

COLUMBUS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 7:00 P.M, June 30, 1994, to resume a meeting that was recessed on June 20, 1994.

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 Roy L. Lowe, gave the invocation.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS - VARIOUS

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

Emergency Telephone System:

Increase 72-301-0000 Telephone Surcharge \$3,390.00

Expend as follows:

Increase 72-525-1300 Utilities 700.00
 Increase 72-525-8100 Principal on Loan 10,571.00
 Decrease 72-525-8200 Interest on Loan (7,881.00)

Law Enforcement Center:

Increase 10-520-4600 Med. Exp.-Inmates \$30,000.00
 Decrease 10-450-4500 Tax-Contract Ser. \$30,000.00

Special Alcohol & Drug Fund:

Appropriate 54-339-0000 Fund Balance \$13,000.00

Expend as follows:

54-510-7400 Capital Outlay \$ 6,245.00

54-510-3300 Dept. Supplies	3,755.00
54-510-5700 Miscellaneous	3,000.00

Various:

Increase 10-430-32 Elections-Office Supplies	\$ 2,000.00
Increase 10-525-11 Emergency Mgt.-Telephone	500.00
Increase 10-540-14 Bldg. Inspections-Travel	620.00
Increase 10-599-33 Animal Cont.-Dept. Sup.	1,000.00
Decrease 10-530-11 Fire Marshal-Telephone	(150.00)
Decrease 10-530-31 Fire Marshal-Auto Sup.	(350.00)
Decrease 10-450-45 Tax-Contract Services	(3,620.00)

BUDGET - 1994-95 OPERATING BUDGET ADOPTED

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed to adopt the 1994-95 Columbus County Proposed Budget with the recommended amendments in expenditures and revenue made by Commissioner Koonce to reduce the proposed tax rate by one cent (\$.01) and/or a total of \$159,963.00. The following Budget Ordinance was adopted:

BUDGET ORDINANCE 1994-95**COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina.

SECTION 1: BUDGET ADOPTION 1994-95: There is hereby adopted the following operation Budget for the County of Columbus for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1994, and ending June 30, 1995; the same being adopted by fund and activity within each fund as listed:

GENERAL FUND**Revenues:**

Current Year Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 12,157,150
Prior Year Ad Valorem Taxes	750,000
Collections - Written Off (Prior Year)	2,000
Discounts	45,400-
Refunds	5,000-
Releases	100,000-
Penalty and Interest	175,000
Privilege License	4,000
Excise Tax - RD	77,700
Marriage License	7,740
Interest on Investments	180,000
Rent	9,300
Miscellaneous - General	450,000
Miscellaneous - Health	2,000
Miscellaneous Revenues - Library	36,000
Miscellaneous - Elections	500
Miscellaneous - Concessions	40,000
Intangibles Tax	410,000
Local 1 Cent Sales Tax	2,225,000

1/2 Cent Sales Tax	890,000
Second 1/2 Cent Sales Tax	511,000
1/2 Cent Sales Tax	282,500
Second 1/2 Cent Sales Tax	565,000
1/2 Cent Sales Tax	100,700
Second 1/2 Cent Sales Tax	201,500
5 Cent ABC Tax	18,000
State Aid - Emergency	11,182
State Aid - Veterans	2,000
State Aid - Soil Conservation	18,102
State Aid - DWI	8,000
Coop. Extension - Black Churches	7,500
100% Child Day Care	1,317,318
Aid to Health Department	47,417
Grants to Family Planning	167,548
Immunization Action	9,432
Grants - Maternal Care	408,274
Child Health	159,575
Maternal Outreach	41,325
Child Services Coordinator	91,415
Grants - Home Health	36,965
Aids Control	32,924
Reimbursements to Home Health	3,025,889
HCSH Demonstration	22,250
Grants to Hypertension	30,040
Grant - Glaucoma/Diabetes	85,972
Grant - Health Promotion	22,116
Complete Breast and Cervical Cancer	16,843
Grant - Crippled Children	13,704
Grants to W.I.C. Clinics	270,637
Black Churches For Better Health	13,000
Communicable Disease	3,771
Grants - Tuberculosis	71,097
Environmental Health	6,750
Aid to Social Services	2,329,221
State Aid to DSS	66,725
Day Care Coordinator	2,457
IV-D Incentive & Cost Recovery	121,431
Food Stamp Fraud Recovery	2,498
Victim Services	25,000
Emergency Food Administration	6,000
State Aid - Library	104,196
Arrest Fees	55,000
Facilities Fees	60,000
Septic Tank Inspection Fees	46,000
Building Permits	80,000
Register of Deeds Fees	117,612
Sheriff's Department Commission	1,000
Jail Fees - Clerk of Court and R	40,000
Refuse Collection	4,224
Dog Pound Fees	6,000
Inventory Tax	1,190,000
Senior Citizen Tax Exemption	74,250
Sales Tax (Food Stamp Loss)	75,000
Gasoline Tax Refund	15,000
1 1/2 Collection Fee Towns	3,400
Transfer from Aging	180,000
Fund Balance Appropriation	<u>29,918</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 29,520,668

Expenditures:

Governing Body	\$ 167,441
County Administrator	180,452
Elections	170,231
Finance	162,474
Tax Listing	535,943
Legal and Professional	86,519
Register of Deeds	253,369
Economic Development	153,807
Courthouse and Grounds	114,984

Robinson Building	3,125
County Hall and Grounds	71,754
Administrative Building	42,386
Senior Citizens Center	16,190
Miller Building	247,496
Public Buildings (All Other)	172,498
Sheriff's Department	1,418,574
Victim Services	25,000
District Court	15,845
Law Enforcement Center	1,010,817
E-911 Communications Center	275,711
Inspections	82,565
Immunization Action Plan	9,432
Complete Breast and Cervical Cancer	16,843
Communicable Disease	3,771
HCSH Demonstration	22,250
Black Churches For Better Health	13,000
Aids Control	32,924
Health Promotion	22,116
Child Services Coordinator	91,415
Maternal Health	41,325
Child Health Care	159,575
Cooperative Health	682,786
Family Planning	167,548
Maternal & Child Health	408,274
Home Health	3,062,854
Hypertension	30,040
Glaucoma/Diabetes	85,972
Tuberculosis	71,097
Crippled Children	13,704
W. I. C.	270,637
Dog Warden	87,846
Coroner and Acting Medical	24,915
Extension Service	261,909
Soil Conservation Service	53,513
Veterans' Service Officer	59,484
Social Services Administration	3,119,297
Social Service Programs	1,873,406
Recreation Department	303,220
Library	805,268
Airport	31,800
Non-Departmental	197,000
Education	6,892,494
Special Appropriations	627,187
Miscellaneous	46,000
Interfund Transfers	4,724,585
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	\$ 29,520,668

AGING FUND

Revenues:

Miscellaneous	\$ 125,901
Donations	12,325
Federal Grant	261,989
Long-Term Screening	925,440
Personal Care	640,190
Title III-B	65,000
Title XX-Chore	200,000
County Appropriations	173,100
Fund Balance Appropriated	180,000
TOTAL	\$ 2,583,945

Expenditures:

Care Management	\$ 29,960
PCS	640,190
SCBH	26,790
Chore	516,765
Aging Fund	1,021,840

CNM	25,510
CNMF	27,595
SCDF/SCDNF	18,460
Nutrition	139,800
MHRF/MHRNF	2,915
Transportation	49,030
Home-Delivered Meals	<u>85,090</u>

TOTAL \$ 2,583,945

DEBT SERVICE FUND

Revenues:

Contribution - School Building Capital Funds	\$ 454,851
Contribution - County Hospital	100,000
Contribution - Schools	23,200
Contribution - Schools 1/2 Cent Sales Tax	403,700
Contribution - General	<u>1,189,567</u>

TOTAL \$ 2,171,318

Expenditures:

