

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 7:00 P.M., January 9, 1995, for the purpose of holding a public hearing for the preparation of an application for a Community Development Block Grant for housing needs.

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, Vice Chairman

Chairman Jacobs called the public hearing to order. Chairman Jacobs stated the purpose of the public hearing is to receive views and opinions from the citizens of Columbus County on community development and housing needs.

Chairman Jacobs requested anyone who wished to comment to state their name.

The following persons made comments:

C.R. Ward, Lake Waccamaw

Henry Edmund, Housing Committee Chairman

Ed Worley, Aging Department Director

Margaret Jones

Commissioner C.W. Williams

Haskell Rhett, Cape Fear Council of Governments Management Services Director, requested anyone in attendance that

knew of persons who might be eligible recipients for assistance to meet with him after the public hearing and list their names.

Mr. Rhett stated that eligible applicants are needed to help the Housing Committee prepare the application.

Haskell Rhett requested the Board to schedule a second public hearing for citizens input after the application is prepared.

At 7:30 P.M., Chairman Jacobs declared the public hearing closed.

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REGULAR SESSION

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office, at 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, NC, at 7:30 P.M., January 9, 1995, it being the second Monday and in accordance with a Resolution adopted by the Board on December 19, 1994 changing the Board meeting date and time.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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ABSENT:

Lynwood Norris, Vice Chairman

Chairman Jacobs called the meeting to order and Roy L. Lowe, Administrator, gave the invocation.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the December 19, 1994 Board Meeting, as recorded.

AWARD - RAYMOND CALLIHAN RETIREMENT PLAQUE

Chairman Jacobs presented Raymond Callihan with a retirement plaque as follows:

PRESENTED TO

RAYMOND A. CALLIHAN

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IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION OF
YOUR SERVICE AS A MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN
FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
1978 - 1994

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COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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AWARD - JAMES WADE FOWLER RETIREMENT PLAQUE

Chairman Jacobs presented James Wade Fowler a retirement plaque as follows:

PRESENTED TO

JAMES WADE FOWLER

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IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION OF
YOUR SERVICE AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FOR THE COLUMBUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGING
1988 - 1994

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COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR APPLICATION PROCESS FOR MICROENTERPRISE LOAN PROGRAM

Steve Yost, Economic Development Director, and Janice Simms, SCC Coordinator of Small Business, addressed the Board in reference to scheduling a public hearing for the application process for \$100,000 grant from the North Carolina Department of Commerce's Community Development Block Grant Program to expand the Small Business Center's Microenterprise Loan Program. The Board will need to obligate \$5,000 from the Special Economic Development Fund as a portion of the matching funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to schedule the first public hearing for the preparation of the Community Development Block Grant application for \$100,000, to expand the Small Business Center's Microenterprise Loan Program at 7:00 P. M. on February 6, 1995. Further, to obligate matching funds for the project not to exceed \$5,000 from the Columbus County Special Economic Development Fund.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - SECOND COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE
PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to schedule the second public hearing for the post-application for a Community Development Block Grant for housing assistance at 7:00 P.M., February 6, 1995.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - FAIR BLUFF RAIL SPUR LOAN APPROVAL

Steve Yost, Economic Development Director, advised the Board that the \$75,000 commitment for Farmers Home Administration for the rail spur project in Fair Bluff is a reimbursement grant which will have to be spent first by the Town of Fair Bluff before receiving the reimbursement from FHA. Mr. Yost requested that the that \$70,000 be loaned by the County and Fair Bluff will loan \$5,000. Once these monies are paid, Farmers Home Administration will reimburse the project budget for \$75,000 and the County and Fair Bluff will each be reimbursed for their respective shares.

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the loan of \$70,000 to the rail spur project in Fair Bluff with the stipulation that the County will be reimbursed as soon as funding is received from FHA. The budget amendment is as follows:

Appropriate 10-660-9999 Non Departmental Contingency (\$70,000)

Expend 10-690-9513 Special Appropriations	\$70,000
(Fair Bluff Rail Road Spur)	

APPOINTMENT - LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to appoint Commissioner Sammie Jacobs to serve on the Local Emergency Planning Committee, to replace the former Commissioner Samuel G. Koonce,

with term expiring when Commissioner Jacobs' term of office as County Commissioner expires.

APPOINTMENTS - LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Paul Spelman, WWAY Channel 3 - Replaces Leigh Powell

Alfred Hayes, Sheriff's Department - Replaces Howard Turbeville

Delane Duncan, Whiteville Fire Department - (New Member)

Steven Smith, Plant Operations of County Schools - (New Member)

APPOINTMENTS - SAFETY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Safety Committee.

Alfred Hayes replaces Howard Turbeville

Debbie W. Long replaces Linda Riggins

William Tripplett replaces Haywood McKoy

Julie Strickland replaces Carol Owens

APPOINTMENTS - E-911 COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the E-911 Committee.

Commissioner David L. Dutton, Jr., replaces Mike Richardson

Commissioner Spruell Randolph Britt, replaces Ed Worley

APPOINTMENT - SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to appoint Commissioner C.E. "Gene" Wilson to serve on the Southeastern Regional Mental Health Board, for the length of his term, to replace Commissioner Sammie Jacobs.

APPOINTMENT - AIRPORT BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TABLED

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to table the appointment to the Airport Board of Adjustments until the next

Board meeting.

APPOINTMENTS - TRAVEL & TOURISM BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Travel and Tourism Board:

Zone 6: Commissioner Britt

Jimmie Sue Ward

Zone 7: Commissioner Dutton

Rhonda Bullard-Dutton

FINANCE - CENTRAL DEPOSITORY/CASH MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to accept the proposal for the Central Depository/Cash Management to be sent to all Columbus County Financial Institutions, to be reviewed every three (3) years as follows:

COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

CENTRAL DEPOSITORY/CASH MANAGEMENT

PROPOSAL

The Columbus County Board of Commissioners respectfully submit the following proposal to any interested financial institution located within Columbus County and request each acknowledgment of those who wish to participate in a plan for Central Depository and Cash Management for Columbus County, North Carolina.

Columbus County will compensate the participating financial institution with a minimum base balance in the amount of TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000.00) DOLLARS.

The County will need Serial Sort for each of the County's designated accounts.

Statements on the following:

- A. Credits, including amounts, in date order.
- B. Miscellaneous debits, including amounts in date order.
- C. Paid checks, including amounts by serial number sequence.
- D. Unpaid checks by serial number sequence.
- E. The County will furnish to the financial institution the beginning and ending serial number of checks written during the period.

Financial Services:

The participating financial institution will provide at no cost to the County the following services as specified.

- A. Checks and deposit tickets for the County's account.

- B. Night depository service.
- C. Secure all public funds through the North Carolina Pool Collateralization Arrangement.
- D. Have the ability to transfer funds between accounts via the telephone.
- E. Daily notification to the County of returned checks, no charge back to the County's account without pending instructions from the County.
- F. To provide receipted deposit slips to the County at the time deposit is made for all the County's accounts.
- G. Provide night deposit lock bags.
- H. Provide adequate safe deposit boxes.
- I. The County will not be penalized should debits be paid against account(s) which would bring the balance to a figure less than the minimum base balance.
- J. That the ledger cut-off time for deposits be 2:00 P.M.

Investment Services:

- A. Provide the County with their available collected balance by 11:00 A.M. each day.
- B. The County acknowledges the minimum investment requirements for the money market account, repurchase agreement and certificates of deposit.
- C. The County will notify the financial institution by 2:00 P.M. should it desire to withdraw funds from a repurchase instrument to make funds available for another investment vehicle.
- D. Provide to the County an automatic investment service of all available excess collected balance on a daily basis.
- E. If the participating financial institution has more than one office, the County shall be able to make deposits at any one of the branches.
- F. To receive deposits from various other County departments, including, but not limited to the Library, Housing (HUD), Health Department, Social Services, Register of Deeds, Inspections Office, Economic Development and Sheriff. All deposits made by the County departments will include an adding machine tape of checks being deposited rather than itemized listing on deposit slips.

Columbus County will continue their past investment policy of investing excess funds in the highest yielding securities for the benefit of the taxpayers of Columbus County.

Columbus County respectfully requests the participating financial institution to negotiate any fees or charges on any service rendered or being planned for Columbus County before the service is actually rendered.

SHERIFF - APPROVAL TO OBTAIN EXCESS PROPERTY THROUGH NC LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES, STATE OF NC & US DEPT. OF DEFENSE

Sheriff Jimmy Ferguson, requested authorization from the Board to obtain excess property through the North Carolina Law Enforcement Support Services, the State of North Carolina and United States Department of Defense at no cost to the County. Sheriff Ferguson ensured the Board that any property received under provisions of Section 1208 of the Defense Authorization Act will

be properly operated, maintained and used in the counterdrug operation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to authorize the Sheriff to obtain excess property through the North Carolina Law Enforcement Support Services, the State of North Carolina and the United States Department of Defense to counteract drugs, at no cost to the County.

FIRE AND RESCUE - WHITE MARSH-WELCHES CREEK VFD REQUEST FOR RADIO

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to table the request for funds for the purchase of a new mobile radio for a new pumper for the White Marsh-Welches Creek Volunteer Fire Department as the three (3) bids received were not consistent as to the radio type.

SOCIAL SERVICES - BURGLAR ALARM BID INCREASE

Jo Anne Vereen, Social Services Director, advised the Board that at the December 19, 1994 Board meeting, that Mid-Atlantic Alarms was awarded the bid for the burglar alarm system for the Social Services Building in the amount of \$1,528.36. As the bids were compared later, the quotes were not for the same equipment. Mid-Atlantic Alarms was contacted and they presented another bid for the same equipment as submitted by ECK Enterprises, and the bid amount is now \$2,492.00. Ms. Vereen requested the Board to consider approving the new bid from Mid-Atlantic Alarms as the bid is still less than ECK Enterprises bid of \$2,936.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to award the bid to the lowest bidder, Mid-Atlantic Alarms, Chadbourn, NC, in the amount of \$2,492.00.

BUILDINGS (SOCIAL SERVICES) - CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 001

Jo Anne Vereen, Social Services Director, requested the Board to consider a change order to allow for wall covering rather than paint in the heavily traveled areas of the new Social Services Building. Ms. Vereen advised the Board that the total cost for the substitution of wall covering instead of paint is \$42,441. Ms. Vereen advised the Board of the following savings on the new

Social Services Building:

Carpet savings	\$14,441.00
Building cost savings	<u>\$17,291.00</u>
Total Contract Savings	\$31,497.00
Change Order #1 Increase	\$10,944.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed to approve the Change Order G701 No.001 for the Social Services facility to replace paint with wall covering in heavily traveled areas, as presented by Fitts & Goodwin, Incorporated in the amount of \$10,944.00.

AYES: Commissioners Dutton, Gray, Jacobs, Williams, and Britt

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Wilson

A copy of the properly executed Change Order G701 No.001 is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

SOCIAL SERVICES - TWO FURNITURE BIDS RECEIVED

Dempsey Herring, Special Projects Coordinator, advised the Board that two (2) bids were received for the furniture for the Social Services facility and we have readvertised for rebids.

REGISTER OF DEEDS - SALARY REQUEST TAKEN FROM TABLE

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to take the salary request from the Register of Deeds, Ila N. Penny, from the table for action.

REGISTER OF DEEDS - DENY SALARY ADJUSTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to deny the request from the Register of Deeds, Ila N. Penny, to adjust salaries for all personnel within the Register of Deeds Office.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - HEALTH

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendment:

Reduce 10-348-0802 Maternal Outreach State Funds (\$12,682.00)

Reduce Expenditures as follows:

10-588-02 Salaries	(\$8,079.00)
10-588-05 FICA	(641.00)
10-588-06 Insurance	(1,757.00)
10-588-07 Retirement	(803.00)
10-588-14 Travel	(1,090.00)
10-588-32 Office Supplies	(312.00)

BUDGET AMENDMENT - SOCIAL SERVICES

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

Accept 10-348-03 Child Day Care additional funds	\$29,161.00
Expend 10-611-0201 100% Child Day Care	\$29,161.00

TAX RELEASES AND REFUNDS

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

JAMES KENNETH BALDWIN: Failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption on his lot and house. Amount \$114.00, valuation \$15,000.00, year 1994, account #06-00620.

LYNETTE BARNES BREEDEN: F-5-19A, vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #12-08717.

GILES AND ELOISE BYRD: HB-4-10, vacant. House not in use. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #11-04800.

HAROLD CAIN: Listed a camper, not a mobile home. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #08-02300.

VESTER AND JEAN CARTRETTE: I-9-112, house vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #09-04080.

R.C. COLEMAN: L-11-10, house vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #03-03870.

WILLIAM B. (JR.) AND LEIGH COOK: Square footage of house, located on WH-2-107C, corrected. Valuation reduced to \$162,000.00. Amount \$228.54, valuation \$29,300.00, year 1994, account #01-17020.

PATRICIA STEPHENS FIPPS: G-10-20, farm buildings only. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #09-08260.

WILBUR B. FREEDMAN: J-2-6, house vacant for the past two (2) years. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #01-29760.

TONYA FOWLER: Per bill of sale, measurements of mobile home corrected. Amount \$20.90, valuation \$2,750.00, year 1994,

account #09-09181.

MARVIN EARL FULTON: Mobile home double listed as personal property on #15-15004, same name. Amount \$637.20, valuation \$68,400.00, year 1994 for years 1991 through 1993, account #15-15005.

DANIEL J. AND JANICE GORE: Garbage collected by commercial sanitation hauler. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #03-08940.

LEWIS E. GORE: TC-4-487, double listed to TC-4-481. Amount \$11.40, valuation \$1,500.00, year 1994, account #06-14820.

CLEMPSON AND ULDINE GREEN: E-6-111, house vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #16-05940.

ELWOOD H. HARDIN: CH-1-204, house vacant. Amount \$18.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #13-17860.

DONALD AND ETHEL HUNT: Mobile home listed on Melvin T. and Hilda Ray #01-75060. Amount \$8.36, valuation \$1,000.00, year 1994, account #09-15220.

WOODROW W. JACOBS: 2% Discount not absorbed by computer. Taxes paid 8-12-94. Amount \$4.33, year 1994, account #14-07280.

JAMES ALBERT JORDAN: 1978 Chevrolet sold for junk. Amount \$3.87, valuation \$510.00, year 1992, account #17-21350.

ERNEST COLBERT KELLY: Mobile home vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #15-22078.

CLAYTON LARKINS: Taxes paid August, 1994; release keyed in computer 9/06/94, therefore 2% discount not absorbed by computer. Amount \$1.19, year 1994, account #15-23058.

MARTIN LEWIS: 1970 Mobile home, double listed on regular list, account #15-23960. Amount \$8.36, valuation \$1,000.00, year 1994, account #15-23867.

JEFFREY DEAN LOVETTE: Mobile home double listed to Jefferey Lovette on #16-10094. Amount \$279.13, valuation \$32,780.00, year 1994, account #16-10305.

S.C. LONG HEIRS: J-12-64, old store building will never be occupied. Amount \$30.00, year 1994, account #09-17040.

MINERVA FAYE MILLIGAN: I-14-15, building vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #06-26007.

ANNIE JO NORTON: E-7-111, house vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #16-12045.

JANET MILLS REECE: V-4-77-A, house not 100% complete (attic unfinished). Amount \$143.64, valuation \$18,900.00, year 1994, account #15-31220.

JACK RANDY AND MARY MILLER: No well or septic tank on property located on J-7-46D. Valuation reduced to \$3,600.00. Amount \$12.75, valuation \$1,500.00, year 1994, account #01-62150.

LACY CHARLES MINCEY: Mobile home located in Town of Fair Bluff (user fees \$18.00) only. Amount \$12.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #10-12271.

PAUL M. MUNCE: WH-3-872, rebilled to Charles Roberts, #01-76718. Amount \$153.72, valuation \$17,400.00, year 1994, account #01-64160.

LOTTIE MAE SALTER: W-4-55A and W-4-45C, not in Acme Delco Fire District. Amount \$30.00, year 1994, accounts #15-32525 and #15-32527.

CALTON AND ELLA LEW THOMPSON: J-7A-234, dwelling used as storage. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #01-93200.

TAFT AND BEULAH TURBEVILLE: I-11-22, vacant building. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #09-30880.

WADE LENWOD WILLIAMS: H-9-19, building vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #09-33713.

BOB AND LARUE WILLIAMSON: E-5-8, value of mobile reduced to \$11,000.00 valuation. Amount \$36.38, valuation \$4,230.00, year 1994, account #12-29885.

JOSEPH HERMAN WILLIAMSON: D-4-61, house unoccupied. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #12-31260.

NATHAN B. WILLIAMSON: H-14-37, taxes paid 8/21/94. 2% Discount not absorbed by computer due to release keyed in computer after 8/31/94. Amount \$4.90, year 1994, account #06-38653.

EDGAR A. YOUNG: P-1-79, mobile home unoccupied. Amount \$60.00, year 1994, account #08-21360.

ORDERED: That a tax refund be issued to **MARGUERITE COLLINS**, Post Office Box 173, Tabor City, NC 28463, in the amount

of \$18.00 for year 1994. House located on TC-3-24A, vacant. Amount \$18.00 user fee, year 1994, account #06-05780.

ORDERED: That a refund check be issued to **SWEANEY AND BETTY J. JACKSON**, Post Office Box 466, Riegelwood, NC 28456, in the amount of \$57.24, for year 1994. Y-1A-85, house remeasured. Value adjusted accordingly. Amount \$57.24, valuation \$5,400.00, year 1994, account #15-19507.

ORDERED: That a refund check be issued to **BETTY L. PHILLIPS**, Route 3, Box D-42, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$55.36, for year 1993. Single-wide mobile home, double listed to Nolan C. Phillips, III, #03-17450. Amount \$55.36, valuation \$3,130.00, year 1993, account #01-69575.

ORDERED: That a refund check be issued to **BILLIE O. AND GABRIELE T. ROGERS**, Route 2, Box 53, (Currituck Road), Riegelwood, NC 28456, in the amount of \$30.00 for 1994. 2-2A40, business closed. Amount \$30.00 user fee, year 1994, account #15-32140.

ORDERED: That a refund check be issued to **BENNET WHITE**, Route 1, Box 401, Chadbourn, NC 28431, in the amount of \$88.81, for year 1994. Farming equipment over billed for 1994. Amount \$88.81, valuation \$10,700.00, year 1994, account #02-04260.

WEBSTER CHIROPRACTIC WELLNESS CENTER - BACK INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to contact John A. Webster, D.C., Practice of Chiropractic, and accept his offer to conduct an injury prevention program for all county employees.

N.C. LEGISLATIVE GOALS - MEETING REPORT BY COMMISSIONER WILSON

Commissioner Wilson and Commissioner Dutton attended the N. C. Legislative Goals Conference that was held in Fayetteville on January 5, and 6, 1995. Commissioner Wilson reported that there were fifty-five (55) Legislative Goals approved by the Board of Directors for consideration at the Legislative Goals Conference and there was only one (1) that was not approved.

DUNN SWAMP DRAINAGE DISTRICT - ROBERT WARD COMPLAINT

Robert Ward, from the Dunn Swamp area, addressed the Board in reference to the Dunn Swamp Drainage District. Mr. Ward

reported that his property is under water and there are trees grown up in the canal that is supposed to drain his property.

The Board reached a general consensus to direct Roy L. Lowe, County Administrator, to invite the Dunn Swamp Drainage District Committee Members to the next Board Meeting for discussion for the maintenance of the project.

AIRPORT - DEVELOP A CONTRACT

Dempsey Herring, Special Projects Coordinator, advised the Board that the operation of the Columbus County Airport is changing from Tranquil Air to Consolidated Aviation Services and a Contract will need to be developed for the County of Columbus (as Owner) and Consolidated Aviation Services (as the Operator).

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the drafting of a Columbus County Airport Contract with Consolidated Aviation Services to operate the Airport and present back to the Board for approval.

AIRPORT - REQUEST LEGISLATION TO CREATE AN AUTHORITY

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to request the members of the North Carolina General Assembly who represent Columbus County to introduce a bill for the Legislative Agenda to enable Columbus County to create a Columbus County Airport Authority.

RESOLUTION - OPPOSING SERVICES FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to direct Jo Anne Vereen, Social Services Director, and Marian Duncan, Health Director, to document the cost for services provided for illegal immigrants for the next three (3) to four (4) months and advise the Board. Also, the Board adopted the following Resolution opposing services for illegal immigrants.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

RESOLUTION OPPOSING SERVICES FOR

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

WHEREAS, the United States of America has laws and

regulations to govern immigration into our country; and

WHEREAS, illegal immigration continues in large numbers;
and

WHEREAS, illegal immigrants are able to secure easily false documents and then use these falsified documents to secure employment and certain governmental services; and

WHEREAS, as providers of most governmental services, many state and local government agencies and assisted organizations are having to use scarce resources to serve illegal immigrants; and

WHEREAS, legitimate needs of legal immigrants and citizens of the United States of America and our communities exceed bearable taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Congress and President of the United States of America are encouraged to take necessary legal and constitutional actions to gain control of the United States of America's borders and to provide for proper legalization of immigrants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that federal, state and local governments' taxes should not be utilized to provide benefits to illegal immigrants.

A copy of this Resolution will be sent to the President of the United States of America, Senator Jesse Helms, Senator Lauch Faircloth and Columbus County's legislative delegation in the North Carolina Senate and North Carolina House of Representatives.

ADOPTED this the 9th day of January, 1995.

/s/ SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

BUILDINGS - SPACE STUDY PROPOSALS

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to direct Roy L. Lowe, County Administrator, to contact the Department Heads to see what their space needs are and request proposals for a space study.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:15 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Britt,

seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to enter into a closed session in accordance with G.S. 143-318.11. Reason: Item #3 - Attorney-Client Privilege.

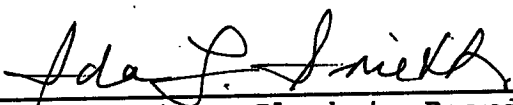
RESUME REGULAR SESSION

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

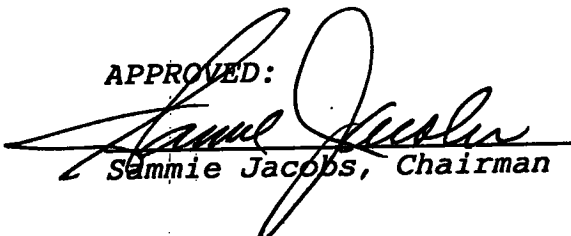
No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Immediately, thereafter, a motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting.



Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:


Sammie Jacobs, Chairman