1993, (the "Contract"), between the County and United Carolina Bank (the "Bank"), providing for the Bank to finance the County's undertaking of the Project; and

(b) A draft dated December 1, 1993, of a promissory note (the "Note") to be dated on or about December 8, 1993, to be made by the County to further evidence the County's payment obligations under the Contract;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA:

1. The County hereby confirms its decision to undertake the Project in accordance with the plan of financing described in the Agreements.

2. The Chairman or Vice Chairman of the County's Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreements and deliver the same to the Bank, and the Clerk to this

Board (or any assistant clerk) is hereby authorized and directed to affix the County's seal to the Agreements and to attest the same. The Agreements shall be in substantially the forms submitted to this meeting, which are hereby approved, with such changes as may be approved by the Chairman or Vice Chairman, such officer's execution to constitute conclusive evidence of approval of any such changes. The Agreements in final form, however, must provide for the amount advanced to the County to not exceed \$1,400,000, and must otherwise be consistent with the financing proposal from the Bank previously approved by the Board.

3. The County's payment of Installment Payments, as defined in the Contract, shall be subject to annual appropriation of funds by the Board of Commissioners. The County shall not be obligated to make any Contract payments beyond those for which funds have been appropriated in the County's sole discretion during the County's then-current fiscal year. The Contract shall not constitute a pledge of the County's full faith and credit. Neither the County's full faith and credit nor its taxing power is or shall be pledged directly, indirectly or contingently to secure any moneys due under the Note or the Contract.

4. The County's officers are hereby authorized and directed to deliver all certificates and instruments and to take all such further action as they may consider necessary or desirable in connection with the execution and delivery of the Agreements and the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby, including delivering a certificate setting forth the expected use and investment of the proceeds to be derived from the execution and delivery of the Contract (the "Proceeds"), and to make any elections such officers deem desirable regarding any provision requiring rebate of earnings to the United States, for purposes of complying with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, including applicable Treasury regulations (the "Code"), applicable to "arbitrage bonds".

5. The County shall not take or omit to take any action, the taking or omission of which will cause its obligations to pay Installment Payments (the "Obligations") to be "arbitrage bonds",

within the meaning of Code Section 148, or otherwise cause interest components of Installment Payments to be included in the gross income for Federal income tax purposes of the registered owners of the Obligations. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the County shall comply with any provision of the Code that may require the County at any time to pay to the United States any part of the earnings derived from the investment of the Proceeds. The County shall pay any such required rebate from its general funds.

6. *The County covenants that it shall no permit the Proceeds to be used in any manner that would result in (a) 5% or more of the debt service on the Obligations being directly or indirectly (i) secured by an interest in property, or (ii) derived from payments in respect of property or borrowed money, being in either case used in a trade or business carried on by any person other than a governmental unit, as provided in Code Section 141(b), (b) 5% or more of such Proceeds being used with respect to any "output facility" (other than a facility for the furnishing of water), within the meaning of Code Section 141(b)(4), or (c) 5% or more of such Proceeds being used directly or indirectly to make or finance loans to any persons other than a governmental unit, as provided in Code Section 141(c); provided, however, that if the County receives an opinion of bond counsel acceptable to the Bank that compliance with any such covenant is not required to prevent the interest components of Installment Payments from being includable in the gross income for Federal income tax purposes of the registered owners of the Obligations under existing law, the County need not comply with such covenant.*

7. *The County hereby designates the Obligations as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for the purpose of Code Section 265(b)(3).*

8. *All other actions of County officers in conformity with the purposes and intent of this resolution and in furtherance of the execution and delivery of the Agreements and the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby are hereby approved and confirmed.*

9. All other resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

10. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

After discussion, the Chairman called for a vote and Commissioners Richardson, Norris, Gray, Koonce, Williams, Jacobs and Worley voted in favor of the said motion. There were no votes against said motion and the said resolution was adopted.

I, IDA L. SMITH, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached 3 (3) pages are true and exact copies of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, held December 6, 1993.