Debt Service TOTAL \$ 2,171,318

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND

Revenues:

State Aid-Foster Home Care Equalizing Fund	\$ 71,965
Crisis Intervention	290,368
State Foster Care	83,481
Emergency Assistance Program	19,656
Incentive & 4-D	25,755
Transfer from General Fund	106,235
	<u>3,125,618</u>

TOTAL \$ 3,723,078

Expenditures:

Aid to Dependent Children	\$ 795,847
Medicaid Grants	1,976,911
Special Assistance	725,227
Foster Home Care	87,392
Crisis Intervention	83,481
Adoption Assistance Payments	3,909
State Foster Care Benefits	39,311
Special Assistance for the Blind	<u>11,000</u>

TOTAL \$ 3,723,078

H.U.D. FUND

Revenue: \$ 1,485,430

Expenditure: \$ 1,485,430

REVALUATION FUND

Revenue:

Contribution - General Fund \$ 35,000

Expenditure: 35,000

TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 39,519,439
TOTAL EXPENDITURES (EXCLUDING FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICTS, INTERNAL SERVICE FUND, SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE)	\$ 39,519,439

FIRE AND RESCUE TAX

Revenues:

Old Dock-Cypress Creek District Tax	\$ 17,790
Inventory Tax	<u>500</u>

TOTAL **\$ 18,290**

Expenditure:

Remittance to District	\$ 18,290
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Revenues:

Hallsboro Fire District Tax	\$ 24,285
Inventory Tax	<u>630</u>

TOTAL **\$ 24,915**

Expenditure:

Remittance to District	\$ 24,915
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Revenues:

Roseland Fire District Tax	\$ 23,805
Inventory Tax	<u>500</u>

TOTAL **\$ 24,305**

Expenditure:

Remittance to District	\$ 24,305
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Revenues:

Yam City Fire District Tax	\$ 26,830
Inventory Tax	<u>540</u>

TOTAL **\$ 27,370**

Expenditure:

Remittance to District	\$ 27,370
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Revenues:

Acme-Delco Fire District Tax	\$ 74,600
Inventory Tax	<u>5,100</u>

TOTAL **\$ 79,700**

Expenditure:

Remittance to District	\$ 79,700
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Revenues:

<i>Klondyke Fire District</i>	\$	48,620
<i>Inventory Tax</i>		<u>5,200</u>
TOTAL	\$	53,820
<i>Expenditure:</i>		
<i>Remittance to District</i>	\$	53,820
<i>Revenues:</i>		
<i>Cole's Service District Fund</i>	\$	17,405
<i>Inventory Tax</i>		<u>9,300</u>
TOTAL	\$	26,705
<i>Expenditure:</i>		
<i>Remittance to District</i>	\$	26,705
<i>Revenues:</i>		
<i>Cerro Gordo District Fund</i>	\$	31,728
<i>Inventory Tax</i>		<u>800</u>
TOTAL	\$	32,528
<i>Expenditure:</i>		
<i>Remittance to District</i>	\$	32,528
<i>Revenues:</i>		
<i>Williams Township District Fund</i>	\$	23,765
<i>Inventory Tax</i>		<u>675</u>
TOTAL	\$	24,440
<i>Expenditure:</i>		
<i>Remittance to District</i>	\$	24,440
<i>Revenues:</i>		
<i>White Marsh-Welches Creek</i>	\$	15,975
<i>Inventory Tax</i>		<u>175</u>
TOTAL	\$	16,150
<i>Expenditure:</i>		
<i>Remittance to District</i>	\$	16,150
<i>Revenues:</i>		
<i>Whiteville Rescue Service District</i>	\$	71,980
<i>Inventory Tax</i>		<u>1,200</u>
TOTAL	\$	73,180
<i>Expenditure:</i>		
<i>Remittance to District</i>	\$	73,180
<i>Revenues:</i>		
<i>Brunswick Fire District Fund</i>	\$	47,175
<i>Inventory Tax</i>		<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL	\$	48,175
<i>Expenditure:</i>		

