

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, August 15, 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

PUBLIC HEARING - RESOLUTION TO ABOLISH THE NORTH WHITEVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT

Chairman Koonce called the public hearing to order for the purpose of public participation in the proposed adoption of a Resolution to abolish the North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department Fire Service District.

Chairman Koonce requested comments from anyone present in reference to the public hearing.

There were no comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to close the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING - RESOLUTION TO CLOSE A PORTION OF THIRD STREET LOCATED IN RANSOM TOWNSHIP

Chairman Koonce called the public hearing to order for the purpose of public participation in the proposed closing of a portion of Third Street of the Newberlin Townsite, located in Ransom Township.

Chairman Koonce requested comments from anyone present in reference to the public hearing.

There were no comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to close the public hearing.

RESUME REGULAR BOARD MEETING

At 7:40 P.M., Chairman Koonce called the regular scheduled Board meeting to order and Commissioner Sammie Jacobs gave the invocation.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the July 18, 1994 Board Meeting, as recorded.

RESOLUTION - ABOLISH NORTH WHITEVILLE VFD AS A TAX DISTRICT

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution to abolish the North Whiteville Volunteer Fire District as a Tax District.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

R E S O L U T I O N

The Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County on the 15th day of August, 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 the districts funded by fee rather than by law; 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; and

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

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, did establish the 15th day of August, 1994 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of holding a public hearing before adopting a resolution to abolish the district. A copy of the Notice of Hearing stated the date, hour and place of the hearing, as well as, the subject matter, and was published once, no less than one (1) week before the public hearing in The News Reporter, a newspaper of general publication in Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, on the 15th day of August, 1994, the Board of Commissioners met and held the public hearing for the purpose advertised. No person spoke in opposition to the abolition of the tax district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS as follows:

The North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department Tax District is hereby dissolved and abolished pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-306 effective at the end of the present fiscal year.

The motion was made by Commissioner Ed Worley, seconded by Commissioner Dial Gray and passed unanimously.

This the 15th day of August, 1994.

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

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

RESOLUTION - CLOSING A PORTION OF THE NEWBERLIN TOWNSITE IN RANSOM TOWNSHIP

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution in the closing of a portion of the Newberlin Townsite in Ransom Township.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

At a public hearing of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners held on August 15, 1994, at 7:30 P.M. in the Columbus County Commissioners Chambers, 111 Washington Street, in the City of Whiteville, which meeting was held among other things for the purpose of adopting an order pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. §153A-241 on the question of permanently closing a portion of Third Street in Ransom Township, described in the Resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners on June 20, 1994, which Resolution was published in The News Reporter pursuant to N.C.G.S. §153A-241 for four (4) consecutive weeks beginning July 21, 1994. That based upon the above and the public hearing the Columbus County Board of Commissioners finds as a fact:

That at the public hearing held on August 15, 1994, at 7:30 P.M., in the Columbus County Commissioners Chambers, 111 Washington Street, in the City of Whiteville, there was no opposition to the closing of a portion of Third Street in Ransom Township described below; that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners is satisfied that closing a portion of Third Street in Ransom Township is not contrary in the public interest and that no individual owning property in the vicinity of the road would thereby be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property and that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners by unanimous vote is of the opinion that the following Order is proper and should be made and that the same is made by it in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Columbus County, and the closing is not contrary to the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, ORDERED that a portion of Third Street in Ransom Township described below be and the same is hereby ordered closed permanently pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. §153A-241 and the area permanently closed is described as follows: A portion of Third Street measuring 50' x 330' and being the area in front of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 11 in Block 0 and Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 20 of Block I of the Newberlin Townsite as shown on

map, recorded in Map Book N-1, Page 242, Columbus County Registry, which properties are located in Ransom Township, Columbus County, North Carolina.

Unanimously adopted this 15th day of August, 1994.

/s/ Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman

ATTEST: Columbus County Board of Commissioners

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

AWARD - RETIREMENT PLAQUE FOR VERNELLE GIBBS

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to present the following plaque to Vernelle Gibbs.

PRESENTED TO

VERNELLE GIBBS

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IN APPRECIATION OF YOUR LOYAL AND DEDICATED SERVICE

AS A FAMILY PLANNING NURSE PRACTITIONER

OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

8-15-94

SCHOOLS - COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO PAY FOR ARBITRATION RULING

Jo Anne Barnes, Columbus County School Board Chairman, advised the Commissioners that the arbitration hearings with J. W. Cook & Sons were over and the arbitrators awarded \$448,731 to Cook and \$28,000 to the School Board. The School Board requested the Board of Commissioners pay the fee levied against the County Schools stemming from the dispute with the contractor that built East and South Columbus High Schools as follows:

. Award to J. W. Cook & Sons	\$ 448,731
. Less Award to Board of Education	<u>28,000</u>
	\$ 420,731
. Award of arbitration fees ordered paid by Board of Education	17,000
. Amount Board of Education spent for arbitration expenses (legal fees, expert witnesses, etc.)	125,780
	<u>\$ 563,511</u>
. Balance Board of Education held in retainage to pay award:	

Critical Needs Funds	\$102,000
Capital Outlay Funds (used to help defray arbitration expenses)	<u>98,000</u>
	\$200,000

. Amount needed from County Commissioners to pay arbitrators' award to J. W. Cook & Sons \$363,511

An interest fee of \$92.00 per day is being added since August 8, 1994.

Tommy Nance, Columbus County Schools' Superintendent, presented an alternative funding option to pay arbitrators' award as follows:

- . If capital outlay funds budgeted for 1994-95 are advanced to the balance needed to pay J.W. Cook & Sons plus expenses could be paid from capital outlay funds in the amount of \$363,511.
- . The option described above to pay the arbitrators' award would use funds budgeted for waste water facilities at Old Dock Elementary, Acme Delco Elementary and Acme Delco Middle Schools. These projects are expected to cost approximately \$600,000. The Division of Environmental Management has granted our system two extensions on the SOC, and I believe this to be our final extension which would require Old Dock Elementary to be completed by August 1, 1996, and the two (2) Acme Delco Schools by February 1, 1996.
- . It would be absolutely essential that the \$363,511 taken from capital outlay funds be added to the capital outlay allocation for 1995-96 to cover the cost of construction of our mandated waste water projects. Failure to have these systems on-line would mean the closing of three (3) school facilities in our county.

Chairman Koonce stated that the Board is willing to help and instructed Gayle Godwin, Finance Officer, to review sales tax income and report to the Board on how soon the County could advance the money to the School Board to satisfy the debt.

Chairman Koonce advised the Board of Education that any monies recovered from the bonding company for the electrical company defaulting on their contract will be repaid to Columbus County to defray arbitration expenses of \$363,511.

The Columbus County School Board concurred with the Columbus County Commissioners that any monies recovered will be paid to the County for the arbitration expense.

AUDIT REPORT - COLUMBUS COUNTY SERVICES MANAGEMENT, INC.

Mrs. Evelyn Troy, Chief Executive Officer of Columbus County Services Management, Inc., presented the Board with the results of the audit of the costs claimed by Columbus County Services Management, from the Department of Health and Human

Services, Office of the Inspector General and gave an overview of the audit. The purpose of the audit was to review and express an opinion on the allowability of costs claimed from September 30, 1991 through April 30, 1993.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to endorse the Columbus County Services Management, Incorporated and to appoint Commissioner C. W. Williams to serve on the CCSM Board of Directors representing the Columbus County Commissioners.

LIVESTOCK ODOR COMPLAINTS - NORTH WHITEVILLE RESIDENTS

Residents of Hill Crest Village Subdivision and Country Club Estates addressed the Board on the intolerable odors coming from a nearby swine operation in North Whiteville.

The following persons spoke in reference to the offensive odors.

Bill Ball, Claude deFour, Franklin Davis, Dr. Fred Obrecht and Carlton Williamson.

Chairman Koonce stated that the Commissioners are almost powerless to impose restrictions any greater than state rules already in place. Legitimate agricultural operations are practically exempt from zoning rules. The relief is going to have to come from Raleigh.

HEALTHY CAROLINIANS 2000 - LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to endorse the efforts of the local Healthy Carolinians 2000 Task Force in their efforts to develop plans and implement programs that will address health issues in Columbus County.

AGING - RE-DESIGNATION AS LEAD AGENCY

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to re-designate the Columbus County Department of Aging as the Community Alternative Program Lead Agency.

RESOLUTION - ORGANIZATION OF A TRAVEL & TOURISM BOARD

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

Resolution organizing a Travel & Tourism Board for Columbus County.

TRAVEL and TOURISM RESOLUTION

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, at their regular meeting on the 15th day of August, 1994, at 7:30 P.M. unanimously adopted the following Resolution:

R E S O L V E D :

THAT WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly in the 1993 session ratified a bill which was sponsored by the Honorable R.C. Soles, Jr., State Senator, Chapter 706, Senate Bill 1667, authorized Union and Columbus Counties to establish a Travel and Tourism Board for the promotion of travel and tourism within Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the said bill, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners may, by resolution, establish a Travel and Tourism Board to promote travel and tourism within the County; and

WHEREAS, the said bill authorizes the Board of County Commissioners, by resolution, to establish the membership, the duration of service and the powers and duties of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the law further allows the rules and regulations of the Travel and Tourism Board to be modified, amended, or repealed in the same manner as it was originally adopted by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that it would be proper to establish the said Board to promote tourism and travel within the County;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby, by resolution, formally establish the Columbus County Board of Travel and Tourism pursuant to the 1993 Session Law, Chapter 706, Senate Bill 1667:

COMPOSITION OF BOARD:

The Columbus County Board of Travel and Tourism shall be composed of the following eleven (11) members:

- a. One (1) member from each commissioner's district as they are now constituted. Each commissioner shall appoint the member to represent his or her district, and said appointment shall be for the length of the commissioner's term. If a vacancy arises on the Board during a commissioner's term, then the said vacancy shall be filled by the commissioner from whose district the vacancy occurred. The new Travel and Tourism Board*

member shall serve until the end of the then sitting commissioner's term. All members of the Board of Travel and Tourism are subject to reappointment.

- b. One (1) member from the membership of and appointed by the Columbus County Economic Development Commission who shall serve for a two (2) year term. This member may also be reappointed.
- c. One (1) member from the membership of the Columbus County Committee of 100 shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of said Columbus County Committee of 100. This member shall serve for a term of two (2) years.
- d. One (1) member appointed by the Board of Trustees of Southeastern Community College. This member shall serve for a two (2) year term.
- e. The initial appointment of the members from the Columbus County Economic Development Commission, The Board of Trustees of Southeastern Community College and the Columbus County Committee of 100 shall expire on December 15, 1996. Each member shall be appointed for a two (2) year term thereafter.
- f. The Columbus County Economic Development Director shall serve as an ex officio member of the said Board and shall maintain the minutes and records of the said Board in connection with the Director's normal duties and responsibilities.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The duties and responsibilities of the Travel and Tourism Board shall be as follows:

- a. To promote travel and tourism within Columbus County in every reasonable manner in order to increase economic activity within the County;

Board emphasis will be placed upon creating, developing and implementing new and innovative projects to attract visitors and tourists to Columbus County while promoting and expanding existing events, points of attention, attractions (natural and manmade).
- b. To assist the Columbus County Economic Development Commission, the Columbus County Committee of 100, the Columbus County Home Builders' Association, Board of Realtors and any other related County agency in establishing and maintaining travel and tourism within the County;
- c. To assist in the advertising, publication, and dissemination of information about Columbus County in connection with travel, tourism, restaurants, bed and breakfasts, events of interest, hotels and motels, the Strawberry, Watermelon and Yam Festivals, the Columbus County Pow Wow and all recreational facilities located within the County;
- d. To assist in the development and dissemination of information concerning points of interest and the natural assets of the County.
- e. To apply for grants and other participating programs for the creation and promotion of Travel and Tourism in Columbus County;
- f. The Board shall meet at least quarterly at the Columbus County Economic Development Commission Office or at any other location reasonably selected by the Board. The

said meeting shall be held in accordance with open meeting laws and other pertinent statutes of North Carolina. The Board shall select a Chairman and Secretary who shall serve in accordance with the By-Laws adopted by the Travel and Tourism Board;

- g. The Travel and Tourism Board will give an annual report at the end of each fiscal year of its activities and accomplishments to the Columbus County Board of Commissioners.

RESPECTFULLY ADOPTED this the 15th day of August, 1994.
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: /s/ Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman
/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPOINTMENTS - WHITEVILLE PLANING & ZONING BOARD & ZONING BOARD
OF ADJUSTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appoint and re-appoint the following persons to serve on the listed City of Whiteville Boards as extra territorial members:

Planning & Zoning Board (5 year term)

Joe Watts - reappointed, term expires 8-1-99.

Zoning Board of Adjustment (3 year term)

Vance Maultsby, reappointed, term expires 8-1-97.

Roger Davis to fill the unexpired term of Gene Worthington as an alternate member, with term expiring 8-1-95.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - LIBRARY

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, and seconded by Commissioner Gray to amend the Library Budget as requested by Amanda Bible, Library Director.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the Library Budget Amendment as follows:

Appropriate 10-399-0000 Certificate of Deposit (balance from purchase & renovation of Carolyn T. High Memorial Library)	\$4,682.23
Expend 10-506-1500 Maintenance & Repair to Bldg. (Carolyn T. High Memorial Library)	\$4,682.23

APPOINTMENTS - SAFETY COMMITTEE

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 Safety Committee for a three (3) year term, with term expiring June 30, 1997. The appointments to this Committee must be Columbus County employees.

Termination of employment will also terminate their serving on the Safety Committee:

John H. Moore	- Emergency Management/E911 Chairperson
Neil Floyd	- Health Department
Betty Redwine	- H.U.D.
Linda Rhodes	- Finance
Leroy Sellers	- Maintenance
Joan Stephens	- Social Services
Howard Turbeville	- Sheriff's Department
Bill Waddell	- Tax Office
Walter Batten	- Inspections
Sherrri Blackman	- Veterans Office
Carl Herring	- Animal Control
Jimmy Jackson	- Fire Marshal
John Lentz	- Library
Amanda Long	- Aging
Haywood McKoy	- Agriculture Extension
Pamela Spivey	- Soil Conservation
Kandice Whitehead	- Register of Deeds

APPOINTMENTS - NURSING/DOMICILIARY HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY

COMMITTEE TABLED

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to table the replacing of Eunice Campbell and Paul Benton as members of the Nursing/Domiciliary Home Community Advisory Committee until letters of resignation have been received.

RESOLUTION - ESTABLISH TIME AND DATE FOR COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT II PUBLIC HEARING

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

**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS at their regular meeting on August 15, 1994 adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Article 6, Chapter 162A, of the North Carolina General Statutes as amended, provides that the Board of County Commissioners of any county may create a water & sewer district; and

WHEREAS, before creating such district, the Board of County Commissioners shall hold a public hearing, shall give notice of the public hearing stating the time, hour, and place of the hearing and the subject matter to be considered and shall set forth the description of the territory to be included within the proposed

district; and

WHEREAS, the notice shall be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in the newspaper of general circulation in the proposed district and in addition shall be posted in at least three (3) public places within the district; and

WHEREAS, the said publication notice shall be posted and published the first time no less than twenty (20) days before the said hearing; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing the County Commissioners will hear from all interested parties and may adjourn the said hearing from time to time as may be necessary; and

WHEREAS, the News Reporter is a paper of general circulation within the said County; and

WHEREAS, the area to be considered for the formation of the district of water & sewer is the unincorporated area of Columbus County composed of Cerro Gordo Township, Chadbourn Township, Fair Bluff Township, and Tatum Township.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, that they do hereby establish the 19th day of September, 1994, at 7 o'clock P.M. as the time and date of the said hearing to be held in the County Commissioners' Chambers, Columbus County Administration Building, 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472 for the consideration of the formation of the said district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that James E. Hill, Jr., as County Attorney, is hereby instructed to place an advertisement in the News Reporter for the purpose of informing all interested individuals of the said public hearing as prescribed by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all interested parties are herein invited to attend and participate in the said public hearing.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTESTED BY: /s/ Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

FIRE & RESCUE - ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRE PROTECTION WITH FEES

Mike Bartley, North Whiteville Fire District Chief,

requested the Board to establish a fire protection district to be funded with fees.

A motion was made Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to establish a fire protection district for the North Whiteville Fire District to be funded with fees, effective July 1, 1995. Further, to appoint a Study Committee to establish rates for the fee District.

TAX RELEASES & REFUNDS

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

L.D. ANDERSON: Lot WH-1-152, double listed to Davis Pridgen since 1984. Amount \$275.93, valuation \$36,650, years 1984 through 1993, account #01-00740.

JERRY T. & ILA VEE FOWLER: One (1) house unoccupied (taken off receipt #70712). Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #07-04840.

IDELIA JONES HEIRS c/o JERRY ANDREWS: BT-2-122 double listed to Avery Jones on BT-2-113. Amount \$168.20, valuation \$21,500.00 years 1984 through 1993, account #04-09340.

GLORIA & EZZELL ASKEW: Affixed mobile home, rebilled to Esther Hall on #11-11809. Amount \$213.20, valuation \$26,000.00, year 1994, account #11-00543.

DOROTHY L. BESSENT: FB-2-365, failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption. Amount \$114.00, valuation \$15,000.00, year 1994, account #10-00906.

ROBERT & LURA G. BUCK: M-16-7, taxes paid 8/09/94. Failed to receive 2% discount; clerical error. Amount \$6.24 discount, account #07-01040.

ELMER EVANS: M-9-11, rebilled to Mary Ann Blackman on #03-01340. Amount \$223.44, valuation \$26,600.00, year 1994, account #03-06587.

CHARLES RAY & THERESE M. FLYNN: Y-2-19, double-wide mobile home not on property until February, 1994. Amount \$384.42, valuation \$44,700.00, year 1994, account #15-13983.

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY: Computer equipment priced as

medical equipment. Amount \$3,033.12, valuation \$399,095.00, year 1994, account #01-31060.

ALLEN GORE: L-17-14B, (Leasehold) transferred to John Alan & Carolyn Gore on L-17-23, account #07-06500. Amount \$273.60, valuation \$36,000.00, year 1994, account #07-05524.

JOHN ALAN & CAROLYN K. GORE: L-17-23, billed with a valuation of \$47,100.00; should be only \$45,500.00. Amount \$12.16, valuation \$1,600.00, year 1994, account #07-06500.

MYRTLE D. GORE: L-17-14B, cancellation due to wrong valuation. House added to property. Rebilled with a valuation of \$70,800.00. Amount \$238.64, valuation \$31,400.00, year 1994, account #07-06793.

RUBY J. GRAHAM: Failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption on her mobile home. Amount \$32.30, valuation \$4,500.00, year 1994, account #08-07450.

ESTHER HALL: Double-wide mobile home listed as personal property through error. Rebilled as affixed leasehold on HB-4-55A. Amount \$166.74, valuation \$21,940, year 1994, account #11-11809.

JAMES B. & PEARL M. LEARY: I-7-32, overcharged on open land. Amount \$22.10, valuation \$2,600.00, year 1994, account #01-51640.

NATIONAL SPINNING COMPANY, INC.: Valuation of equipment reduced, wrong percentage used. Amount \$23.78, valuation \$2,865.00, year 1994, account #01-64881.

CHARLES P. & CARRIE D. NORRIS: LW-4-152A, dwelling already billed to Joseph & Marie Olson on account 08-14093. Amount \$777.48, valuation \$102,300.00, year 1994, account #08-13890.

PATRICIA JONES: Affixed double-wide mobile home, located on BT-1-173, town. Amount \$12.00, valuation \$1,700.00, year 1993, account #04-09360.

CHARLIE MARTIN, JR., c/o FHA: USA/FHA acquired property prior to 1-1-93, per Deed Book 435, Page 682 of 12-2-92. Tax exempt for 1993. Amount \$257.76, valuation \$32,400.00, year 1993, account #01-59420.

WILLIE MICHAEL REGISTER: Leasehold (dwelling) double

listed on Account #03-19591 to W. Michael & Karen Register. Amount \$188.13, valuation \$21,875.00, years 1984 and 1985, account #03-19360.

ESTER W. RAY: Failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption on lot and house, I-10-66. Amount \$113.16, valuation \$13,800.00, year 1994, account #09-24480.

ROBERT LEE & NELLIE W. RUSS: Failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption on their mobile home. Amount \$40.36, valuation \$5,310.00, year 1994, account #12-23640.

ALLEN PREVATTE: FB-2-42, house only 45% complete as of 1-1-94. Amount \$74.48, valuation \$9,800.00, year 1994, account #10-13833.

BILLY RAY & JOYCE RANSOM: H-2-21, mobile home remodeling, 65% complete as of 1-1-94. Amount \$47.12, valuation \$6,200.00, year 1994, account #05-05300.

CECIL REAVES: Leasehold (house) double listed on #15-31130, Cecil B. & Myrvin Reaves. Amount \$248.52, valuation \$32,700.00, year 1994, account #15-31131.

ESTELLE SOLES: L-9-52, vacant lot only. Amount \$57.12, valuation \$6,800.00, year 1994, account #03-23203.

KATHRYN SPIVEY: H-10-74, lot and house only. All other buildings transferred to Map H-10-74A, A.J. (Heirs) and Lonnie Ruth Spivey. Amount \$555.14, valuation \$67,700.00, year 1994, account #09-29167.

ANNIE WARD: Failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption on her Lot P-3-49. Amount \$34.20. Valuation \$4,500.00, year 1994, account #08-19745.

ROSHIER & MARGARET WATTS: Failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption on their mobile home located on TC-1-172. Amount \$59.13, valuation \$7,780.00, year 1994, account #06-42700.

CENDEL CELLULAR COMP.: Wrong depreciation applied to equipment. Amount \$178.82, valuation \$22,925.00, year 1994, account #01-14014.

MARTIN JERVIE HINSON: H-6-62, house gone for 1994. Amount \$70.55, valuation \$8,500.00, year 1994, account #13-19320.

CHARLES D. & PAULINE JOYNER: CH-3-116M, double listed

to Jessie Flowers #13-13267 and 13-09803, Emma M. Davis. Amount \$8.36, valuation \$1,100.090, year 1994, account #13-22220.

JOEL KEITH MCPHERSON: Leasehold, double listed on H-8-73, #09-19202, Keith McPherson. Amount \$222.38, valuation \$29,260.00, year 1994, account #09-19045.

ANNIE LAURIE G. NEWSOME: 0-5-2, Combined with 0-5-3A and listed to Annie Laurie Green on #11-11529. Amount \$33.62, valuation \$4,100.00, year 1994, account #11-18320.

HARTFORD T. SELLERS (SR.): Mobile home priced too high. Amount \$18.79, valuation \$2,210.00, year 1994, account #03-20847.

JULIA WILLIAMSON: Attachment to mobile home removed in 1992, with mobile home (leasehold). Amount \$4.70, valuation \$600.00, years 1992 through 1994, account #09-33941.

GLORIA & EZZELL ASKEW: Mobile home rebilled to Esther Hall. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #11-00543.

ROBERT & LURA BUCK: M-16-7, unoccupied. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #07-01040.

CHARLES RAY & THERESE FLYNN: Mobile home not on Y-2-19 until February 1994. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #15-13983.

ALLEN GORE: L-17-14B, house already listed to John Alan & Carolyn Gore. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #07-05524.

AVALENE BLANKS GRAHAM: Mobile home unoccupied. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #08-06967.

RUBY J. GRAHAM: Totally exempted through Senior Citizen's exemption. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #08-07450.

ESTHER HALL: Rebilled on Map HB-4-55A. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #11-11809.

WELDON ROSSIE NOBLES: F-8-46, vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #13-30100.

CHARLES P. & CARRIE D. NORRIS: LW-4-152-A, vacant tract. Amount \$18.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #08-13890.

JUNIOR LEE NORRIS: Mobile home vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #07-12492.

ALLEN PREVATTE: House unfinished as of 1-1-94. Amount \$18.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #10-13833.

CARROLL DWAYNE JOHNSON: No dwelling, personal property only (tractors). Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #15-20377.

CECIL REAVES: Double listing on Account 15-31130, same name. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #15-31131.

ERNEST D. SPAULDING: N-2-47, vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #14-15140.

C.I. STEVENS: WH-5-189, vacant. Amount \$18.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #01-89780.

ANNIE WARD: Totally exempted through Senior Citizen's exemption. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #08-19745.

ROSHIER & MARGARET WATTS: Totally exempted through Senior citizen's exemption. Amount \$18.00. Year 1994, account #06-42700.

NATHAN B. WILLIAMSON: H-14-37, one (1) mobile home only. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #06-38653.

JOEL KEITH McPHERSON: Leasehold double listed on H-8-73, Keith McPherson. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #09-19045.

MARTIN JERVIE HINSON: H-6-62, house gone for 1994. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #13-19320.

JASPER L. TYLER: Mobile home vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #10-17391.

ROBERT LEE & NELLIE W. RUSS: Failed to receive Senior Citizen's exemption on their mobile home. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #12-23640.

ORDERED: That a refund check be issued to **MRS. LOUISE T. HILL**, Route 4, Box 389, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$3,191.85, for years 1990 through 1993. L-8-3 was double listed on Account #03-11185 and Account #03-11140. All taxes were paid. Amount \$3,191.85, valuation \$415,200.00, years 1990 through 1993, account #03-11185.

ORDERED: That a refund check be issued to **HAZEL G. TURBEVILLE**, Route 3, Box 73, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount

of \$7.60, for year 1994. Failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption on her mobile home. Paid taxes through error. Amount \$7.60, valuation \$1,000.00, year 1994, account #01-96960.

TAX - AGREEMENT BETWEEN COLUMBUS COUNTY AND TOWN OF CERRO GORDO FOR TAX BILLING AND COLLECTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the Agreement as follows:

AGREEMENT BETWEEN COLUMBUS COUNTY

AND THE TOWN OF CERRO GORDO

FOR TAX BILLING AND COLLECTION

NORTH CAROLINA

COLUMBUS COUNTY

This Agreement made and entered into this the 15th day of August, 1994, by and between the County of Columbus, North Carolina, party of the first part, herein referred to as County, and the Town of Cerro Gordo, North Carolina, party of the second part, herein referred to as Town.

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, both parties feel it would be mutually advantageous to cooperate in developing a single system for billing and collecting all ad valorem taxes within the County, to be reimbursed on a fee basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants of the parties hereto and for the purpose aforesaid, it is hereby agreed by and between County and Town as follows:

1. County will bill and collect ad valorem taxes due the Town for the current year and for the preceding ten (10) years prior to the date of this Agreement. County shall remit at least monthly to the Town the sums actually collected by County on Town's behalf.
2. Town shall pay County one dollar and seventy five cents (\$1.75) per account serviced by it on behalf of Town as reimbursement for County's services rendered under the terms of this Agreement. County shall bill Town annually for services performed under this contract.
3. When a partial payment is made by a taxpayer, unless otherwise indicated on the payment, the partial payment shall be credited first to the County taxes, and then to the Town taxes.
4. The parties agree that Town and County taxes will be billed on the same tax notice which will be mailed by the County. Town and County will offer the same pre-payment

discount as agreed upon. The frequency of the billing shall be determined by the County. The County agrees to prepare and mail further tax bills and/or notices for the Town in conjunction with further County tax bills and/or notices at no additional cost to Town. Legal expenses incurred in collection of Town and County taxes that are not borne by taxpayers will be paid by Town and County on a pro-rata basis.

