

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, April 3, 1995, it being the first 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

Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

Dempsey B. Herring,
Special Projects Coordinator

John Alan High replaced
James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Chairman Jacobs called the meeting to order and Mr. Ed Worley, Aging Director, gave the invocation.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the March 20, 1995, Board Meeting, as recorded.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS - VARIOUS

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendments.

Accept 10-348-16 State Aid Administration	\$3,182
Expend 10-611-15 CP&L Energy	3,182
Accept 10-348-16 State Aid Administration	\$1,349
Expend 10-611-15 CP&L Energy	1,349
Accept 10-348-14 WIC Marketing Study	\$1,300
Accept 10-348-14 WIC Directors Conference	1,190
Expend 10-598-14 Travel	\$1,190
Expend 10-598-33 Departmental Supplies	1,300

TAX RELEASES & REFUNDS

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the tax releases and refunds.

ALMA and BARCIE BENTON: L-13-2B, 11 acre tract was transferred and billed to Eldridge Benton on #07-08151 on Map L-13-2. Amount \$180.88, valuation \$23,800.00, year 1994, account #07-00300.

CHEYENNE LEASING COMPANY: Portion of leased equipment double listed in Duplin County. Amount \$2,628.66, valuation \$306,572.00, year 1994, account #04-02585.

FONZA GEORGE, Heirs: H-3-100, double listed to #12-09180, Jethro and Anna Mae George. Amount \$80.16, valuation \$9,320.00, years 1986 and 1987, account #12-09120.

JOYCE ANN GIBSON: Vehicle (1983 Buick) listed in Bladen County where she lives. amount \$9.49, valuation \$1,250.00, year 1991, account #17-13661.

JOYCE ANN and FARY GIBSON: Vehicle (1968 VW) listed in Bladen County. Amount \$8.69, valuation \$1,010.00, year 1986, account #17-13730.

RUTH, WILLIE, EDDIE and CARLYLE GRAHAM: Double listing. Billed with unidentified property already listed to Willie Graham on Map BT-2-109, valuation \$2,600.00. Amount \$21.58, valuation \$2,650.00, years 1992 and 1993, account #04-06400.

BEN D. GREEN: M-6-72, house vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #11-11527.

LARRY ASHLEY HINSON: Personal property double listed to Larry A. Hinson #13-19300. Amount \$151.31, valuation \$14,510.00, year 1994, account #13-19301.

GARLAND E. WILLIAMSON: WS-1-75A, not in Hallsboro Fire District. Amount \$105.12, valuation \$175,200.00, year 1994, account #11-30040.

LAWRENCE PALMER and WIFE: I-3-64, dwelling #1 - partially burned, dwelling #2 - measured wrong. Amount \$230.88, valuation \$29,600.00, year 1994, account #01-68140.

ORDERED: That a refund check be issued to ALFORD ROOKS

(James Talmadge Rooks, Etal.), Route 5, Box S-3, Southwood, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$214.76, for years 1990 through 1994. Portion of K-7A-100, double listed to K-7A-101, Katherine C. Sledge. Amount \$214.76, valuation \$29,500.00, years 1990 through 1994, account #01-77798.

ORDERED: That a refund check be issued to **GARLAND E. WILLIAMSON**, Route 5, Box 42, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$210.24, for years 1992 and 1993. WS-1-75A, not in Hallsboro Fire District. Amount \$210.24, year 1992, account #11-30040.

ORDERED: That a tax refund be issued to **CHARLES E. JENKINS**, Route 1, Box 2A, Chadbourn, NC 28431, in the amount of \$131.13, for year 1994. Farming equipment rebilled to Chris Jenkins on #16-09123. All taxes paid. Amount \$131.13, valuation \$17,606.00, year 1994, account #13-21420.

RESOLUTION - FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS EAST COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER

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

RESOLUTION

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Columbus County, North Carolina, at their regular meeting on the 3rd day of April, 1995, at Whiteville, Columbus County, North Carolina, unanimously adopted the following Resolution of Recognition.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the 41st North Carolina Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference was held in Greensboro, North Carolina on March 23 - 26, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the East Columbus High School Chapter participated in the Conference and received first place awards as the Chapter of the Year, Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit, Largest Local Chapter in the Southeast Region I and the Award for the Largest Increase in Membership; and

WHEREAS, several Future Business Leader Students received second and third place awards for their participation in the

competition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners takes this opportunity to express special recognition to the Future Business Leaders in the East Columbus High School Chapter and commend them on their exceptional scholastic achievements.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Sammie Jacobs, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

PROCLAMATION - PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR'S WEEK

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the following Proclamation:

PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS' WEEK

1995

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the services and functions performed by public safety telecommunicators are critical to the safety and welfare of the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators provide 24-hour-a-day service as the vital link in the chain of emergency services providers; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated professionals are the initial point of contact for citizens in crisis situations who need emergency services assistance. They work long hours answering the public's daily cries for help, and are often instrumental in saving lives and reducing property damage when tragedy strikes.

NOW, THEREFORE, the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** of the County of Columbus, does hereby proclaim April 9-15, 1995, as "Public Safety Telecommunicators' Week" in Columbus County, and urge our citizens to acknowledge the contributions of these loyal public servants.

ADOPTED, this the 3rd day of April, 1995.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS - HALLSBORO CONCERNED CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Mr. Salahudin McJeed, Chairman of the Hallsboro Concerned Citizens, introduced Ms. Jayne Gore, a resident of Deerfield Estates, who addressed the Board in opposition of the Prestige Company installing a hog farm in Hallsboro, between Route 214 and Highway 74-76. The Hallsboro Concerned Citizens are opposing hog farms for the following reasons:

- 1. Groundwater pollution.*
- 2. Poor drainage.*
- 3. Permeating and offensive odor.*
- 4. Decrease in value of land and homes in the area.*

Ms. Gore requested the Board's support in opposing future hog operations in the Hallsboro area.

The Hallsboro Concerned Citizens were advised that the State regulates livestock operations, not the County.

The Board concurred to take the Hallsboro Concerned Citizens' request into consideration.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - PERMISSION TO DESTROY NATIONAL GUARD PROPERTY

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to allow the Emergency Management Coordinator, John H. Moore, Jr., to destroy the following property from the National Guard, Company B:

- 1 AB Dick Mimeograph Machine, Model #418, County #162*
- 1 Cabinet*

DOT - REQUEST TO NAME WHITE MARSH SWAMP BRIDGE "ALONZO SINGLETARY BRIDGE"

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution to name the White Marsh Swamp Bridge crossing over the Beaver Pond the "Lonzo Singletary Bridge."

R E S O L U T I O N**ALONZO SINGLETARY BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, the bridge over the Beaver Pond located on U.S. 74-76 on the Andrew Jackson Highway is presently known as the "White Marsh Swamp Bridge; and

WHEREAS, Alonzo Singletary was well known for the extensive fishing that he did in the White Marsh Swamp Beaver Pond; and

WHEREAS, Alonzo Singletary had many friends who enjoyed fishing with him and remember Alonzo when they cross the White Marsh Swamp Bridge; and

WHEREAS, many of Alonzo's friends desires for the bridge crossing the Beaver Pond that he visited so often to be named in his honor.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this the 3rd day of April, 1995, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners requests the North Carolina Department of Transportation to consider naming the White Marsh Swamp Bridge over the Beaver Pond the "Alonzo Singletary Bridge" to honor his memory.

ADOPTED this the 3rd day of April, 1995.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

APPOINTMENTS - HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY COUNCIL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Home and Community Care Block Grant Aging Services Advisory Council for three (3) year terms to begin April 1, 1995 and expire March 31, 1998.

*Juanita Corbin
Roscoe Jacobs
Louise Hilburn
Lloyd Best
Barbara Sasser
T. Ben Douglas
Irene Young
Lester Drew
C.W. Williams
Ed Worley
Chester Stevens*

**AGING - HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT FOR AGING SERVICES
ADVISORY COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING DATE SCHEDULED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to establish the meeting date for the Home and Community Care Block Grant for the Aging

Services Advisory Council for April 11, 1995, at 3:00 P.M.

H.U.D. - PERMISSION GRANTED TO APPLY FOR GRANT

Brenda Strickland, H.U.D. Director, requested permission from the Board to apply for a grant from the Federal Government in the amount of \$125,000 to enable Columbus County to participate in the HUD Drug Elimination Grant. If the County is awarded the grant, the HUD Agency can increase administrative income, add an additional deputy to the Sheriff Department and add \$20,000 to indirect cost for the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to grant permission to the Columbus County Public Housing Agency to apply for the grant in the amount of \$125,000 with no additional cost to the County.

SOLID WASTE - REVOCATION OF EXTENDED COVERAGE

Dempsey Herring, Assistant to the Administrator, advised the Board that a letter has been received from the N.C. Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources stating the effective expanded service area revocation date for the Columbus County Solid Waste Landfill shall be Sunday, April 30, 1995.

SOLID WASTE - APPROVED EXTENSION FOR ADDINGTON PROPOSAL UNTIL NEXT BOARD MEETING

Jim Huestess, American Refuse Systems, advised the Board that the Addington representative would not be able to present the Board with a proposal for a regional landfill due to a death in his family and requested that the Board extend the time for the proposal to be presented in two weeks.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to extend the date for the proposal from Addington for two weeks, to be presented at the next Board meeting, April 17, 1995.

RESOLUTION - COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT I

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, met in regular session at 7:30 P.M., on April 3, 1995, in the Columbus County Administrative Building, 111 Washington Street in Whiteville, North Carolina.

*Present: Chairman Sammie Jacobs, Presiding and Commissioners:
Spruell Randolph Britt, David L. Dutton, Jr., A. Dial
Gray, III, C.W. Williams, and C.E. Wilson*

Absent: None

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*Commissioner Norris introduced the following Resolution which
was read:*

***RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF
\$1,071,000 WATER BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES***

*BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County
of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus
County Water and Sewer District I, in Columbus County, North
Carolina:*

*SECTION 1. The Board of Commissioners has determined and
does hereby find, declare and represent:*

*(a) That an order authorizing not exceeding
\$1,250,000 Water Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer
District I, in Columbus County, North Carolina, was adopted by the
Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, as the governing
body of said District, on June 17, 1991, which order was approved
by the vote of a majority of the qualified voters of said District
who voted thereon at a referendum duly called and held on August
27, 1991.*

*(b) That none of said bonds has been issued and
that there are outstanding \$1,071,000 Water Bond Anticipation Notes
of said District, which notes are dated November 15, 1994, mature
on April 12, 1995, bear interest at the rate of 3.90% per annum and
were issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the
sale of a like amount of said bonds.*

*(c) That the holder of said notes maturing on April
12, 1995, has consented to accept new notes in the aggregate
principal amount of \$1,071,000 in exchange for said outstanding
notes, such new notes to be dated April 12, 1995, to mature on July
12, 1995, and to bear interest at the rate of 4.5% per annum.*

*(d) That (i) said District is a governmental unit
with general taxing powers, (ii) no note which is part of the issue*

of notes described in Section 2 hereof is a private-activity bond, as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), (iii) 95 percent or more of the net proceeds of said notes are to be used for local governmental activities of said District, (iv) the aggregate face amount of all tax-exempt obligations (other than private-activity bonds) issued by said District and all subordinate entities thereof during calendar year 1995 is reasonably expected not to exceed \$5,000,000 and (v) to the best of said District's knowledge, there are no subordinate entities of said District.

Section 2. In anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of a like amount of said bonds, the issuance of \$1,071,000 negotiable notes of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District I is hereby authorized, which notes shall be designated "Water Bond Anticipation Notes", shall be dated April 12, 1995, shall mature on July 12, 1995, without option of prior payment, shall consists of nine notes of the denomination of \$100,000 each, number 1 to 9, inclusive, and one note of the denomination of \$171,000, numbered 10, and shall bear interest at a rate of 4.50% per annum, which interest shall be payable at the maturity of said notes on the basis of a 360-day year, consisting of twelve 30-day months. No interest coupons shall be attached to said notes. Both the principal of and the interest on said notes shall be payable at First Union National Bank of North Carolina, in the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in any coin or currency of the United States of America which, at the time of payment, is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

Section 3: Said notes shall be signed by the Chairman of said Board and the Clerk to said Board and the corporate seal of said District shall be affixed to said notes. The form of said notes and the endorsements to be placed upon the reverse thereof shall substantially as follows:

No. : _____ \$ _____

**United States of America
State of North Carolina
County of Columbus**

*COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT I**Water Bond Anticipation Note*

The Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, a body politic and corporate in the County of Columbus, North Carolina, is justly indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay to the bearer on the 12th day of July, 1995, the principal sum of

_____ THOUSAND DOLLARS

and to pay interest thereon from the date hereof on the basis of a 360-day year, consisting of twelve 30-day months, at the rate of four and fifty hundredths per centum (4.50%) per annum, payable upon the presentation and surrender of this note at its maturity. Both the principal of and the interest on this note are payable at First Union National Bank of North Carolina, in the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in any coin or currency of the United States of America which, at the time of payment, is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts. For the prompt payment hereof, both principal and interest as the same become due, the faith and credit of said Columbus County Water and Sewer District I are hereby irrevocably pledged.

This note is given for money borrowed in the amount of the face of this note in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of a like amount of Water Bonds, duly authorized by an order adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, as the governing body of said District, on July 17, 1991, which order was approved by the vote of a majority of the qualified voters of said District who voted thereon at a referendum duly called and held on August 27, 1991, and this note is issued pursuant to and in full compliance with Article 6, as amended, of Chapter 162A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, Article 9, as amended, of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and a Resolution duly passed by said Board as the governing body of said District.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and laws of North Carolina to happen, exist and be performed precedent to and

in the issuance of this note have happened, exist and have been performed in regular and due form and time as so required and that the total indebtedness of said District, including this note, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, of said Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, pursuant to a Resolution of said Board as the governing body of said District, has caused this note to be signed by the Chairman of said Board and the Clerk to said Board and the corporate seal of said District to be affixed hereto, all as of the 12th day of April, 1995.

SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

[To be endorsed upon reverse of notes]

Local Government
Commission Series No.....

The issuance of this note has been approved under the provisions of The Local Government Bond Act of North Carolina.

ROBERT M. HIGH
Secretary, Local Government Commission

BY: _____
Designated Assistant

SECTION 4: Said District covenants that, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, it will comply with the requirements of the Code, except to the extent that said District obtains an opinion of bond counsel to the effect that noncompliance would not result in interest on said notes being includable in the gross income of the owners of said notes for purposes of federal income taxation.

SECTION 5: Said District hereby represents that it reasonably expects that it and all subordinate entities thereof will not issue, in the aggregate, more than \$10,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations (not counting private-activity bonds except for qualified 501(c)(3) bonds as defined in the Code) during calendar year 1995. In addition, said District hereby designates each of said notes as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for the purposes of the Code.

SECTION 6. The State Treasurer of North Carolina is hereby directed to exchange the notes authorized by this Resolution for the outstanding notes described in Section 1 of this Resolution.

SECTION 7: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Thereupon Commissioner Britt moved the passage of the foregoing Resolution entitled: "Resolution Providing For the Issuance of \$1,071,000 Water Bond Anticipation Notes", and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and such Resolution was passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

I, Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a true copy of so much of the proceedings of the said Board at a regular meeting held on April 3, 1995, as relates in any way to the issuance of notes of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, in said County, and that such proceedings are recorded in Minute Book No. 23 of the minutes of said Board, beginning at Page _____ and ending at Page _____.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that a schedule of regular meetings of said Board, stating that regular meetings of said Board are held in the Columbus County Administrative Building, 111 Washington Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina, on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 P.M. has been on file in my office in accordance with G.S. 143-318.12 as of a date not less than seven days before said meeting.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said District, this 3rd day of April, 1995.

/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

SCHOOLS - MEETING SCHEDULED WITH NC ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL OFFICE PROFESSIONALS

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to approve meeting with

the N. C. Association of Educational Office Professionals on April 25, 1995 from 11:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. at the Holiday Restaurant in Whiteville.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

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

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, America's public, school and college libraries are a vital educational resource for millions of people; and

WHEREAS, libraries provide all people with vast resources for their occupations, entertainment and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, libraries nurture the minds and spirits of people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, librarians provide invaluable expertise in the pursuit of knowledge; and

WHEREAS, libraries are an essential national resource we cannot afford to take for granted; and

WHEREAS, libraries and library supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week, April 9 through 15, with the theme, "Libraries Change Lives".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, that the week of April 9 through April 15, 1995, be **PROCLAIMED**

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

in Columbus County and that all residents be encouraged to use their libraries, which provide valuable and helpful services, for the purpose of improving their lives.

ADOPTED this third day of April, 1995.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

ROY L. LOWE, County Administrator

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:50 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to enter into executive session into a closed session in accordance with G.S. 143-318.11, for an Attorney/Client Privilege.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 9:10 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to adjourn closed session and resume regular session.

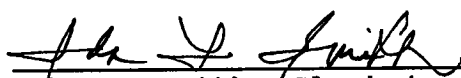
No action was taken.

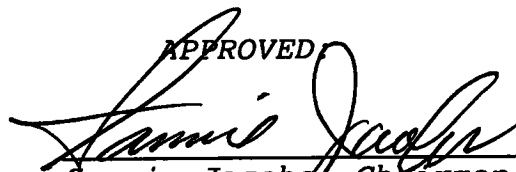
BUILDINGS - COURTHOUSE SPACE NEEDS STUDY APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to employ the services of Frank Ballard of Ballard Architects, AIA, Incorporated, Wilmington, NC to do a complete space study of the Columbus County Courthouse. Mr. Ballard is to study the existing use of the present facility and what functions can be moved to make more room for the Clerk of Court's operation.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 P.M.


Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED

Sammie Jacobs, Chairman