Remittance to District	\$	48,175
<i>Revenues:</i>		
Bolton Fire District Fund	\$	14,110
Inventory Tax		<u>350</u>
TOTAL	\$	14,460
<i>Expenditure:</i>		
Remittance to District	\$	14,460
<i>Revenues:</i>		
Buckhead Fire District	\$	8,688
Inventory Tax		<u>90</u>
TOTAL	\$	8,778
<i>Expenditure:</i>		
Remittance to District	\$	8,778
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND		
All Capital Projects Continued		
INTERNAL SERVICE FUND		
Revenue (Department Contribution):	\$	131,309
Expenditure:	\$	131,309
ENTERPRISE FUND - SOLID WASTE		
<i>Revenues:</i>		
Refunds	\$	1,000-
Releases		6,000-
Interest		500
Miscellaneous - Recycled Material		2,500
State Aid - Tire Disposal		27,000
State Aid - White Goods		17,000
Landfill User Fee		248,400
Solid Waste Collection		142,600
Recycling		69,000
Tipping Fees		450,000
Transfer from General Fund		<u>201,300</u>
TOTAL	\$	1,151,300
<i>Expenditure:</i>		
Solid Waste	\$	1,081,801
Recycling		<u>69,499</u>
TOTAL	\$	1,151,300
SPECIAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG FUND		
<i>Revenues:</i>		
Interest	\$	350
Miscellaneous		2,500
Controlled Substance		25,150
U. S. Marshal - DEA		16,000
Contribution from General Fund		<u>6,000</u>
TOTAL	\$	50,000

Expenditure:

Departmental Supplies	\$	1,000
Special Services		6,000
Miscellaneous		2,000
Capital Outlay		<u>41,000</u>
TOTAL	\$	50,000

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Revenue (Surcharge)	\$	313,893
Expenditure	\$	313,893
TOTAL REVENUES (ALL FUNDS)	\$	41,638,757
TOTAL EXPENDITURES (ALL FUNDS)	\$	41,638,757

SECTION II. TAX RATE LEVY: There is hereby levied for the fiscal year 1994-95 an ad valorem property tax on all property having a situs in Columbus County as listed for taxes as of January 1, 1994, at a rate of Seventy-six (\$0.76) Cents per one hundred (\$100.00) dollars of assessed value of such property pursuant to and in accordance with the Machinery Act of Chapter 105 of the North Carolina General Statutes and other applicable laws. The estimated revenues from the ad valorem property tax are based on an established collection during the 1994-95 fiscal year of Ninety-five and one-half (95½%) per cent of the levy and the estimated taxable base of \$1,675,000,000.00.

Special district tax rate for purpose providing Fire and Rescue Protection are also levied as follows:

Acme-Delco Fire	\$.10
Bolton Fire	.06
Brunswick Fire	.07
Cerro Gordo Fire	.10
Cole Fire	.10
Hallsboro Fire	.06
Klondyke Fire	.07
Old Dock-Cypress Creek Fire	.08
Roseland Fire	.06
Tabor City Fire	.10
White Marsh/Welches Creek Fire	.08
Whiteville Rescue	.02
Williams Township Fire	.06
Buckhead Fire	.06
North Whiteville	-0-

SECTION III. Building Inspection fees are amended as reflected by Board action.

SECTION IV. SCHEDULE B. LICENSES: The business license fees are hereby continued for Fiscal Year 1994-95.

SECTION V. SALARIES: The following provision shall govern salary and wage compensation for Fiscal Year 1994-95.

PAY PLAN

There is hereby continued a pay plan applicable to all County employees. The pay plan shall have a range of eighteen (18) steps with each step increasing by two and one-half (2½%) percent.

County employees that were included in the Classification and Pay

Plan that was adopted on January 1, 1994 will receive a two and one-half (2½%) percent salary increase. All other employees will be placed on the new salary schedule on the step above their present salary.

SECTION VI. BUDGET CONTROLS: The Board of Commissioners, in approving the proposed Budget, has utilized to the fullest extent possible its revenue sources and the County Administrator is herein directed to initiate steps to ensure that the Budget fixed herein is lived within.

SECTION VII. APPROPRIATIONS: The amount of the General Fund proposed for the Fiscal Year 1994-95 is hereby appropriated to the County Administrator for the operations of the Columbus County Government and its departments and agencies for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1994 and ending June 30, 1995. In administering the program authorized under this Ordinance, the County Administrator is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund between objects of expenditures within a department without limitations and without a report being requested, and between departments within a fund not to exceed Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars. Appropriations for land and new buildings included in this Ordinance may be expended only after release by the Board of Commissioners. The Chairman of the Board and the Administrator are hereby authorized to execute the necessary agreements within funds included in the Budget Ordinance for the following purposes:

- (1) Grant agreement to Public and Non-Public Agencies;
- (2) Leases of normal and routine business equipment;
- (3) Consultant, Professional, or Maintenance Service agreements;
- (4) Purchase of apparatus, supplies and materials where formal bids are not required by law;
- (5) Agreements for acceptance of State and Federal Grant Funds; and
- (6) Construction or repair work where formal bids are not required by laws.

SECTION VIII. RESTRICTED REVENUES: The Finance Officer is hereby directed to fund appropriations which have been specified revenue prior to the funding with General Fund monies. This is to include, but not limited to Fines and Forfeiture, ABC profits and Forestry Revenues.

SECTION IX. PUBLIC PURPOSE LIMITATION: In accordance with Article V of the North Carolina Constitution which states in part, that "Power and Taxation shall be exercised....for public purposes" and/or division of the State Supreme Court, the County Administrator shall require the following before releasing public funds to other governmental agencies or private groups:

- (1) The activity in question is for a public purpose;
- (2) The activity in question is one which the County is authorized to undertake or for which the County has specific statutory authorization for giving financial aid to the agencies in question; and
- (3) Through appropriate means the County retains some degree of control over the expenditures of its funds.

SECTION X. This Ordinance shall become effective July 1, 1994

.....Adopted this the 30th day of June, 1994.

Motion by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed.

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

NOES: Commissioner Richardson.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Roy L. Lowe, County Administrator

COUNTY COMPLEX (INFRASTRUCTURE) - CHANGE ORDER APPROVED

Dempsey Herring, Assistant to the Administrator/Special Projects, informed the Board that a Change Order Request had been received from Anderson Engineering & Associates in reference to the County Complex Utilities Project. The Change Order is necessary to comply with the N. C. Department of Transportation's request for 100 tons of stone at \$18.00 per ton to improve the soil street that was encroached by the utilities that were installed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the Change Order Request 1, DSS Utilities Project to comply with the N.C. Department's request for 100 tons of stone to be placed on State Road 1753 that was encroached by the utilities on the property at a cost of \$1,800.00. The funding for the Change Order is to be appropriated from the Contingency Fund for the Project.

Further, the Board concurred to have all Change Orders for the Department of Social Services Project to be presented to the Board for approval.

SOCIAL SERVICES BUILDING PROJECT - PROJECT DIRECTOR TO BE CONSIDERED AT NEXT BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Richardson suggested that George Keynon, due to his experience with the City of Whiteville, be contacted to see if he would be interested in becoming the Project Director for the Social Services Building Project.

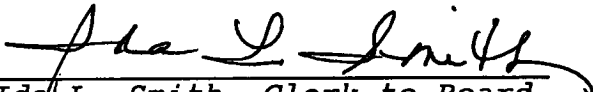
The Board concurred to make a decision on the Project Director at the next Board meeting.

SOLID WASTE - PETITION FROM RESIDENTS TO RELOCATE LANDFILL

Commissioner Worley presented to Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board, petitions consisting of 408 names requesting the relocation of the Landfill from County Road 1428 (Thompson Town Road), for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M.


Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:


Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman