

COLUMBUS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office, at 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, NC, Monday, July 18, 1994, it being the third 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 Commissioner Williams, gave the invocation.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the June 20, and June 30, 1994 Board Meetings, as recorded.

SMART START APPLICATION - COLUMBUS COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN

Harold G. Sellars, Chairman for the Organizing Committee for the Columbus County Partnership for Children, requested the Board to endorse the organization of Columbus County Partnership for Children which was formerly known as the Smart Start Program. The organization will be to "operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Sections 501(c) (3) and 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 of the corresponding provisions of any future United States Revenue Laws, including the development of innovative approaches and strategies for aiding parents and families in the education and development

of children in Columbus County". The Articles of Incorporation and By Laws of this nonprofit organization are being established using the recommended format provided to us by the North Carolina Partnership for Children. Further, Mr. Sellars requested that the Board endorse the Proposed List of Directors as follows:

NAME	POSITION	LOCATION
C.W. Williams	County Commissioner	Chadbourn
Dempsey Herring	Asst. to Adm./Spec. Projects	Lake Waccamaw
Jo Anne Vereen	Social Services Director	Whiteville
Marian Duncan	Health Director	Lake Waccamaw
Tommy Holmes	Mental Health Director	Whiteville
Dr. Otis McNeil	City School Superintendent	Whiteville
Dr. Steve Scott	SCC President	Whiteville
Harold Sellars	Business Leader	Whiteville
Jackie McPherson	Business Leader	Whiteville
Valerie Duncan	Family Member (Parent)	Tabor City
Angela Farmer	Family Member (Parent)	Tabor City
Beth Rector	Child Care Provider	Chadbourn
Faye Gore	Head Start Representative	Whiteville
Lauren Cole	SCC Child Care Representative	Whiteville
Rev. William Pitts, Jr.	Minister	Tabor City
Kathy Baker	Interagency Coordinating Council	Fair Bluff
Brenda Moore	Local Foundation	Buckhead
Garland McCullen	Cooperative Extension Chairman	Lake Waccamaw
Barbara Ganus	Banker	Welches Creek
Patricia Medlin	Whiteville City Schools	Lake Waccamaw
Jimmy Turbeville	Board of Education	Cherry Grove
Jackie Roseboro	Cooperative Extension	Mt. Olive
Ruthene Freeman	Dupont	Riegelwood
Amanda Bible	Librarian	Chadbourn
Ester Leder	Educator	Whiteville
Wanda Gore	Social Services	Whiteville
Penny Richardson	Four County Services	Lake Waccamaw
Mamie Owens	Educator	Whiteville
Veronica Robinson	Parent	Whiteville
Patricia Ray	Health Department	Whiteville

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to endorse the formation of the Columbus County Partnership for Children. Further, endorse the Proposed List of Directors as requested above.

APPOINTMENTS - LIBRARY

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Columbus County Public Library Board for four (4) year terms, with terms expiring June 30, 1998:

Mr. Dennis Jones, Route 2, Box 5B, Tabor City, NC 28463
(replaces Rod Sanders)

Mrs. Mary Frances Alsup, 1001 Pine Street, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450
(replaces Betty Timberlake)

APPOINTMENTS - INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCINGAUTHORITY

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to reappoint the following persons to serve on the Columbus County Industrial Facilities Pollution Control Financing Authority for six (6) year terms, with terms expiring June 30, 2000.

Winston Gore, 104, Woodrow Street, Tabor City, NC 28463

Carl Meares, Jr., Fair Bluff, NC 28439

J. Lionel Todd, 612 S. Madison St., Whiteville, NC 28472

APPOINTMENTS - COLUMBUS COUNTY HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to approve the terms of appointments to the Columbus County Housing Advisory Committee as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM LENGTH</u>	<u>EXPIRATION DATE</u>
Haynes Graham	2 years	June 30, 1996
Emory G. Worley	2 years	June 30, 1996
Henry J. Edmund	2 years	June 30, 1996
Richard Peacock	2 years	June 30, 1996
Judy Ward	2 years	June 30, 1996
Mary Thompson	1 year	June 30, 1995
Charles Langston	1 year	June 30, 1995
Janice Gore	1 year	June 30, 1995
Ralph Jolly	1 year	June 30, 1995
(replaces Clyde Gore)		

TAX - RESOLUTION-INSOLVENT TAX LIST FOR 1988

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the 1988 Tax Insolvent List as presented by the Tax Administrator in the amount of \$177,299.88. A copy of the Insolvent List by account is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COLUMBUS COUNTY

