

**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., January 3, 1994, 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

Dempsey B. Herring,  
Special Projects Coordinator

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

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 6, 1993, Board meeting, as recorded.

**PUBLIC HEARING - \$14,250,000 REFUNDING BONDS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to enter into a public hearing upon the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$14,250,000 REFUNDING BONDS."

Chairman Koonce requested anyone to speak who might wish to be heard on the question of the validity of said order or the advisability of issuing said bonds.

There were no comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by

Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to adjourn the public hearing and resume regular session.

BONDS (SCHOOL) - ORDER AUTHORIZING REFUNDING

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, was held at 8:00 A.M., on January 3, 1994, in the County Administrative Building on Washington Street in Whiteville, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting.

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

Absent: None

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The Chairman announced that this was the date and hour fixed by the Board of Commissioners for the public hearing upon the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$14,250,000 REFUNDING BONDS" and that the Board of Commissioners would immediately hear anyone who might wish to be heard on the question of the validity of said order or the advisability of issuing said bonds.

No one appeared, either in person or by attorney, to be heard on the question of the validity of said order or the advisability of issuing said bonds and the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners announced that no written statement relating to said questions had been received.

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and carried, the order introduced and passed on first reading on December 6, 1993 entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$14,500,000 REFUNDING BONDS" was read a second time by title and placed upon its final passage. The vote upon the final passage of said order was:

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

NOES: None

The Chairman then announced that the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$14,250,000 REFUNDING BONDS" has been adopted.

The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners was thereupon directed to publish said order, together with the appended statement as required by the Local Government Bond Act, as amended, once in The News Reporter.

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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 January 3, 1994, as relates in any way to the holding of a public hearing upon an order authorizing the issuance of bonds of said County as directed in such proceedings and the adoption of said order and that said proceedings are recorded in Minute Book No. 22 of the minutes of said Board, beginning at page 502 and ending at page 503.

I DO HEREBY 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 3rd day of January, 1994.

(SEAL)

/s/ Ida L. Smith  
Clerk to the Board of  
Commissioners

PERSONNEL POLICY - EMPLOYEE LEAVE FOR INVOLVEMENT IN CHILDREN'S  
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to amend the Personnel Administration Policy to include the following addendum:

SECTION 29. EMPLOYEE LEAVE FOR INVOLVEMENT IN CHILDREN'S SCHOOLS  
Purpose

*Employee Leave for Involvement in Children's Schools* was passed effective December 1, 1993, to grant at least four hours of leave per year, so that a parent guardian or any person standing "in loco parentis" of a school aged-child to attend or otherwise be involved in activities at the child's school.

***Eligible Employees***

**Permanent Employees** - An employee who has been employed with County Government for at least 12 months and who has worked at least 1000 hours (half-time) for a 40 hour workweek and 975 hours (half-time) for 37 1/2 hour workweek during the previous 12-month period is entitled to four hours of leave per year.

Employees will be provided four hours of leave per year for their child's school activities. An employee may take petty leave in increments of fifteen (15) minutes up to a maximum of two (2) hours. Any time taken above two (2) hours will be charged to vacation leave for involvement in their Children's School activities. Leave without pay may be appropriate if the employee has exhausted petty and vacation leave. Leave will be subject to the following conditions:

1. The leave shall be at a mutually agreed upon time between the supervisor and employee.
2. The employee must provide the supervisor with a written request for the leave at least 48 hours before the time desired for the leave.

***Definition***

The definition of school includes public and private schools, church schools, and preschools. It also includes day care facilities as defined under G.S. 110-86.

**APPOINTMENT - DOMICILIARY/NURSING HOME COMMITTEE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to appoint Mrs. Chressie Turner to serve on the Domiciliary/Nursing Home Committee to fill the unexpired term of Miriam Holt, with term expiring June 30, 1995.

**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.

Accept WIC Federal Funds	\$2,022.00
Expend as follows:	
10-598-02 Salaries	\$1,672.00
10-598-05 FICA	155.00
10-598-07 Retirement	195.00

**BUDGET AMENDMENT - HEALTH (MOTION WITHDRAWN)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, and seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve a budget amendment accepting a new State Grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 for Black Churches for Better Health.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, and seconded by Commissioner Gray to table the budget amendment until the request was reviewed by the Board of Health.

The motion and the substitute motion were withdrawn until later in the meeting when Marian Duncan, Health Director, is contacted to explain the Grant to the Board of Commissioners.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT - AGRICULTURE EXTENSION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendment for Agriculture Extension.

Accept 10-335-0000 Farm-City Week Donations	\$ 615.00
Expend 10-605-3300 Demonstration	\$ 615.00

**BUDGET AMENDMENT - MISCELLANEOUS**

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

Accept 10-348-3200 State Aid Elderly & Handicapped Transportation	\$3,965.00
Expend as follows:	
Decrease 10-700-9700 ETAP - Health	(\$16,200.00)
Increase 10-700-9701 ETAP - Aging Dept.	2,913.00
Increase 10-700-9702 ETAP - Social Services	1,637.00
Increase 10-700-9703 MTAP - Social Services	4,488.00
Increase 10-700-9704 ETAP - Mental Health	11,127.00

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - APPROVAL OF MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS TO BE**

**UPDATED**

John Moore, Emergency Management Coordinator, requested

the Board to update the Mutual Aid Agreements between the County and the Municipalities.

The Board concurred for John Moore, Emergency Management Coordinator, and James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, to update the Mutual Aid Agreements and present to the Board for approval.

TAX RELEASES

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.

Terry Franklin and Wanda Andrews; mobile double listed on real and personal property. Amount \$54.91, valuation \$6,950.00, year 1993, account #13-00193.

Frank Baldwin (EST.)% Lennon Baldwin; L-3-132B, double listed to #14-01020, Lennon Baldwin on L3-132A. Amount \$130.03, valuation \$17,100.00, years 1984 through 1990, account #14-00720.

Robert A. (Sr.) and Barbara Bass; H-4-2H, not in fire district. Amount \$3.50 KD, year 1993, account #01-03537.

Jimmy E. Brown Farms, Inc.; unidentified property. Does not exist. Amount \$23.76, valuation \$3,300.00, year 1993, account #12-03601.

Horace Robert Cartrett; personal property not in Yam City Fire District. Amount \$1.00 YC, year 1993, account #06-04494.

Thomas E. Carroll; W-4-54, not in Acme-Delco Fire District. Amount \$30.70 AD, year 1993, account #15-08990.

Hilda Faye Edwards; listed wrong year model of mobile home. Owns 1972 (12 x 65). Amount \$11.74, valuation \$1,630.00, year 1993, account #13-11576.

Willard Avery Harris; H-4-1A, house 75% complete on 1-01-93. Amount \$82.16, valuation \$10,400.00, year 1993, account #13-18106.

Leon O. Hewett; failed to get the Senior Citizen's exemption on mobile home. Amount \$38.95, valuation \$5,410.00, year 1993, account #07-08352.

Jocephus and Australia Jones; L-3-179, house burned in 1992. Amount \$36.08, valuation \$4,400.00, year 1993, account #14-07940.

Jimmy Dale Long; L-12-64B, house valuation corrected. Amount \$10,80, valuation \$1,500.00, year 1993, account #03-14270.

J. Monroe and Blanche McDowell; K-12-39, not in Williams Fire District. Amount \$4.68, year 1993, account #09-17660.

Alpheus L. Nobles; failed to get the disability on lot and mobile home located on F-8-48. Amount \$90.00, valuation \$12,000.00, year 1992, account #13-29340.

Lillian Marie H. Nobles; mobile home double listed on John Sherwood and Marie Nobles. Amount \$256.83, valuation \$25,800.00, year 1993 for 1992 and 1993, account #01-65881.

Alfred W. and Francis Shaw; E-3B-9, double listed to E-3B-8, David C. Martin #12-07400. Amount \$7.20, valuation \$1,000.00, year 1993, account #12-24180.

Beatrice Moore Yates; failed to get the Senior Citizen's exemption on G-5-2. Amount \$94.80, valuation \$12,000.00, year 1993, account #13-45820.

Terry Franklin and Wanda Andrews; mobile home already billed on real property. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #13-00193.

Luretha Brown; WH-1-91A, located in town. Amount \$12.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #01-09471.

Toy and Frances Carol Duncan; H-9-21A, vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #09-07440

B. L. and Hallie Pearl FormyDuval; N-11-23, vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #03-07440.

Avalene Blanks Graham; mobile home not occupied. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993. Account #08-06967.

Leon O. Hewett; mobile home exempted. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #07-08352.

William Edwin and Kathleen Hobbs; Q-2-15, one (1) building only. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #08-09040.

Jocephus and Australia Jones; house burned in 1992. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #14-07940.

Everette and Ruth Lanier; J-7A-28 located in town. Amount \$12.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #01-51180.

Lilliam Marie H. Nobles; mobile home double listed on John Sherwood Nobles. Amount \$60.00 user fee. Year 1993 for 1992 and year 1993, account #01-65881.

Taurus, Inc.; mobile homes vacant. Amount \$60.00 user fees. Year 1993, account #0191900.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Edgar and Darlene Freeman, Route 1, Box 132, Bolton, NC 28423, in the amount of \$138.26 for year 1993. T-1-40 rebilled to Margaret Freeman on account #04-05162. Amount \$138.36, valuation \$18,100.00, year 1993, account #04-04627.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Alfred W. and Francis L. Shaw, 403 Waccamaw Shore Road, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450, in the amount of \$27.40 for 1989 through 1992. E-3B-9 double listed to David Carroll Martin #12-07400, map E-3B-8. Amount \$27.40, valuation \$4,000.00, years 1989 through 1992, account #12-24180.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Veronica P. Robinson, Route 5, Box 263, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$161.62, for year 1993. House located on J-6A-108B, 75% complete on 1-01-93. Amount \$161.62, valuation \$21,840.00, year 1993, account #01-77113.

**SOLID WASTE - DUMPSTER SITE N. WHITEVILLE WITHDRAWN**

Commissioner Worley presented the Board with a diagram of a dumpster site that could be located on County property, 701 Business, North, with a fence and gate for residents to walk inside and deposit their trash at an estimated cost of \$3,500.00.

Several members of the Board commented that if the County fences the North Whiteville site, there will be requests for fences from residents in other areas of the County where dumpster sites are located near their homes. It was suggested that a fence be placed in front of the property only.

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley to locate the dumpsters on the site North of Whiteville as he proposed and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Gray.

After some discussion, Commissioner Worley withdrew his motion.



WATER SUPPLY WATERSHED PROTECTION ACT

Dempsey Herring, Special Projects Coordinator, advised the Board that the Water Supply Watershed Protection Act requirements were to be met by January 1, 1994 by the County in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-214.5. Mr. Herring stated the map work and determination of the Watershed Area affected in Columbus County has been completed. The next step is to appoint a Chairman for the Water Supply Watershed Protection Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to appoint Commissioner Sammie Jacobs as the Water Supply Watershed Protection Committee Chairman. Further, requested Chairman Jacobs and Dempsey Herring, Special Projects Coordinator, to make the following recommendations to the Board of Commissioners:

- Ordinance
- Review Committee
- Management Team
- Watershed Administrator

BUDGET AMENDMENT - HEALTH (BLACK CHURCHES FOR BETTER HEALTH)

Dempsey Herring, Special Projects Coordinator, advised the Board that he contacted Marian Duncan, Health Director, in reference to the explanation of the budget amendment for Black Churches for Better Health. Ms. Duncan stated several counties throughout the State are participating in the "Black Churches United for Better Health" and if approved the Health Department will be the liaison between the Division of Adult Health Promotion, county coalition, local cooperative extension center and the participating churches.

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve a budget amendment for the Health Department for a new program, "Black Churches United for Better Health."

Accept 10-348-1401 State Revenue \$2,000.00

Expend as follows:

10-584-14 Travel \$ 500.00

10-584-32 Office Supplies \$1,000.00

10-584-33 Departmental Supplies \$ 500.00

BUILDINGS (SOCIAL SERVICES) - ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to advertise for bids for the construction of a new Social Services Building and infrastructure beginning January 10, 1994. Bids are to be opened and reviewed on February 21, 1993, at the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

BUILDINGS (JAIL) - ADVERTISE FOR ARCHITECT PROPOSALS

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to seek proposal plans for the design and development of a new jail facility.

SOLID WASTE - EXPLORE SITES FOR THE COUNTY

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to instruct Dempsey Herring, Special Projects Coordinator, to explore the availability of dumpster sites, plus cost, to be considered in the preparation of the 1994-95 Budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:20 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 10:40 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn executive session and resume regular session.

No action was taken.

SHERIFF DEPT. - PURCHASE OF VEHICLES APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the Administrator to coordinate with Sheriff Harold Rains the lease purchase of eight (8) patrol vehicles for the Sheriff's Department at the best possible price available.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 A.M.

J. L. Smith  
Clerk to the Board

APPROVED:  
S. G. Koonce  
Chairman