/s/ IDA L. SMITH

CLERK TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION - REIMBURSEMENT APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to adopt the following E-911 reimbursement Resolution.

RESOLUTION OF OFFICIAL INTENT

RESOLUTION FOR A GOVERNMENTAL ISSUER

(REIMBURSEMENT)

RESOLUTION OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FROM THE PROCESS OF A TAX-EXEMPT FINANCING FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES TO BE MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND/OR EQUIPPING OF CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS AND IMPROVEMENTS AN DIN PARTICULAR THE E-911 PROJECT.

WHEREAS, Columbus County is a political subdivision organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the said County will make expenditures on or after the date hereof with respect to expenses incurred and to be incurred in connection with the acquisition, construction, and/or equipping and supplying of equipment for the E-911 Project for Columbus County, and more fully described in the Contract previously signed the Supplier and by Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners have determined that the funds advanced and to be advanced to pay expenditures are and will be available for a temporary period and it is necessary to reimburse the said County for the expenditures mad on or after the date hereof with respect to the Project from the proceeds of the financing of the said Project; and

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, there have no funds of the Issuer or any other entity that is part of the controlled group of entities of which the Issuer is deemed a part under Treasury Regulation Sections 1.103-18 and 1.150-1(f) (the "Controlled Group"), that are, or are reasonably expected to be, allocated on a long-term basis, reserved or otherwise available pursuant to the budgets of the Issuer or any other entity that is part of the Controlled Group to finance the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board hereby adopts this declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.103-18(c)(2)(i) or any other relevant section and declares its intent to reimburse the Issuer with the proceeds of tax-exempt financing for expenditures, made or after the date hereof with respect to the said Project.

Section 2. On the date of expenditure, all reimbursable cost of the Project will be of a type properly chargeable to a capital account under general federal income tax principals.

Section 3. The maximum principal amount of the debt expected to be issued under the Project is \$1,400,000.00.

Section 4. The adoption of this Resolution is consistent with the budgetary and financial circumstances of the Issuer and all other entities that are party of the Controlled Group.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Section 6. Beginning no later than thirty (30) days after the adoption of this Project and ending at the time os which the Certificates of Participation and final financing documents have been executed, this Resolution will be reasonably and

continuously available for inspection by the general public, on each business day and during normal business hours, at the Columbus County Administration Offices, 111 Washington, Street, Whiteville, North Carolina.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 6TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1993.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

For the construction and renovation of an E-911 Media Center and the installation of all necessary equipment, computers, and other materials including the mapping of the county in order to establish the E-911 Project in Columbus County.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COLUMBUS COUNTY

I, IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to the Columbus County Board of County Commissioners, hereby certifies that the following is a true and correct excerpt from the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the said Board on December 6, 1993, and the said minutes are duly recorded in the Official Minute Book Number 22 at Page ____.

ADOPTION OF A "MEMORANDUM OF INTENT TO REIMBURSE" FOR 911 PROJECT

County Administrator, ROY L. LOWE, had provided each of the board members with a copy of a Resolution which would allow the County to reimburse itself for the E-911 Project. This Resolution is required in order to comply with the new IRS Regulation 1.103-18C.

By motion of Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Richardson, the motion unanimously carried, and was adopted by the Board as attached hereto.

This the 6th day of December, 1993.

/s/ IDA L. SMITH
CLERK TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION - TERMS OF INSTALLMENT FINANCING FOR E-911 PROJECT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by

Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to adopt a Resolution approving terms of installment financing for the E-911 project as follows.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING, IN PRINCIPLE, THE FINANCING OF AN
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,400,000.00 FOR THE
E-911 PROJECT FOR COLUMBUS COUNTY**

R E C I T A L S :

Columbus County, North Carolina (the "County"), has previously determined to provide an E-911 service in Columbus County for the general citizens thereof. This Project existing facility in Columbus County and the purchase of equipment and professional mapping of the county in order to establish the said Project.

There has been described to the Columbus County Board of County Commissioners (the "Board"), a plan of financing for the facility and the project pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-20, which would provide for the "installment financing" by the County up to \$1,400,000.00 for the said Project pursuant to agreements to be entered into with, among others, United Carolina Bank, (the "Underwriter").

The County Attorney has advised the Board that the acquisition and construction of the said facility and to purchase the said equipment along with the professional skills of mapping, and the proposed plan of financing are authorized by law, and that the Project is a purpose for which public funds may be lawfully expended pursuant to the constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina.

Notice of the public hearing on this resolution was published in the News Reporter, a paper published bi-weekly in Columbus County, of general circulation, on the 1st day of November, 1993, and on the 4th day of November, 1993. As advertised, the public hearing was held by the Board of County Commissioners at 7:30 P.M. on November 15, 1993.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The County hereby undertakes the Project, and determines to undertake an installment financing of the Facility and the purchase of equipment pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-20, et al. The approval is subject to the Board's subsequent further approval of financing terms and conditions.

2. The County Administrator and the Fiance Director are hereby authorized and directed to apply to the North Carolina Local Government Commission for its approval of the proposed financing. The Fiance Director is hereby authorized to execute any certified statement of debt related to such application and to file the same with the Clerk of this Board.

3. The Board hereby finds as a fact and determines as follows:

- (a) The Project is necessary and expedient for Columbus County, North Carolina. The new E-911 Facility and Project is necessary to provide proper health, safety and welfare to each of the citizens of Columbus County.
- (b) That Columbus County has not in the past operated any 911 Facility and the new E-911 Facility will meet the need of the citizens of the County.
- (c) The sums to fall due from the County under the financing are not excessive for their stated purpose. The obligations are currently estimated to be less than the revenues generated from the E-911 collections per month for the life of the loan. The total amount is approximately 0.942% of the County's annual budgeted general fund expenditures for the year 1992-93 fiscal year but is less than the amount the County expects to derive each year from the funding resource listed below.
- (d) The total Project cost does not exceed the County's unappropriated fund balance.
- (e) The proposed plan of financing, under all the circumstances, is preferable to the general obligation or revenue bonds for the same purpose. The County has no meaningful capacity to issue general obligation bonds in the 1992-93 or 1993-93 fiscal year without obtaining

the referendum approval and the facilities will not provide any revenue that could be used to support a self-liquidating bond issue.

In addition, for these reasons, and because the Board's general evaluation of the electorate's predisposition towards bond issues, the Board considers that it would be impractical to ask the County's voters to approve general obligation bonds for the Facility.

Also, the County has additional flexibility under an installment financing to structure its payment of ligations in a way that will minimize the burden of general funds in the early years of financing, which makes the installment financing method preferable to the general obligation bond issue. The general obligation bond issue must be structured with the debt service that is higher in early years than in later years, the County could afford such a repayment schedule only by extending the terms of the financing. By structuring the County's repayment obligations to be substantially equal in each of the fiscal years, the County can reduce the terms of the financing and significantly reduce the amount of interest payable.

(f) The estimated cost of either proposed financing compares reasonably, although it is higher with the estimate of similar obligating bonds financing for the same undertaking. the proposed financing is expected to have an interest cost (taking into account the anticipated cost of insurance to protect the owner of the securities that will be issued on the County's behalf) approximately the same or lower percentage that the County's general obligation bond issue for the Project. In addition, the proposed financing also has associated with it, certain direct out-of-pocket costs in addition to those that would be applicable to the general obligation bond issue sold upon sealed bids.

(g) The County's debt management policies have been carried out in strict compliance with the law, as indicated in

the County's most recent audit net financial statement.

(h) The County's estimated net average annual payment for this financing is \$233,892.00 and is equivalent to approximately 0.942% of the County's ad valorem property tax rates. Because the County expects to be able to make all payments during the first seven (7) years of the financing from some combination of the sources available to the County under the reimbursement of the E-911 Projects, no further increase in the County's ad valorem tax rates will be required to raise the sums to fall due under the financing during the same time period as a result of this Project. Payment on the financing will replace (a portion of) the County's previous annual pay-as-you-can plan for expenditures.

(i) The County is not in default in meeting any of its current debt obligations, as noted in the County's most recent audited financial statement and previously confirmed by the Board by the Finance Director.

4. All other actions of the County officials in conformity with the purposed and intent of this Resolution are hereby approved and confirmed.

5. All other resolution or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Richardson.

After Discussion, the Chairman called for a vote and Commissioners Richardson, Norris, Gray, Koonce, Williams, Jacobs and Worley voted in favor of the said motion. There were not votes against said motion and the said Resolution was adopted.

I, IDA L. SMITH, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached 4 pages are true and exact copies of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, held November 15, 1993.

/s/ IDA L. SMITH

CLERK TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BONDS (SCHOOL) - RESOLUTION FOR BOND ORDER AND CALL OF PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to order the authorization of \$14,250,000 refunding bonds.

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, was held in the County Administration Building on Washington Street in Whiteville, North Carolina, in their regular place of meeting, at 8:00 A.M., on December 6, 1993.

Present: Chairman Samuel G. Koonce, presiding, and Commissioners A. Dial Gray, III, Sammie Jacobs, Lynwood Norris, Mike Richardson, C.W. Williams, and Ed Worley.

Absent: None

Also present: Gayle Godwin, Finance Officer and Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

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Commissioner Richardson introduced the following order authorizing bonds which were read:

ORDER AUTHORIZING \$14,250,000 REFUNDING BONDS

BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus:

1. That, pursuant to the Local Government Bond Act, as amended, the County of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby authorized to issue Refunding Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$14,250,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for refunding a portion of the School Bonds, Series 1990 of said County, dated July 1, 1990, and stated to mature in the aggregate principal amount of \$7,950,000 after January 1, 1993, a portion of the Community College Bonds, Series 1990 of said County, dated July 1, 1990 and stated to mature in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,050,000 after January 1, 1993, and a portion of the School Bonds, Series 1991 of said County, dated August 1, 1991 and stated to mature in the aggregate principal amount of \$7,600,000 after February 1, 1993, including paying expenses related thereto.

2. That taxes shall be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on the Refunding Bonds authorized hereby.

3. That a sworn statement of the debt of said County has been filed with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for said County and is open to public inspection.

4. That this order shall take effect upon its adoption.

The Board of Commissioners thereupon designated the Finance Officer as the officer whose duty it shall be to make and file with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners the sworn statement of debt of the County which is required by the Local Government Bond Act, as amended, to be filed after the bond order has been introduced and before the public hearing thereon.

Thereupon the Finance Officer filed with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, in the presence of the Board of Commissioners, the sworn statement of debt as so required.

Thereupon the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$14,250,000 REFUNDING BONDS" was passed on first reading.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Commissioners fixed 8:00 A.M. on January 3, 1994 in the County Administration Building on Washington Street in Whiteville, North Carolina, as the hour, day and place for the public hearing upon the foregoing order and directed the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners to publish said order, together with the appended statement as required by the Local Government Bond Act, as amended, once in The News Reporter not later than the sixth day before said date.

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I, Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of so much of the proceedings of said Board at a regular meeting held on December 6, 1993 as relates in any way to the introduction and passage on first reading of an order authorizing bonds of said County and the calling of a public hearing upon such order and that said proceedings are recorded in Minute Book No. 22 of the minutes of said Board, beginning on Page

490 and ending on page 492.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that a schedule of regular meetings of said Board, stating that regular meetings of said Board are held in the County Administration Building on Washington Street in Whiteville, North Carolina on the first Monday of each month at 8:00 A.M. and on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M., has been on file in my office as of a date not less than seven days before the date of said meeting in accordance with G.S. §143-318.12.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County, this 6th day of December, 1993.

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board

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COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA

SWORN STATEMENT OF DEBT MADE PURSUANT

TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOND ACT, AS AMENDED

I, Gayle Godwin, Finance Officer for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, having been designated by the Board of Commissioners for said County to make and file with the Clerk to said Board of Commissioners a statement of the debt of said County pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the following is a true statement as shown by the books in my office, not taking into consideration any debt incurred or to be incurred in anticipation of the collection of taxes or other revenues or in anticipation of the sale of bonds other than funding and refunding bonds:

(a) GROSS DEBT

a(1) Outstanding debt evidenced by bonds:

Community College Bonds.....	\$ 1,050,000	
County Hospital Bonds.....	1,400,000	
School Bonds.....	15,550,000	
Other bonds.....	_____	\$18,000,000

a(2) Bonds authorized by an order introduced on December 6, 1993, but not yet adopted:

Refunding Bonds.....	\$14,250,000
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a(3) Unissued bonds authorized by adopted orders:

\$ -0-

a(4) Outstanding debt, not evidenced by bonds:

Literacy Fund Notes..... \$ 60,000
 Other debt (Lease Purchases). 159,691 \$ 219,691

(a) **GROSS DEBT**, being the sum of a(1),
 a(2), a(3) and a(4)..... \$32,469,691

(b) **DEDUCTIONS**

b(1) Funding and refunding bonds
 authorized by orders introduced
 but not yet adopted..... \$14,250,000

b(2) Funding and refunding bonds
 authorized but not yet issued..... \$ -0-

b(3) The amount of money held in
 sinking funds or otherwise for
 the payment of any part of the
 principal of gross debt other than
 debt incurred for water purposed or
 sanitary sewer purposed (to the
 extent that the bonds are
 deductible under G.S. §159-55(b)..... \$ -0-

b(4) Bonded debt included in gross debt
 and incurred, or to be incurred,
 for water purposes..... \$ -0-

b(5) Bonded debt included in gross debt
 and incurred, or to be incurred,
 for sanitary sewer system purposes
 to the extent that said debt is made
 deductible by G.S. §159-55(b)..... \$ -0-

b(6) Uncollected special assessments
 heretofore levied for local
 improvements for which any part of
 the gross debt (that is not
 otherwise deducted) was or is to
 be incurred to the extent that
 such assessments will be applied,
 when collected, to the payment of
 any part of the gross debt..... \$ -0-

b(7) The amount, as estimated by the
 _____, of special
 assessments to be levied for
 local improvements for which any
 part of the gross debt (that is not
 otherwise deducted) was or is to be
 incurred, to the extent that the
 special assessments, when collected,
 will be applied to the payment of
 any part of the gross debt..... \$ -0-

(b) **DEDUCTIONS**, being the sum of b(1),
 b(2), b(3), b(4), b(5), b(6) and
 b(7)..... \$14,250,000

(c) **NET DEBT**

(c) **NET DEBT**, being the difference
 between the **GROSS DEBT** (a) and
 the **DEDUCTIONS** (b)..... \$ 18,219,691

(d) **APPRAISED VALUE**

(d) **APPRAISED VALUE** of property subject
 to municipal taxation before the
 application of the fixed assessment ratio,.... \$1,485,276,596

(e) Percentage which the NET DEBT (c)
bears to the APPRAISED VALUE (d)..... 1.23%

The foregoing statement is true.

/s/ GAYLE B. GODWIN
FINANCE OFFICER FOR THE
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS) ss.:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of December,
1993.

/s/ VENEDA S. RAY
NOTARY PUBLIC

Commission Expires: 2-23-97.

RESOLUTION - GOVERNING BOARD MEETING CANCELLATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by
Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to cancel the second
scheduled meeting in December, 1993 as follows.

NOTICE AND RESOLUTION TO CANCEL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

The Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North
Carolina, concurred on the 6th day of December, 1993, to adopt 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 scheduled meetings at 8:00
A.M. on the first Monday of each month and 7:30 P.M. on the third
Monday of each month; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus
County, North Carolina are desirous of canceling the meeting on the
third Monday in December, 1993, only.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the Board of County
Commissioners pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-40 shall hold the next
regularly scheduled meeting in the Columbus County Commissioners'
Chambers, 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, NC, on Monday, January
3, 1994.

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, as well as mailed to all of the news media who has requested notice.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ SAMUEL G. KOONCE, CHAIRMAN

ATTESTED BY:

IDA L. SMITH, CLERK TO BOARD

TAX RELEASES & 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.

Betty H. Buffkin; licensed vehicles (1983 Buick, 1981 Ford, double listed). Amount \$16.99, valuation \$2,360.00, year 1993, account #06-02980.

Shirley Mae Davis; #J-4-25C, double listed since 1991 to J-4-25A, Thomas and Dorothy Marley. Amount \$14.80, valuation \$2,000.00, year 1993, account #01-20103.

W. G. FormyDuval (Rev.); #L-13-6 and M-12-38B, not in Old Dock FD. Amount \$3.92, year 1993, accounts #03-07900 and #03-07905.

Patricia Tedder Blackman; licensed vehicle double listed on 1993-09-02559. Amount \$4.48, valuation \$560.00, year 1993, account #03-01420.

Albert Kelly; does not own mobile home. Rebilled to Reginald and Teresa Kelly for 1992. Amount \$118.33, valuation \$15,590.00, year 1992, account #13-22383.

Robert E. Lennon, Sr. (and James W.); #X-5-10A, not in Acme Delco Fire District. Amount \$10.80, year 1993, account #15-23780.

Elizabeth McDuffie; mobile home rebilled to Shirley Tyson for 1993. Amount \$21.31, valuation \$2,690.00, year 1993, account #13-25541.

Inez Benton Norris; failed to get S.C. Ex. on her land CH-1-47 where mobile home is located. Amount \$59.76, valuation \$8,300.00, year 1993, account #13-31135.

Robert Leo Blackwell; trailers double listed on Robert Scott Blackwell #16-01223. Amount \$18.04, valuation \$2,000.00,

year 1993, account #16-01178.

Richard and Rosa Brice; #TC-3-481 and #TC-3-482 sold in 1991 to Vernon Dewitt. #TC-3-460, 461, 462, 463, 465 and 485, double listing since 1984. Amount \$548.09, valuation \$74,400.00, years 1984 through 1993, account #06-02360.

Ronald Junior Norris; leasehold valued \$2,100.00, does not own. Amount \$16.38, valuation \$2,100.00, year 1993, account #06-28320.

Mollie Letha Smith; house valued \$28,400.00 rebilled to Janet M. Hill Smith on #16-13327. Amount \$204.48, valuation \$28,400.00, year 1993, account #16-13360.

Mary Martin Walker; #J-5-132A, house 75% complete on 1-01-93. Amount \$29.60, valuation \$4,000.00, year 1993, account #01-99604.

Clara Ward; licensed vehicle (1983 Mercury) double billed. Also, 1971 mobile home sold in 1991. Amount \$24.12, valuation \$3,350.00, year 1993, account #09-31685.

Tylon Franklin Wise, Sr.; #X-4-117, not in Acme Delco Fire District. Amount \$63.90 AD/F, year 1993, account #15-39920.

Eva D. Evans; mobile home vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #15-13555.

Albert Kelly; mobile home rebilled to Reginald and Teresa Kelly on #13-22472 for 1992. Amount \$18.00 user fee. Year 1992, account #13-22383.

Elizabeth S. McDuffie; mobile home rebilled to Shirley Tyson for 1993. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #13-25541.

Mollie Letha Smith; house on #D-8-66 rebilled to Janet Mill Smith. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #16-13360.

Mary Martin Walker; #J-5-132A, house vacant on 1-01-93. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #01-99604.

Mark Williamson; #C-3-5, one house only. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #12-31443.

DEFERRED TAXES, DOUBLE BILLED FOR YEAR 1992

Year 1993 for Years 1989 through 1992

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MAP #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>	<u>ACCOUNT #</u>
Evon Anest	H-6-13	\$ 249.34	\$ 36,400.00	13-00196

Dorothy S. Baldwin	L-2-15A	\$ 68.50	\$ 10,000.00	14-00360
J.M. Benton (Heirs)	M-15-21	\$ 210.98	\$ 30,800.00	07-00400
Beamon Buffkin	D-10-8	\$ 95.08	\$ 13,880.00	16-01840
A.B. & Gussie Bullard	F-7-5	\$ 57.54	\$ 8,400.00	16-02100
Margaret Bunn	J-3-27	\$ 43.28	\$ 6,320.00	01-10640
James Allen Cartrette, Jr.	I-5-109-A	\$ 293.18	\$ 42,800.00	01-13422
Levi & Alma Fowler	G-13-31 & G-12-28	\$ 271.26	\$ 39,600.00	06-11960
Eugene T. & Margaret Greene	E-6-112C	\$ 83.84	\$ 12,240.00	16-06101
Harry James & Carolyn Hart	T-5-11	\$1,871.42	\$273,200.00	04-07180
Billy Hooks	J-3-56	\$ 46.58	\$ 6,800.00	01-42860
L P S Farms, Inc.	M-3-35	\$ 79.46	\$ 11,600.00	14-09492
Lake Waccamaw Realty Co.	LW-4-241	\$ 304.14	\$ 44,400.00	08-10700
Norman N. Norris	G-11-65-A	\$ 260.30	\$ 38,000.00	09-23160
Henry O. & Lou Floy Milligan	I-10-34 I-10-27 I-10-33 I-10-28	\$ 465.80	\$ 68,000.00	09-20780
William M. Prince	M-10-24	\$ 35.62	\$ 5,200.00	03-18180
Larry Wayne Ransom	I-1-3	\$ 60.28	\$ 8,800.00	05-05560
Gerald D. & Patricia Smith	Y-2-94	\$ 32.32	\$ 4,720.00	15-34760
Lewis Cleveland Soles	F-11-63	\$ 73.98	\$ 10,800.00	06-34440
Edna Hunt Stephens (Mrs.)	H-9-7	\$ 326.06	\$ 47,600.00	09-29340
Emily Floyd Stephens	E-2-686	\$ 156.18	\$ 22,800.00	12-26445
Lucian P. Stephens	E-2-30	\$ 526.08	\$ 76,800.00	12-26680
Reginald Strickland	C-8-5 C-8-12	\$ 613.76	\$ 89,600.00	10-16580
Spencer M. Strickland	D-9-2	\$ 137.00	\$ 13,700.00	16-15420
Strole Dairy & Farm, Inc.	F-6-15A	\$ 48.76	\$ 7,120.00	13-38780
Daniel Thompson	J-6C-45	\$ 142.48	\$ 20,800.00	01-93400
William L. Thompson, Jr.	I-6-70 B	\$ 79.46	\$ 11,600.00	01-95040
H.A. Turner, Jr. (Heirs)	A-2-17	\$ 21.92	\$ 3,200.00	10-17280
Phil Ward	HB-3-36	\$ 109.60	\$ 16,000.00	11-29260

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Shirley Mae Davis, Route 1, Box 162-D, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$32.52, for years 1991 and 1992. #J-4-25C, double listed to #J-4-25A, Thomas and Dorothy Marley #01-59100. Amount \$32.52, valuation \$4,000.00, years 1991 and 1992, account #01-20103.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Dewey C. and Mary Dowless, Route 2, Box 132-A, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$23.71, for year 1993. Licensed vehicle (1984 Buick) double billed. Taxes paid through error on regular account. Amount \$23.71, valuation \$3,360.00, year 1993, account #14-04423.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Sarah Walker Green, 1020 Rankin Street, Apartment #307, Wilmington, NC 28401, in the amount of \$27.50, for year 1991 in 1992. 1986 Pontiac listed in New Hanover County since 1991 and taxes paid, per documents. Amount \$27.50, valuation \$3,850.00, year 1992 for 1991, account #15-16721.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Waitus Dean Parker, Route 1, Box 597, Delco, NC 28436, in the amount of \$28.27, for year 1993. #W-4-82 not in the Acme Delco/Riegelwood Fire District. Amount \$28.27, year 1993, accounts #15-29093 and #28980.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Cooperative Bank for Savings (customer Herbert Shaw), Post Office Box 600, Second and Market Streets, Wilmington, NC 28402, in the amount of \$114.47, for year 1992. Mr. Herbert Shaw does not own #W-2-159; but Loan Company paid taxes through error 3/10/93. Property was rebilled to the owner Hubert Shaw on #15-33421. Amount \$114.47, valuation \$14,000.00, year 1992, account #15-33415.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Geraldine Dawson Whittaker, Route 1, Box 162-D, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$44.20, for years 1991, 1992 and 1993. #J-4-25E double listed to #J-4-25A, Thomas and Dorothy Marley on #01-59100. Amount \$44.20, valuation \$6,000.00, years 1991 through 1993, account #02-04203.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Perry R. White, Route 1, Box 137, in the amount of \$16.87, for year 1993. Licensed vehicle (1987 Dodge) double listed. Taxes paid through error on regular billing. Amount \$16.87, valuation \$2,390.00, year 1993, account #02-05155.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to George P. and Mary Wilson, Route 1, Hallsboro, NC 28442, in the amount of \$36.00, for year 1993. Failed to get the disability exemption on their Lot M-5-71B. (Mobile home was exempted on LL billing.)

Amount \$36.00, valuation \$4,500.00, year 1993, account #11-30223.

MEETING RECESSED

At 9:45 A.M., the Chairman recessed the meeting to allow Board members to review the infrastructure bid for the County Complex that was on display in the Administrative Conference Room.

MEETING RESUMED

At 10:00 A.M., the Chairman resumed the meeting.

COUNTY COMPLEX - INFRASTRUCTURE BIDS TABLED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to table the County Complex infrastructure bid until the next Board meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING - REQUEST LOCATING CAR DEALERSHIP ON SR 1158 NEAR SCC

Roy L. Lowe, County Administrator, presented the Board with a letter of request from Jerry Benton requesting to open a used car sales on SR 1558 on the outskirts of Southeastern Community College. All state and local requirements have been met with the exception of the Southeastern Community College zone. The request for zoning variance has gone before the Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees and they will not voice any objections to the establishment and operation of a car lot on State Road 1558 to be owned and operated by Mr. Jerry Benton.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to advertise for a public hearing for the purpose of locating a car lot on property on State Road 1558 which is adjacent to the Southeastern Community College Zoning.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:10 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 11:30 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to adjourn executive session and resume regular session.

POLICY - CHILD CARE LEAVE FOR INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOL CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Chairman Koonce advised Administration to draft a policy on child care leave for parents involvement in school children's activities, to be considered at the next Board meeting.

SALARY & WAGE STUDY - IMPLEMENT AT ONE-HALF OF THE PROPOSAL FROM DAVID M. GRIFFITH & ASSOCIATES

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to implement the salary and wage study pay plan for Columbus County employees who are eligible to receive a salary increase at one-half of the proposal submitted by David M. Griffith & Associates, effective January 1, 1994. The appropriation for salary increases will be made from Fund Balance.

BUILDINGS (SOCIAL SERVICES) - BID PACKAGE COST

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to direct Administration when receiving bids for the different phases of construction for the Social Services project to present the total bid package cost to the Board for consideration.

BUILDINGS - JANITORIAL SERVICE FOR COURTHOUSE

The Board concurred to direct the County Administrator, to advertise and receive bids for night-time cleaning services for the Columbus County Courthouse and present to the Board for consideration.

USER FEES - EXPLORE AVENUES

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to direct Roy L. Lowe, County Administrator, and James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney to explore all avenues for implementing user fees in Columbus County and report back to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

J. L. Smith
Clerk to the Board

APPROVE:
S. B. Koonce
Chairman