

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., January 17, 1995, it being the third Monday.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sammie Jacobs, Chairman

Lynwood Norris, Vice 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

Chairman Jacobs called the meeting to order and Commissioner C.W. Williams gave the invocation.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the January 9, 1995 Board Meeting, as recorded.

FIRE & RESCUE - WHITE MARSH-WELCHES CREEK REQUEST FOR RADIO UNTABLED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to untable the request from White Marsh-Welches Creek Volunteer Fire Department for a radio for a new pumper.

FIRE & RESCUE - WHITE MARSH-WELCHES CREEK VFD RADIO APPROVAL

Bill Rushing, Fire Chief of the White Marsh-Welches Creek Volunteer Fire Department, advised the Board that they have purchased a new pumper and requested assistance from the County in purchasing a radio.

The following bids were received for the Board's consideration:

Professional Communications \$ 634.10
1211 Ireland Drive
Fayetteville, NC

Piedmont Communications Co, Inc. \$ 643.60
402 East Russell Street
Fayetteville, NC 28302

Communication Specialists Co., Inc. \$ 1,575.00
3330 Wrightsville Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

Mr. Rushing stated that the Motorola, 8 Channel, Scan, GM300 Mobile, UHF, M44GMC20D3A, with 40 Watts of power would be sufficient for the pumper at a total cost of \$643.60, including tax.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to award the bid for the radio to Piedmont Communications for a total of \$643.60, including tax, to be installed on the newly purchased equipment with the purchase to be coordinated by the Columbus County Fire Marshal. Funds for the purchase of the radio will be expended from Special Appropriations - Rescue Squads (10-690-9501).

INTERAGENCY TRANSPORTATION (COLUMBUS COUNTY) - CONTRACT FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WITH MAYFLOWER, INC. REVISED

Tommy Holmes, Columbus County Interagency Transportation Chairman, advised the Board that the Contract for Transportation Services with Mayflower, Incorporated is revised to reflect receipt of a grant for administrative funds from North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Renewal of Contract

Between

Columbus County Interagency Transportation, Inc.

and

Mayflower Contract Services, Inc.

This will acknowledge the review and renewal of our contract for transportation services for Columbus County for the Fiscal Year 1994 to 1995.

Base rate \$.75 per vehicle mile from 7-01-94 to 6-30-95.

Revised base rate \$.69 per vehicle mile from 1-01-95 to 6-

30-95.

Revised rate reflects:

1. Reduction in administrative cost through receipt of HSTM Grant.
2. Increase in starting wage of drivers to \$5.00 per hour.

/s/ Tommy Holmes 1-17-95
 Chairman, Board of Directors
 Columbus County Interagency Transportation, Inc.

/s/ Terry W. Reynolds 1-17-95
 Regional Manager
 Mayflower Contract Services, Inc.

AGREEMENT (LANDSCAPE) - REQUEST FROM DOT TABLED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to table the Landscape Agreement between the Department of Transportation and the Columbus County Parks and Recreation until the Contract is negotiated with the Department of Transportation and Dempsey Herring, Special Projects Coordinator/Recreation Director.

AGREEMENT - COOPERATIVE EXTENSION TO HIRE A SPECIALIZED HORTICULTURE AGENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris, and passed unanimously to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service/North Carolina State University and Columbus County for the Area Specialized Agent, Commercial Horticulture position as follows:

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between the

North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service/North Carolina State University

and

Columbus County

(for the Area Specialized Agent, Commercial Horticulture Position)

The Memorandum of Agreement is to provide for the establishment of a procedure and a Trust Fund Account at N. C. State University to be of service to Columbus County in a payroll program that places individuals who are jointly employed with the

North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service under one payroll system. Columbus County, hereinafter designated the County, and the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service/North Carolina State University, hereinafter designated NCSU, shall adhere to the following provisions:

1. Name of Account - The account shall be known as the Columbus County Payroll Trust Account.
2. Purpose of Account - The purpose of the account is to provide a mechanism whereby funds can be transferred from the County to NCSU for use in paying the salary and benefits to joint employees of the County and NCSU in a single monthly paycheck.
3. Procedure for Providing Funds to the Account - A State Treasurer's Electronic Payment System (STEPS) form will be completed and returned with the Memorandum of Agreement. A designated representative of the County will receive a telephone call from the Extension Personnel Office approximately one (1) week before payday advising the amount due. The day before payday, generally the last working day of the month, the State Treasurer's Office will initiate a draft against the County's account listed on the STEPS form. The trust account maintained for county salaries will be audited and reconciled by the Extension Accounting Office to assure the month end account balance remains zero.
4. Administration of the Account - The trust account will be maintained in accordance with NCSU accounting policies and procedures. Receipts and expenditures, including salaries and fringe benefits for appropriate individuals, will be handled through the trust account. A report, generated by the NCSU accounting system and including receipt and expenditure transactions and the current status of the account, will be provided quarterly to the County by NCSU.
5. Employee Benefits - Jointly employed County/NCSU employees covered by the County payroll program will be solely under the North Carolina State Retirement System and will be eligible for appropriate NCSU employee benefits, including the direct deposit of payroll checks. The Extension Personnel office

will facilitate the transfer of employees from joint state/local retirement to the state retirement. The County is responsible for providing the proportional share of all appropriate fringe benefits as required. These include, but are not limited to, Workmen's Compensation, Unemployment Compensation, Disability Compensation and Severance Pay.

6. The effective beginning date for implementing this Agreement will be March 1, 1995, and it will be reviewed annually and may be terminated by either party with a sixty (60) day notice in writing.

Signed:

/s/ Sammie Jacobs, Chairman 1-17-95
Board of County Commissioners

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith 1-17-95
Clerk to Board

/s/ _____
Director
N.C. Cooperative Extension Service
North Carolina State University

/s/ _____
Vice Chancellor for Finance and Business
North Carolina State University

APPOINTMENT - LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to appoint Ed Worley, Department of Aging Director, to serve on the Local Emergency Planning Committee to replace Wade Fowler.

APPOINTMENT - AIRPORT BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS UNTABLED

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to untable the appointment to the Airport Board of Adjustments.

APPOINTMENT - AIRPORT BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to appoint Lloyd "Pebo" Collier, P.O. Box 395, Whiteville, NC 28472, to serve on the Columbus County Airport Board of Adjustment to replace Robert Ferguson, who resigned, with term expiring January 18, 1997.

AGENDA - CONSENT/ACTION APPROVED

Chairman Jacobs requested the Board to consider a Consent/Action Agenda format as follows:

The Agenda separates the Consent Items from the Action Items. Captions clearly define these two segments.

Items of business on the Consent agenda may be called up by any member at the meeting for clarification or change. If the Consent Agenda items are not individually called up for review, the Consent Agenda is understood to be endorsed or recognized as approved. All items on the Consent Agenda can be approved by one motion.

The Board's consideration, clarification, or change of individual Consent Agenda items takes place after approving the balance of the Consent Agenda.

The Action Agenda follows the Consent Agenda. Any information items are listed last.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to adopt the Consent/Action Agenda as presented.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - HEALTH

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendment for the Health Department.

Accept 10-348-08 Maternal Health Grant	\$12,682.00
Expend 10-592-02 Maternal Health Salaries	\$12,682.00

FIRE DISTRICTS - FIRE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

Jimmy Jackson, Fire Marshal, presented the Board with a map outlining all of the rural fire districts within Columbus County. Large parts of the County are not included in the districts and as a result residents are paying more for homeowners insurance. One of the problem areas is the northern part of Columbus County and is only one to two miles away from the Clarkton Fire Department in adjacent Bladen County.

Mr. Jackson reported that if the Commissioners want to expand the fire districts, there are two options. One would be to contract with Clarkton or other nearby departments for coverage. The other way would be for existing Columbus County Departments to build, equip and staff substations. Another potential option would be to ask legislators to change the law and allow fire district boundaries to extend beyond the five miles.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously for the Administration Office to negotiate for fire coverage from other counties adjoining Columbus County and to come up with a solution to cover all areas within Columbus County that are dead spots and present the recommendation to the Board for consideration.

DUNN SWAMP DRAINAGE DISTRICT - UNTABLED

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to untable the Dunn Swamp Drainage District for consideration by the Board.

DUNN SWAMP DRAINAGE DISTRICT - LETTER OF ENCOURAGEMENT APPROVAL

Dempsey Herring, Special Projects Coordinator, advised the Board that members of the Dunn Swamp Drainage District Board of Commissioners were contacted to update the Board on the Drainage District but none of the members are present.

Mr. Brown, a property owner in the Dunn Swamp area, advised the Board that he had contacted Glen Yates, Watershed Commissioner, in reference to a broken tile within the district, and requested assistance from the District. Mr. Yates advised him that the District will pay for one-third of replacing the broken tile and the landowners will have to pay two-thirds of the cost. Mr. Brown showed photographs of a broken tile and water flooding the road in the District. Mr. Brown stated that he was petitioning the Board for help and hopefully the Watershed Commission will repair the damaged tile.

Dempsey Herring reported that all records have been located for the creation of the Dunn Swamp Drainage District and are on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

Mr. Herring advised the Board that the Dunn Swamp Drainage District is a free-standing corporation. The General Statutes spell out the responsibilities of the Drainage District Board of Commissioners as well as the Clerk of Court. The Columbus County Board of Commissioners is not obligated to the Drainage District but they might want to consider writing a letter of encouragement to the Drainage District Board in reference to complaints received by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to write a letter of encouragement to the Drainage District Board of Commissioners in reference to the complaints received.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - TABOR CITY COMMITTEE OF 100 APPROPRIATION
APPROVED FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL FUND

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to appropriate \$15,000.00 from the Columbus County Economic Development Special Fund (10-410-60) to the Tabor City Committee of 100, to assist with the Tabor City shell building project, including road and parking lot.

BUILDINGS (SOCIAL SERVICES) - BID AWARD FOR FURNISHINGS

The rebids received for furnishings for the Social Services Building are as follows:

State Contract (tables and chairs)	\$114,505.35
Creative Dimensions (desks and work tables) P.O. Box 336 Nappane, Indiana 46550	\$155,931.50
Interior Management (files, shelves, etc.) 33336 Wrightsville Avenue Wilmington, NC 28403	\$105,766.50
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	\$376,213.35

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to award the bids to the above listed vendors, as only one bid was received for each item.

BUILDINGS - SPACE STUDY PROPOSALS

Roy L. Lowe, County Administrator, advised the Board that he has contacted two (2) firms that were interested in doing a space study for Columbus County but asked if the Board is considering short or long-term space needs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams to seek proposals for the long term needs of the County.

After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Williams withdrew his motion.


A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to visit all buildings

and take a look at them and then decide on what needs to be done.

Dempsey Herring, Special Projects Coordinator, stated that a list of all county buildings will be provided for each Commissioner and assistance is available from the Administration Office in reviewing the buildings, if the Board Members so desire.

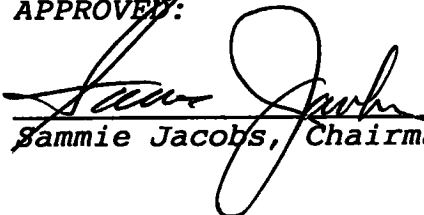
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 P.M.



Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:



Sammie Jacobs, Chairman