R E S O L U T I O N

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS at their regular meeting on the 18th day of July, 1994, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., unanimously passed the following resolution;

R E S O L V E D :

WHEREAS, W. D. Brooks, Jr. is the duly appointed and acting Tax Administrator and Collector for Columbus County, North

Carolina; and

WHEREAS, W. D. Brooks, Jr. has submitted this date a list of insolvents pursuant to N.C.G.S. 105-373, which includes five or more years of past due accounts; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, is satisfied that the said accounts are uncollectible and is empowered, in its sole discretion, to relieve the tax collector of the charge of attempting to collect these said items; and

WHEREAS, the relief given to the Columbus County Tax Collector applies only to items that are five years or older after they have become due and not five years after the time they were allowed as insolvents; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 105-373(a)(2) instructs that the board is required to enter into its minutes the names of the taxpayers it rules to be insolvent and then the Board must adopt by resolution designating that list as the insolvent list to be credited to the tax collector in his settlement; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Tax Collector has made diligent effort in attempting to collect the taxes by use of the remedies allowed by law for the collection of personal property taxes but has been unable to locate the delinquent taxpayers or sufficient property belonging to them out of which the taxes could be collected.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners does hereby find that the Columbus County Tax Collector has made a very diligent effort to collect the taxes but has been unable to collect the same as provided by law and has been unable to locate sufficient property belonging to the taxpayers of which taxes might be collected and the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, have determined that each of the individuals on the attached list are insolvent and is satisfied that the said taxes are uncollectible; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners is empowered and in its discretion does hereby relieve the Columbus County Tax Collector of the charge of

collecting the said insolvent taxes and designate the attached list as the insolvent list to be credited to the Columbus County Tax Collector in his settlement amounts.

RESPECTFULLY ADOPTED this the 18th day of July, 1994.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTESTED BY: By: Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman
/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

COLUMBUS COUNTY INTERAGENCY TRANSPORTATION - ANNUAL APPLICATION

APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to approve the Columbus County Interagency Transportation to submit the Annual Application for Special Funding for the Transportation of the Elderly and Disabled. Further, approved the Chairman to execute the Certified Statement as follows:

CERTIFIED STATEMENT

Pursuant to G.S. 136-44.27, the North Carolina Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program, and pursuant to the Medicaid Transportation Assistance Program, this is to certify that the undersigned is the duly elected, qualified and acting chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, and that the following statements are true and correct:

1. That the funds received pursuant to G.S. 136-44.27 will be used to provide additional transportation services for the elderly and disabled, exceeding the quantity of trips provided prior to the receipt of these funds.
2. That the funds received pursuant to G.S. 136-44.27 will not be used to supplant existing Federal, State or local funds designated to provide elderly and disabled transportation services in the county.
3. That the funds received pursuant to G.S. 136-44.27 will be used in a manner consistent with the local Transportation Development Plan approved by the NC Department of Transportation and the Board of Commissioners.
4. It is understood that all semiannual allocations to the County pursuant to G.S. 136-44.27 subsequent to the first allocation will be made following the receipt of the progress report for the preceding six months by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Public Transportation and Rail Division.
5. That any interest earned on these funds will be expended in accordance with G.S. 136-44.27.
6. That the funds received pursuant to Section 220 of House Bill 83 will be used to provide additional transportation services for Medicaid eligible pregnant women and children (ages 0-19), and will be used to satisfy the maintenance of effort requirement which means the county will increase transportation services above the level in

fiscal year 1989-90.

7. That the funds received pursuant to Section 220 of House Bill 83 will not supplant existing Federal, State, or local funds designated to provide transportation services for Medicaid eligible pregnant women and children in the county.
8. That the funds received pursuant to Section 220 of House Bill 83 will be used in a manner consistent with the local Transportation Development Plan approved by the NC Department of Transportation and the Board of Commissioners.
9. That the funds received pursuant to Section 220 of House Bill 83 will not be used toward the purchase of capital equipment.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 18th day of July, 1994.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dempsey Herring
Asst. to Administrator

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

/s/ Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

Subscribed and sworn to me this 18th day of July 1994.

(SEAL)

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 8-10-94

SOLID WASTE - REQUEST FOR DRINKING WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed to request a cost factor (to be researched by the Administration office) of well water samples from each home, and water samples from each creek/stream within a one (1) mile radius of the present landfill site and a cost of an environmental study of present and future conditions of the community.

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

NOES: Commissioner Koonce

**FIRE & RESCUE - RESOLUTION FOR N. WHITEVILLE TO ABOLISH TAX LEVY
AND ESTABLISH A FEE DISTRICT**

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 County Commissioners of Columbus County on

the 18th day of July, 1994 at its regular meeting unanimously adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department has a service district established by Article 16 of Chapter 153-A of the North Carolina General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Legislature recently passed a law allowing fire districts to be funded by fee rather than by tax; and

WHEREAS, the North Whiteville District has a \$0.00 tax levy at the present time; and

WHEREAS, there is no longer a need for a particular service district and there are no outstanding bonds or notes issued to finance the projects in the district as a result of the same being established pursuant to Article 16.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. *The Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County finds that there is no longer a need for a tax service district in North Whiteville (Columbus County) and there are no outstanding bonds or notes issued to finance any projects pursuant to the tax service district which presently has a tax rate of \$0.00 per year; and*

2. *The Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, hereby establishes the 15th day of August, 1994 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. for the purposes of holding a public hearing before adopting a resolution to abolish the district. A copy of the Notice of Hearing shall state the date, hour and place of the hearing, as well as, the subject matter, and shall be published at least one (1) week before the public hearing in the News Reporter, a newspaper of general publication in Columbus County.*

This motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously.

This the 18th day of July, 1994.

/s/ Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

Board of County Commissioners

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

GOVERNING BODY - DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE TO NCACC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to designate Commissioner Samuel G. Koonce as the voting delegate for Columbus County at the 87th Annual Conference of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners to be held in Asheville, NC, on August 25-28, 1994.

BUILDING (SOCIAL SERVICES) - SUPERVISOR FOR BUILDING EMPLOYED

The following proposals were received from firms interested in providing a private construction consultant for the new Social Services building.

Scott Construction Company \$20.00/hour
P.O. Box 735
Fair Bluff, NC 28439

Keenan Construction & Consulting Firm
542 Long Leaf Acres Drive
Wilmington, NC 28405
(2% of the total cost of the project)

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, and seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to employ Jim Scott of Scott Construction, Fair Bluff, NC as the Supervisor/Consultant for the Social Services Building, at \$20.00 per hour.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Gray, and seconded by Commissioner Worley to employ George Keenan of Keenan Construction & Consulting Firm as the Supervisor/Consultant for the Social Services Building, at two (2%) percent of the total cost of the project.

Voting on the substitute motion:

AYES: Commissioners Richardson, Gray and Worley

NOES: Commissioners Norris, Koonce, Williams, and
Jacobs

The substitute motion failed on a 4 - 3 vote.

Voting on the original motion:

AYES: Commissioners Norris, Koonce, Williams, and
Jacobs

NOES: Commissioners Richardson, Gray and Worley

The original motion passed on a 4 - 3 vote.

AGING - RETIREMENT OF DIRECTOR ACCEPTED

Roy L. Lowe, County Administrator, presented the Board with a letter of retirement from J. Wade Fowler, Department of Aging Director, stating that he will be retiring effective December 31, 1994.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to accept the letter of retirement from J. Wade Fowler, Aging Director.

TAX RELEASES

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

BEN D. GREEN: M-6-72, house only 20% complete on January 1, 1993. Amount \$367.20, valuation \$51,000.00, year 1993, account #11-11527.

CHARLES A. JONES: no dwelling on F-2-58A. Vacant tract. House billed to Eva Jones. Amount \$397.44, valuation \$55,200.00, year 1993, account #12-13700.

WILLIAM J. LONG: K-15-50, house rebilled to Nancy Long on K-15-47D, (account #07-11102). Amount \$247.02, valuation \$35,800.00, year 1993, account #07-11280.

GEORGE TILLMAN MUNN: vehicle (1978 Ford) sold in 1991. Amount \$11.62, valuation \$1,530.00, year 1992, account #17-27028.

JAMES E. PAILIN: TC-3-456, property double listed to John Williams (1989 through 1992 on TC-3-484A, then Christyne Williams in 1993). Taxes paid, years 1990 through 1992, see refunds. Amount \$35.00, valuation \$5,000.00, years 1989 and 1993, account #06-28600.

JEROME TOON: K-7A-138 (leasehold), double listed to J-5B-16 (same house). Amount \$193.20, valuation \$27,600.00, years 1991 through 1993, account #01-96223.

GREG & RENEE WARD: mobile home repossessed in 1992. Amount \$81.14, valuation \$11,270.00, year 1993, account #12-45397.

JERRY T. FOWLER: L-15-63, house unoccupied in 1993. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #07-04840.

BEN D. GREEN: M-6-72, house only 20% complete;

unoccupied in 1993. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #11-11527.

CHARLES A. JONES: F-2-58A, lot vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #12-13700.

PATRICIA JONES: BT-1-173, double-wide trailer located in town. User Fees should be \$18.00. Amount \$12.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #04-09360.

WILLIAM J. LONG: K-15-50, house rebilled to Nancy Long on K-15-47D. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #07-11280.

JEROME TOON: Leasehold, double listed on J-5B-16 (same house). Amount \$90.00 user fee. Years 1991 through 1993, account #01-96223.

GREG & RENEE WARD: Mobile home repossessed in 1992. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #12-45397.

ORDERED: that a refund check be issued to **RAYMOND & EDITH EDWARDS**, Route 1, Box 285, Cerro Gordo, NC 28430, in the amount of \$125.61, for years 1989 through 1993. Mobile house was double listed on Real and Personal Property. Amount \$125.61, valuation \$12,100.00, years 1989 through 1993, account #10-03960.

ORDERED: that a refund check be issued to **JAMES E. PAILIN**, 809 School Street, Tabor City, NC 28463, in the amount of \$63.82, for years 1990 through 1992 (Releases 1989 and 1993). TC-3-456, double listed to TC-3-484A, listed to John Williams (1989 - 1992), then Christyne Williams (1993). Amount \$63.82, valuation \$7,500.00, years 1990 through 1992, account #06-28600.

ORDERED: that a refund check be issued to **MURRAY REAVES**, Route 1, Box 171, Hallsboro, NC 28442, in the amount of \$342.62, for year 1993. Leasehold on L-7-3 (house) was only 25% complete on January 1, 1993. Amount \$342.62, valuation \$43,420.00, year 1993, account #11-22058.

GOVERNING BODY - RESOLUTION TO CANCEL AUGUST 1, 1994 BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution canceling the August 1, 1994 Board Meeting.

County," has been enacted by the General Assembly and suggested that the Board promote travel and tourism in Columbus County.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. A County Board of Commissioners may by resolution establish a tourism board to promote travel and tourism within the County. The board shall be created pursuant to G.S. 158-8, except that the membership, duration of service, powers, and duties of the board shall be fixed by resolution of the Board of Commissioners. The resolution establishing a tourism board may be modified, amended, or repealed in the same manner as it was originally adopted. G.S. 158-7.1 and G.S. 158-12 authorize the County Board of Commissioners to appropriate funds not otherwise limited as to use by law for the purpose of promoting travel and tourism within the County.

Section 2. This act applies only to Columbus and Union Counties.

Section 3. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three (3) times and ratified this the 7th day of July, 1994.

/s/ Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

/s/ Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of
Representatives

The Board concurred to instruct James E. Hill, Jr., to draft the necessary Resolution to establish a Blue Ribbon Board to promote travel and tourism in Columbus County and present at the next Board meeting for consideration of adoption.

SOLID WASTE - PRESENTATIONS REQUESTED FOR REGIONAL CONCEPT

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray to request Vedco to make a proposal/presentation to the Board in reference the Regional Landfill concept. Commissioner Gray stated that three (3) of the Board members now serving have not heard presentations from anyone except American Refuse Systems.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to direct Administration to request the Vedco Corporation and Keys, Incorporated to make presentations to the Board as soon as

possible.

SOLID WASTE - PROPOSAL TO BAN CARDBOARD BOXES

Roy L. Lowe, County Administrator, recommended that cardboard boxes be banned from the Landfill.

The Board concurred to direct Mr. Lowe to come up with a proposal to ban cardboard boxes from the Landfill.

INFORMATION

1. Commissioner Gray reported that the Delco Library had contacted him about the heating and air conditioning which will cost approximately \$5,000. Mr. Lowe reported that this problem has been resolved.
2. Commissioner Williams reported that the Inspections Board met on July 12, 1994. Jerry Pridgen was elected Chairman and Bill Ashley Vice Chairman.
3. Commissioner Norris reported on the Columbus County Water and Sewer District I's progress which is very favorable.
4. Roy L. Lowe reported that the Phase II of the Water and Sewer District application will also include the towns of Boardman and Evergreen.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:30 P.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 8:50 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to adjourn executive session and resume regular session.

No action was taken.

HOSPITAL (COLUMBUS COUNTY) - DAVID WARD

David Ward, a resident of Columbus County, commented about the practices of Columbus County Hospital.

Chairman Koonce advised Mr. Ward that his concerns should be taken up with the Columbus County Hospital Board of Trustees, not the Columbus County Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:55 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:


Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board


Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman