

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 7:30 P. M., November 21, 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

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, Administrator, gave the invocation.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the November 7, 1994 Board Meeting, as recorded.

APPOINTMENT - COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMISSIONER

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to appoint C. E. "Gene" Wilson to serve as a Columbus County Commissioner to replace Ed Worley, whose resignation was accepted October 28, 1994. Mr. Wilson will serve the balance of Mr. Worley's term, which will expire December 2, 1996. Mr. Wilson will begin serving on the Board effective December 5, 1994, following the swearing in ceremonies.

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

AWARDS - GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS

The following members of the Governing Body received
"Plaques of Appreciation" as listed.

PRESENTED TO

MIKE RICHARDSON

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION OF

YOUR SERVICE AS A COUNTY COMMISSIONER

1990-1994

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

11-21-94

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PRESENTED TO

ED WORLEY

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION OF

YOUR SERVICE AS A COUNTY COMMISSIONER

1984-1994

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

11-21-94

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PRESENTED TO

SAMUEL G. KOONCE

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION OF

YOU SERVING AS A COUNTY COMMISSIONER

1986-1994

AND YOUR DEVOTED LEADERSHIP

AS CHAIRMAN TO THE BOARD

1992-1994

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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AWARD - DEPARTMENT HEAD EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Chairman Koonce presented Jo Ann P. Vereen, Social Services Director, with the Department Head Employee of the Year Award Plaque.

HEALTH - INJURY PREVENTION GRANT

Marian Duncan, Health Director, advised the Board that the Columbus County Board of Health has agreed to accept the three

(3) year Injury Prevention Grant in the amount of \$78,000 from the Injury Control Section of the Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources, and requested approval from the Board of Commissioners. This program will not need funds expended from the County for the first year. A twenty-five percent match of funds from the County will be needed the second year and fifty percent the third year.

Ms. Duncan reported that this project will be a cooperative effort of the Healthy 2000 Committee, Columbus County Hospital, Southeastern Community College and the Health Department with the funds to be administered through the Health Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve to accept the three year Injury Prevention Grant in the amount of \$78,000 from the Injury Control Section of the Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources.

HEALTH - HEALTHY CAROLINIANS CERTIFIED AND RECIPIENT OF THE DR. THAD B. WESTER HEALTHY 2000 STATE AWARD

Bill Clark, Columbus County Hospital Administrator, and Chairman of the Healthy 2000 Task Force, advised the Board that the Task Force was certified as a Healthy Carolinians County at the Annual State Conference and that this accomplishment is quite an achievement as there are only twenty (20) counties within the State of North Carolina that are certified.

Pat Ray, Health Department Nursing Director, and Co-Chair of the Healthy 2000 Task Force, reported that the Columbus County Healthy 2000 Task Force received the distinguished Dr. Thad B. Wester Healthy 2000 State Award as the outstanding County Task Force in North Carolina.

LIBRARY - BUDGET AMENDMENT

Amanda Bible, Library Director, advised the Board that the 1994-95 Library Budget needs an additional \$7,000 increase in County funds to meet the requirement to qualify to receive the projected funding from the Aid to Public Libraries Fund.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve a budget

amendment to transfer \$7,000 from Public Buildings Maintenance and Repair (10-506-1500) to the Library Maintenance and Repair (10-630-15) and is to be expended only for repairs to the Library.

LIBRARY - STATE AID APPLICATION APPROVAL

Amanda Bible, Library Director, requested permission from the Board to apply for a matching grant administered by the N. C. Division of State Library for Public Library Construction. The purpose for the grant would be to expand the adult section of the library and to renovate the deteriorating exterior panels of the existing building at an estimated cost of \$326,000.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to give permission to Amanda Bible, Library Director, to apply for a matching grant administered by the N. C. Division of State Libraries.

SOCIAL SERVICES - ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES FROM STATE

Jo Anne Vereen, Social Services Director, advised the Board of the revised estimates received from the State Office of anticipated expenditures for this fiscal year based on new policy and law passed, on entitlement programs, during the last legislative session has increased the Social Services' budget \$257,336.00.

BUILDINGS (SOCIAL SERVICES) - WIRING FOR COMPUTERS AND TELEPHONES

TABLED

Jo Anne Vereen, Social Services Director, informed the Board that the specifications for the new Social Services building did not include wiring for the computers and telephones. One bid has been received from Sprint Carolina Telephone for the wiring for the computers and telephones in the amount of \$37,750.00. Ms. Vereen further requested the Board's direction in the purchase and installation of a burglar alarm system.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to table the request for wiring for the computers and telephones until two (2) additional bids are received, plus bids on the burglar alarm system.

SHERIFF - APPROVAL TO PURCHASE REVOLVER

The Administrator advised the Board that the employees of the Sheriff's Department has requested that they purchase the service revolver, Beretta Model 92F, Serial #006005M for an appraised value of \$50.00, that was assigned to Sheriff Harold Rains, to be presented to him by the employees of the Sheriff's Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to allow the employees of the Sheriff's Department to purchase the service revolver, Beretta Model 92F, Serial #006005M for an appraised value of \$50.00 to be presented to Sheriff Harold Rains.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - REQUEST FOR GENERATOR FOR REPEATER TABLED

Roy L. Lowe, County Administrator, reported that an emergency back-up generator is needed for the operation of the Emergency Systems in Columbus County. The 1994-95 Operating Budget has appropriated \$4,500.00 toward the purchase of the generator.

Ashley Electric has presented a bid for a 6.5 kilowatt generator with automatic transfer switch for a total of \$8,585.00. John Moore, Emergency Management/E911 Director, is requesting additional monies to be appropriated for the installation of the 6.5 kilowatt generator.

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to table the request and direct Leroy Sellers, the Maintenance Supervisor, to install the generator, if he is capable and has a state license.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - SOIL CONSERVATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendment for Soil Conservation:

Accept 10-348-0101 State Aid	\$2,000.00
Expend 10-606-7400 Capital Outlay	\$2,000.00

APPOINTMENT - YOUTH TASK FORCE

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to reappoint Marie Tutwiler to serve on the Columbus County Youth Task Force Committee

for a three (3) year term, expiring June 30, 1997.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - COMMIT FUNDING FROM "ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE FUNDS"

Steve Yost, Economic Development Director, updated the Board on the Fair Bluff Rail Spur Project to serve Amerimark. Due to unforeseen developments, the project has a deficit of \$55,000 to cover all remaining construction costs. Mr. Yost requested the Board to consider to commit funding in the amount of \$55,000 from "economic development initiative funds" granted to the County during the 1994 North Carolina General Assembly session to cover the deficit.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to commit funds in the amount of \$55,000 from the "economic development initiative funds" to cover the deficit contingent upon consulting the Legislative Delegation that was responsible for the County receiving this appropriation.

TAX RELEASES & REFUNDS

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

ALLEN & TAMMIE ANDERSON: Double-wide mobile home double listed on Map J-4-46B. Amount \$150.54, valuation \$19,300.00, year 1994, account #01-00679.

LOUISE C. BLACKWELL, Heirs: I-3-12, double listed to Stan Hyatt account #01-45325. Amount \$38.22, valuation \$5,200.00, years 1991 through 1994, account #01-06295.

McMURRAY BROWN, JR.: Mobile home double listed to Myron Brown. Amount \$34.04, valuation \$3,740.00, year 1988, account #15-05910.

ANTHONY GLENN COOPER: Moved out of Columbus County prior to 1990. Amount \$27.56, valuation \$3,630.00, year 1991, account #17-07450.

OWEN GORE: 0-13-4, Dwelling vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #07-07000.

PEGGY IVEY GREEN: D-3-1, swimming pool gone for 1994.

Amount \$30.40, valuation \$4,000.00, year 1994, account #12-25380.

JERRY W. HALL and STEPHEN FORT: WH-1-79B, rebilled on account #01-36067 to Jerry L. Hall (and Stephen Fort), per request. Amount \$1,772.16, valuation \$227,200.00, year 1994, account #01-36063.

CHARLES M. HERRING: Mobile home vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #12-11700.

CLARETTA CUMMINGS & WILLIAM HOPKINS: WH-3-926, dwelling vacant. Amount \$72.00 user fee. Years 1990 through 1993, account #01-43380.

JAMES DOUGLAS & FRANCES HILBURN: C-5-57A, double listed to William Thomas Brown #10-01513. Amount \$558.52, valuation \$74,600.00, years 1985 through 1994, account #10-08580.

BRENDA L. LONG: K-12-12D, acres corrected to 27.38 acres. 1.57 Acres double listed to K-12-8, Brenda Long #03-13447. Amount \$10.64, valuation \$1,400.00, year 1994, account #03-18783.

MARIEGENE P. LYTTON: LW-4-212, building vacant. Amount \$18.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #08-11241.

BOBBY LEE & SELMA K. NOBLES: K-15-57A, vacant tract. House rebilled to Kevin Nobles on #07-12410 as a leasehold. Amount \$298.28, valuation \$32,200.00, years 1993 and 1994, account #07-12380.

TAURUS, INC. c/o SAM M. BUTLER: I-7-28, all buildings and mobile homes vacant except one. \$150.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #01-91900.

CAMELLIA SMITH: H-8-12, double listed to Liston Soles #13-37380. Amount \$26.60, valuation \$3,500.00, year 1994, account #13-36628.

NORMAN & PEARL WHALEY: K-12-12, double-wide, double listed to Winfield Whaley on K-12-28 #03-28960. Amount \$193.04, valuation \$25,400.00, year 1994, account #03-28920.

ORDERED: That a tax refund be issued to Ashford Gene Malpass, Route 1, Box 478, Delco, NC 28436, in the amount of \$9.42 for year 1994. Billed with a 1984 mobile home. Per title, owns a 1981 year model. Amount \$9.42, valuation \$1,240.00, year 1994, account #15-25325.

ORDERED: That a refund check be issued to Allie Lee Ward, Route 1, Box 46, Nakina, NC 28455, in the amount of \$324.52 for years 1993 and 1994. Double-wide mobile home rebilled to Catherine Britt on account #01-08746. Amount \$324.52, valuation \$39,800.00, years 1993 and 1994, account #03-27220.

ORDERED: That a refund check be issued to Norman & Pearl Whaley, Route 1, Box 46, Nakina, NC 28455, in the amount of \$766.12 for years 1990 through 1993. K-12-12, mobile home double listed to Winfield Whaley on K-12-28. (Released for year 1994.) Amount \$766.12, valuation \$101,600, years 1990 through 1993, account #03-28920.

APPOINTMENTS - RESIGNATION OF COMMISSIONER MIKE RICHARDSON

Commissioner Richardson advised the Board that he is resigning his membership on the E-911 Committee and the Nursing/Domiciliary Home Community Advisory Committee as his term of office as a County Commissioner expires on December 5, 1994.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to accept the resignation of Commissioner Mike Richardson from serving as a member of the E-911 Committee and the Nursing/Domiciliary Home Community Advisory Committee.

TAX DEPT. - DUNN SWAMP DRAINAGE DISTRICT PROJECT

Commissioner Gray requested Administration to contact the Tax Department and request a report on the Dunn Swamp Drainage District's delinquent accounts and advise the Board.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - TRAVEL & TOURISM

Commissioner Gray requested Administration to contact all the Chambers of Commerce within Columbus County and invite them to attend the next scheduled Travel & Tourism Board Meeting for their input and allow them to have representation from Chambers if they so desire.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M.

John D. Smith
Clerk to the Board

APPROVED:
Samuel B. Koonce
Chairman

OATHS OF OFFICE**NEWLY ELECTED COMMISSIONERS**

At 8:00 A.M., December 5, 1994, the newly elected Commissioners met in their said office, at 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, N. C., and the Oaths of Office of County Commissioners were administered by Chief District Court Judge, D. Jack Hooks, Jr., as follows:

NORTH CAROLINA**OATH OF OFFICE****COLUMBUS COUNTY**

"I, Spruell Randolph Britt, do solemnly swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution and Laws of the United States, and the Constitution and Laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as a member of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners, so help me God."

/s/ Spruell Randolph Britt

Sworn to before me this the 5th day of December, 1994.

ATTEST:

/s/ D. Jack Hooks, Jr., Judge

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

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NORTH CAROLINA**COLUMBUS COUNTY****OATH OF OFFICE**

"I, David L. Dutton, Jr., do solemnly swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as a member of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners, so help me God.

/s/ David L. Dutton, Jr.

Sworn to before me this the 5th day of December, 1994.

/s/ D. Jack Hooks, Jr., Judge

ATTEST:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

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NORTH CAROLINA

COLUMBUS COUNTY

OATH OF OFFICE

"I, C.W. Williams, do solemnly swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as a member of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners, so help me God.

/s/ C.W. Williams

Sworn to before me this the 5th day of December, 1994.

/s/ D. Jack Hooks, Jr. Judge

ATTEST:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

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NORTH CAROLINA

COLUMBUS COUNTY

OATH OF OFFICE

"I, C.E. Wilson, do solemnly swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as a member of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners, so help me God."

/s/ C.E. Wilson

Sworn to before me this the 5th day of December, 1994.

/s/ D. Jack Hooks, Jr., Judge

ATTEST:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

(SEAL)

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