

**COLUMBUS COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES**

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office, at 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, NC, at 8:00 A.M., December 5, 1994, it being the first Monday.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sammie Jacobs, Chairman

Spruell Randolph Britt

David L. Dutton, Jr.

A. Dial Gray, III

C.W. Williams

C.E. "Gene" Wilson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

Dempsey B. Herring,  
Special Projects Coordinator

**ABSENT:**

Lynwood Norris

**APPOINTMENTS – GOVERNING BODY CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, was acting Chairman to transact the appointments of Chairman and Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Acting Chairman Hill briefed the Board on the procedure for selecting officers and then opened the floor for nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Dutton nominated Commissioner Jacobs for Chairman and Commissioner Norris for Vice Chairman.

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

The vote was unanimous for Commissioner Jacobs as Chairman and Commissioner Norris as Vice Chairman.

Attorney Hill announced that Commissioner Sammie Jacobs was appointed Chairman and Commissioner Lynwood Norris as Vice

Chairman by acclamation.

Chairman Jacobs and Vice Chairman Norris are authorized to sign all instruments on behalf of Columbus County. Resolution is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

Attorney Hill called for a ten minute recess to receive and welcome new Board Members.

**RESUME REGULAR MEETING**

At 8:15 A.M., Chairman Jacobs called the meeting to order and the Reverend Wade Fowler gave the invocation.

**BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the November 21, 1994 Board Meeting, as recorded.

**SURETY BONDS - EXAMINATION AND APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to approve Surety Bonds on the following persons that are now in effect, the amounts and the expiration dates:

Linwood Cartrette	\$ 15,000	December 6, 1996
William Hannah, S.	\$ 15,000	December 6, 1995
Jimmy Ferguson	\$ 50,000	December 5, 1998
Ila Penny	\$ 15,000	December 7, 1996
Gayle Godwin	\$100,000	Continued until canceled
W.D. "Bill" Brooks	\$ 75,000	Continued until canceled
Brenda Strickland	\$ 25,000	Continued until canceled

**INTERAGENCY TRANSPORTATION - APPROVAL TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO DOT**

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION DIVISION FUNDING**

Tommy Holmes, Chairman of Columbus County Interagency Transportation, requested the Board to approve the Interagency Transportation to submit an application to the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Public Transportation requesting \$8,790.00 in Human Service Transportation Management Funds. The County will need to match funds in the amount of \$2,930.00 (25%) from local funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to allow the Interagency Transportation to submit an application to the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Public Transportation Division

Program Funds in the amount of \$8,790.00 with the amount of \$2,930.00 (25%) to be earmarked from the 1994-95 Budget Appropriation of \$75,000, Sheltered Workshop (10-690-9502), if the funding is awarded.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - REQUEST FOR BOARD TO CHALLENGE NEW RULE ADOPTED BY THE N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION**

Steve Yost, Economic Development Director, requested the Board to support a lawsuit by North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry challenging Wildlife Resources Commission New Rule on Critical Habitats as this will affect industrial development anywhere near rivers within Columbus County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to table the request from Steve Yost to support a lawsuit challenging the Wildlife Resources Commission New Rule on Critical Habitats until a copy of the ruling and additional information is received and reviewed.

**APPOINTMENT - COUNTY ATTORNEY**

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to appoint James E. Hill, Jr., representing Hill and High Attorneys, as County Attorney for the ensuing year.

**APPOINTMENTS - AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to reappoint the following persons to serve on the Columbus County Aging Advisory Council for a three (3) year term, expiring June 30, 1997.

Zone 1 - C.W. Williams:

Leona Martin, Route 1, Box 95, Evergreen, NC 28438

Zone 2 - C.E. "Gene" Wilson:

Betty Thompson, PO Box 569, Whiteville, NC 28472

Zone 3 - Sammie Jacobs:

Ray Wyche, Hallsboro, NC 28442

Mary Graham, Route 1, Box 713A, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450

**APPOINTMENTS - BOARD OF HEALTH**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to reappoint the following persons to serve on the Board of Health for a three (3)

year term, expiring December 31, 1997.

W.C. Burns, D.V.M., Veterinarian Member  
1017 Smyrna Road, Whiteville, NC 28472

Parks Thomas, Pharmacist Member  
P.O. Box 248, Riegelwood, NC 28456

Stephen Grubb, M.D., Physician Member  
Route 1, Box 405, Tabor City, NC 28463

**APPOINTMENT – NURSING/DOMICILIARY HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**COMMISSIONER REPRESENTATIVE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to appoint C.E. "Gene" Wilson to serve on the Nursing/Domiciliary Home Community Advisory Committee as the Commissioner Representative, as an ex-officio member for the length of his term, expiring December 2, 1996.

**PAYROLL – DISTRIBUTION OF DECEMBER CHECKS APPROVED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to approve the distribution of payroll checks, along with a \$25.00 Christmas Bonus for each full-time employee employed prior to December 1, 1994, on December 21, 1994.

**AUDIT REPORT (1993-94) – PRESENTED BY W. ANDY WAYNE, CPA AND RECEIVED BY BOARD**

Andy Wayne, representing W. Andy Wayne, CPA, presented and reviewed the 1993-94 Columbus County Audit Report to the Board of Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to accept the 1993-94 Columbus County Audit Report as presented by Mr. Andy Wayne.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT – SOCIAL SERVICES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendment for the Department of Social Services.

Accept 10-348-1600 State Aid Administration \$27,677.00

Expend as follows:

10-610-0200	Salaries & Wages	\$14,290.00
10-610-0500	FICA	1,093.00
10-610-0600	Insurance	2,382.00
10-610-0700	Retirement	1,370.00
10-610-1400	Travel	8,542.00

TAX RELEASES

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

**SAM and JUANITA ANTONE:** CH-3-50, totally exempted due to Senior-Citizen's exemption. Amount \$54.48, valuation \$4,800.00, year 1994, account #13-00200.

**B. & L. SPORTING GOODS:** Business closed. Amount \$26.66, valuation \$2,385.00, year 1989, account #06-00557.

**JOE BLAKE and ANN BAREFOOT:** M-6-6, dwelling vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #11-00980.

**STEPHENIE INEZ GILYARD:** Vehicle not in Columbus County in 1991. Listed through error by mother. Amount \$28.29, valuation \$4,100.00, year 1991, account #11-10827.

**DANIEL J. and JANICE GORE:** Double listed on K-8-51, Samuel Gore, Etals on #03-08740. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #03-08940.

**SAMUEL J. GORE, Etals:** K-8-51, private sanitation hauler. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #03-08740.

**LENUE S. and MARY P. GRAHAM:** .25 Acre tract, double listed to Sandra G. Manuel #10-11084. Amount \$6.08, valuation \$800.00, year 1994, account #10-06760.

**LENUE SANDERS GRAHAM, Heirs:** Vehicle (1987 Chevrolet), sold prior to 1992. Amount \$51.30, valuation \$6,760.00, year 1992, account #10-06761.

**J.C. HAYES:** J-6A-84, double listed to Roy Harold Smith on J-6A-83A. Amount \$15.60, valuation \$2,000.00, year 1994, account #01-38480.

**ELLA LOWERY:** F-6A-25, dwelling vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #13-24480.

**ARNELL SELLERS McCLELLEAN:** Vehicle (1979 Pontiac) already listed under proper name of Parnell S. McLelland on regular list, account #13-26170. Amount \$16.08, valuation \$1,700.00, year 1986, account #17-24150.

**AUDREY DALE McLAMB:** N-13-2, affixed double-wide mobile home in poor condition. Value reduced to \$16,600.00. Amount

\$102.20, valuation \$9,500.00, year 1994, account #07-11560.

**RICKY LEE MOTE:** Vacant mobile home moved to S.C. in 1990. Amount \$30.00, valuation \$3,560.00, year 1994, account #15-27986.

**WILLIE RALPH and ELNETA T. NORRIS:** Failed to receive Senior-Citizen's exemption on lot and house WH-3-610. Amount \$117.00, valuation \$15,000.00, year 1994, account #01-66540.

**RUTH LAURANETTA SMITH:** Vehicle listed in Bladen County where she lives. Amount \$29.33, valuation \$3,100.00, year 1986, account #17-34430.

**JULIAN ANN SPIVEY:** Vehicle (1981 Ford) listed in Bladen County where she lives. Amount \$11.23, valuation \$1,430.00, year 1992, account #01-87873.

**BENNIE LEE and DORIS STORMS:** J-2-21, house vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #05-06840.

**DAVID LETLO PARKER:** W-4-82, leasehold vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #15-29000.

**DAVID POWERS:** Vehicle (1975 Lincoln) listed in Bladen County where he lives. Amount \$13.72, valuation \$1,450.00, year 1987, account #17-30085.

**ROBERT F. and ALMA RACKLEY, Heirs:** Vehicle (1973 Ford) junked prior to 1-1-87. Amount \$2.58, valuation \$300.00, year 1987, account #01-74620.

**BRIDGET ELAINE RAMSEY:** Vehicle not in Columbus County in 1986. Was listed in Wilson County. Amount \$29.80, valuation \$3,150.00, year 1986, account #17-30640.

**STUART JEFFREY SOLOMON:** Moved to Mecklenburg County in 1989. Amount \$2.41 Late Listing. Year 1989, account #17-34849.

**TABOR CITY YOUNG FARMER CLUB:** TC-4-9, sold to Town of Tabor City. Tax exempt. Amount \$127.98, valuation \$14,880.00, years 1985 through 1987, account #06-39185.

**TIDE WATER STORAGE:** Rental equipment listed in New Hanover County. Amount \$12.90, valuation \$1,500.00, year 1986, account #15-36312.

**DINAH N. and DONNIE THOMPkins:** Vehicles (1987 Mazda, 1979, 1983 and 1990 Fords) double listed in South Williams Township

on account #06-39463 under same name. Amount \$126.94, valuation \$18,310.00, year 1992, account #09-30195.

**CHARLES JAY TULL:** Vehicles (1982 Pontiac and 1955 Chevrolet) listed in Pender county where he has been residing since 1990. Amount \$11.01, valuation \$1,450.00, year 1992, account #17-38089.

**RUTH A. WADDELL:** Licensed vehicle (1989 Ford) double listed on account #1993-10-03588. Amount \$33.47, valuation \$4,390.00, year 1993, account #04-15960.

**JAMES LLOYD WEBB:** Vehicle (1988 Volkswagen) not in Columbus County in 1992. Listed in Texas where they moved in 1991. Amount \$60.12, valuation \$7,920.00, year 1992, account #17-40229.

**LINDA WILSON:** Moved to South Carolina in March of 1987 where she paid taxes on her 1983 Ford. Amount \$29.07, valuation \$3,380.00, year 1987, account #11-30395.

**ERVIN WALL, SR.:** Vehicle (1978 Oldsmobile) double listed to Ervin Dwight Hall, Jr. on regular list #01-36035. Amount \$112.94, valuation \$1,730.00, year 1989, account #17-38578.

**GLENN YATES:** G-5-76, dwelling vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #13-45920.

**CECIL R., III and JENNIFER YODER:** J-8-17, house vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #02-09717.

**JIM WALTER HOMES:** M-4-78, does not own (does not exist). Amount \$165.38, valuation \$20,800.00, years 1985 through 1994, account #11-14600.

**TAX DEPARTMENT - DUNN SWAMP DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to direct W.D. "Bill" Brooks to attend the next scheduled Board Meeting and enlighten the Board on the problem with the collection of the Dunn Swamp Drainage District delinquent accounts in the amount of \$43,159.70.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:25 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to enter into a closed session in accordance with G.S. §143-318.11. Reason: Item #3 - Attorney-Client Privilege.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 10:08 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to adjourn executive session and resume regular session.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Immediately, thereafter, a motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to adjourn the Board Meeting.

  
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Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:

  
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Sammie Jacobs, Chairman