5. The Town agrees the County shall not be liable to any taxpayer for any mistake or omission in any tax bill sent to the taxpayer by the County on behalf of the Town. The Town further agrees to execute a Release Agreement on an individual cost basis should any mistake or omission occur.

This resolution may be rescinded by a resolution adopted by majority vote of either the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County or the Governing Body of the Town of Cerro Gordo, and upon 120 day written notice given by either party.

This Agreement for joint tax collection functions between Town and County shall be valid for a period of two (2) years from the date hereof, and automatically renewed thereafter for periods of one (1) year until rescinded pursuant to the preceding paragraph.

This Agreement supersedes all previous agreements between these parties pertaining to billing and collecting of taxes except that agreement dated June 23, 1993 pertaining to classified Motor Vehicles. Said Agreement remains in effect according to the terms of said Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Columbus County and the Town of Cerro Gordo have caused this instrument to be signed by their proper officials, by authority of the resolution of the Governing Body of each tax unit, duly adopted.

COLUMBUS COUNTY

ATTEST:

/s/ Samuel G. Koonce

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

Chairman

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT - DEMPSEY HERRING

Dempsey Herring, Special Projects Coordinator, reported on the following projects:

1. The E-911 telecommunicators and supervisor interviews have been completed and a Tentative Training Schedule has been provided for the Board. Also, a spend down for the E-911 project is included in the Board packet. The addressing is now in progress.
2. The Board was presented with a map locating the homes within an approximate one (1) mile radius of the

landfill. This report shows that when the landfill was originally installed in 1977 that approximately 56 residents lived there. As of today, there are approximately 215 residents located within this area.

The Health Department will sample and analyze wells at a total cost of \$25.00 each.

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, and seconded by Commissioner Gray to advise the residents within the area, if they are interested in having wells tested to complete forms at the Health Department and the County will absorb the cost.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Norris, and seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to advise residents within the area, if they are interested in having wells tested to complete forms at the Health Department and the County will absorb costs if there is anything wrong with the water; if the water test is satisfactory, the residents will pay for the testing.

AYES: Commissioners Norris and Jacobs

NOES: Commissioners Gray, Koonce, Williams and Worley
Commissioner Richardson abstained from voting.

The motion failed on a 4 - 2 vote.

Voting on the original motion:

AYES: Commissioners Richardson, Gray and Worley

NOES: Commissioners Norris, Koonce, Williams, and Jacobs

The motion failed on a 4 - 3 vote.

3. Mr. Herring reported that the removal of the underground storage tanks to meet OSHA standards will very be expensive.

The Board advised Mr. Herring to prepare a 5 - 6 year plan with the extraction of two (2) fuel tanks per year.

4. The North Carolina General Assembly recently enacted State-County Criminal Justice Partnership Act (House Bill 281) in combination with the Structured Sentencing Legislation. The act authorizes the Department of Correction to administer a voluntary community corrections grant program for all counties. Columbus County is eligible to receive \$68,008.62 in funding if the County is interested in processing the application.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to proceed with the application process for funding for the Criminal Justice Partnership program for Columbus County.

GOVERNING BODY - BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE DUE TO HOLIDAY

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to schedule the first Board Meeting in September for Tuesday, September 6, 1994, as the first Monday is a Holiday (Labor Day) as adopted by Resolution by the Board of Commissioners.

MEETING RECESSED

At 9:25 P.M., Chairman Koonce recessed the meeting for five (5) minutes.

RESUME MEETING

At 9:30 P.M., Chairman Koonce resumed the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Immediately, thereafter, a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to enter into executive session to discuss personnel.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 9:55 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn executive session and resume regular session.


No action was taken.

AGING - ADVERTISEMENT OF DIRECTOR'S POSITION

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to advertise the Aging Director's position with the Employment Security Commission beginning August 22, 1994 through August 31, 1994.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 P.M.


Ida I. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:


Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman