

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, May 15, 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 Ed Worley, Aging Director, gave the invocation.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the April 17, 1995 Board Meeting, as recorded.

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AGENT - RECOMMENDATION FOR POSITION
TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT**

Dr. Sandra Zaslow, District Representative for the N. C. State University, addressed the Board in reference to the N. C. State University's recommendation of Dr. Martha Warner being named for the position of Cooperative Extension Agent for Columbus County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to accept the recommendation of the N. C. State University and award the position

to Dr. Martha Warner.

Commissioner Wilson's motion died in lack of a second.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed to take the N. C. State University's recommendation of Dr. Martha Warner to fill the position as Cooperative Extension Agent under advisement.

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

NOES: Commissioner Wilson

GENERAL CONSENSUS ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendments and the tax releases and refunds as presented.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

Accept 10-348-1001 Home Demonstration Grant	\$4,000
Expend 10-583-4600 Drugs and Supplies	\$4,000
Accept 10-348-0802 Maternal Outreach	\$3,580
Expend as follows:	
10-588-0200 Salaries	\$2,869
10-588-1400 Travel	600
10-588-3300 Departmental Supplies	111
Accept 10-348-0601 Child. Lead Poisoning Prev.	\$1,477
Expend 10-590-5701 Child. Lead Poisoning Prev.	\$1,477
Accept 10-348-1500 Tuberculosis	\$5,000
Expend 10-596-4600 Drugs and Supplies	\$5,000
Appropriate 10-399-0000 Fund Balance	\$27,921
Expend 10-680-9400 SCC - Capital Outlay	\$27,921
Increase 72-301-0000 Surcharge - E-911	\$87,107
Increase 72-329-0000 Interest	4,500
Increase 72-399-0000 Fund Balance Appropriated	19,599
Expend as follows:	
72-525-0400 Professional Services	\$ 356
72-525-1100 Telephone	11,950
72-525-1300 Utilities	1,900
72-525-1400 Travel	3,500
72-525-3300 Departmental Supplies	1,000
72-525-4500 Contracts	1,000
72-525-5400 Insurance	(900)
72-525-5700 Miscellaneous	53,000
72-525-7400 Capital Outlay (Equipment)	6,400
Capital Outlay (Remodeling Tax for maps)	33,000
Accept 10-355-0000 Miscellaneous Revenue (Insurance Incentive Reimbursement)	\$2,906

Expend as follows:

10-535-7400 Capital Outlay	\$4,085
10-660-9999 Contingency	(1,179)

TAX RELEASES & REFUNDS:

L. D. BRYANT: J-16-1, deferred taxes prepaid by new owner, Darrell Stocks. Amount \$128.70, valuation \$18,000.00, year 1994 for years 1991 through 1993 and 1994, account #07-00740.

HONOREE & DARCUS ANN BULLARD: B-5-9, not in Cole Service District. Amount \$61.50, no valuation listed, years 1990 through 1994, account #10-01640.

WILLIE COLE, ETAL (Aaron Cole Heirs): X-2-75C, land divided in 1993. Double listed to X-2-75E, F, G, H, I. Amount \$28.38, valuation \$3,300.00, year 1994, account #15-10371.

ANNIE FREEMAN GRAHAM: Discovered vehicle (1986 Plymouth) listed in Bladen County. Amount \$23.76, valuation \$3,130.00, year 1991, account #17-14239.

WILLIAM MILTON INMAN: E-3-73, house vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #12-12920.

RETHA MAE DAVIS: Unidentified property does not exist. Amount \$3.04, valuation \$400.00, year 1994, account #01-20000.

GOLDIE FLOYD HEIRS: F-4-71, double listed on E-3-92 to Phillip and Geneva Dees on account #12-06428. Amount \$64.60, valuation \$8,800.00, year 1985 through 1994, account #12-08220.

HAROLD RANDY, SR. & SHARON HINSON: H-9-66D, house rebilled to Clayton Devon Brown on Map H-9-67A, account #09-01600. Amount \$537.58, valuation \$61,900.00, year 1994, account #09-14163.

CLARENCE RONNELL McCLELLAND: Discovered vehicles (1980 and 1987 Chevrolet) not in Columbus County since 1987. Moved to Florida in 1987. Vehicles listed in Jacksonville. Amount \$173.83, valuation \$9,870.00, year 1989, account #17-24165.

LAURINE BROWN JOHNSON: Discovered vehicle (1972 Chevrolet) double listed to George A. Johnson on #1-47800. Amount \$103.74, valuation \$500.00, year 1989, account #17-15218.

W. CAREY MALPASS: X-5-38A, deferred taxes billed through error. Amount \$17.40, valuation \$2,400.00, year 1994 for 1992 and 1994, account #15-25920.

CURLIE MERCER (Mrs.): D-7-28, deferred taxes billed through error. Amount \$981.26, valuation \$120,400.00, year 1994 for years 1991 through 1993 and 1994, account #16-11086.

EDGAR NEWELL (Heirs): R-1-1, old dwelling vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #08-13760.

JOHN R. WATTS, c/o Dew Oil Company: Y-2A-130 tax exempt. Property of Livingston Creek Baptist Church. Amount \$987.84, valuation \$122,800.00, years 1989 and 1990, account #15-37675.

ALTON WILLIAMSON, JR.: D-4-32, house totally destroyed by fire in 1993. Amount \$359.08, valuation \$43,300.00, year 1994, account #12-29780.

RANDY GENE WILLIAMSON: 1983 Oldsmobile listed in South Carolina where he lives since 1989. Amount \$127.83, valuation \$3,720.00, year 1989, account #17-41457.

THOMAS E. WILLIAMSON: E-5-20 (land only) double listed to E-5-27 through 1988, then transferred to Eugene Green, Etal, on #12-10175. Amount \$601.37, valuation \$69,390.00, years 1985 through 1988, account #12-31800.

RANDY WARD: I-7-54 lot and house, tax exempt under Machinery Act GS-105-275 (eligible up to \$38,000.00 Veteran's exemption). Amount \$339.40, valuation \$36,400.00, year 1994, account #02-02237.

TAMMY CRIBB and COURTNEY WARD: G-9-31, house in poor condition. Value reduced to \$10,000.00 valuation. Torn down for 1995. Amount \$166.12, valuation \$16,600.00, year 1994, account #09-32663.

CHARLES WILKINS: Mobile home was listed in Brunswick County where he lives. Billed through error in Columbus County. Amount \$139.92, valuation \$11,620.00, year 1994, account #15-38906.

ORDERED: That a refund check be issued to **DONNA SKIPPER**, 211 McKenzie Street, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$9.60, for year 1994. Taxes on junked vehicle paid through error. Amount \$9.60, valuation \$1,230.00, year 1994, account #01-83970.

ORDERED: That a refund check be issued to **TERRY DALE and SHERRY WARD**, Route 1, Box 303, Hallsboro, NC 28442, in the amount

of \$120.00 for years 1990 through 1993. K-5-88A, house never lived in. Amount \$120.00, no valuation listed, years 1990 through 1993, account #11-29280.

PROCLAMATION - OLDER AMERICAN'S MONTH

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

The Proclamation was presented to Mr. Ed Worley, Aging Director, by Commissioner C. W. Williams.

OLDER AMERICAN'S MONTH 1995

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the theme for Older American's Month "Aging: Generations of Experience" pays tribute to the contributions of older Columbus Countians, to our families, our communities and our nation. The theme reaffirms our commitment to preserve the quality of life for all Columbus Countians; and

WHEREAS, on this anniversary of many programs of importance to older adults and their families, we are honoring those who have led the way for younger generations, and through their experiences, diversity and strength, have created the great free nation that we are today; and

WHEREAS, we are honoring those older Columbus Countians whose professional careers, experiences and achievements enable our citizens to be healthy, secure and well educated. We pay respect to those who made a better life for their children, grandchildren and generations to come. At the same time, we have a concern for the growing population of older adults who remain in poverty, facing difficulties because of poor health and whose cry for help needs greater response.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, do hereby proclaim May, 1995, as "Older American's Month" in Columbus County. We also proclaim May 14-20, 1995, as "Senior Center Week", "Nursing Home Week", and "Senior Smile Week". May 21-27 will be observed as "Older Veteran's Week", and "Senior Fitness Week".

ADOPTED, this the 15th day of May, 1995.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

RESOLUTION - FIGHT UNLAWFUL AND IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF LITTER AND TRASH ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS, ROADSIDES AND STREETS IN COLUMBUS COUNTY

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

**RESOLUTION to FIGHT UNLAWFUL and IMPROPER
DISPOSAL of LITTER and TRASH on PUBLIC
ROADWAYS, ROADSIDES and STREETS in
COLUMBUS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the public roadways, roadsides and streets in Columbus County have become very unsightly due to the callous attitude of those individuals who unlawfully and improperly discard litter and trash; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty and obligation of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners to make it known to all citizens of Columbus county, as well as all who travel through Columbus County, that the unlawful and improper disposal of trash and litter on the public highways, roadsides and streets cannot and will not be tolerated; and

WHEREAS, it is the sworn duty of all law enforcement agencies, regardless of affiliation, to enforce all litter and trash laws set down by General Statute as law and to cite, by legal form, any person who is caught or is in violation of said laws; and

WHEREAS, as it should be the desire of each individual citizen of Columbus County to want to have a clean County, free from unlawful and improper disposal of litter and trash; and

WHEREAS, as it should be the moral obligation and duty of all citizens, all public and private agencies, all law enforcement organizations, all civic organizations and all public interest groups to work together toward the common goal of keeping

Columbus County's public roadways, roadsides and streets free from unsightly littering and trashing; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, as well as all groups, should use whatever means possible in conjunction with all laws, to combat the littering and trashing of Columbus County's public roadways, roadsides and streets.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners challenges all agencies, organizations and any concerned group to join in the fight against unlawful and improper disposal of litter and trash and further resolve to support the efforts of any agency, organization or public group with whatever means necessary in order to restore Columbus County's public roadways, roadsides and streets to an aesthetically pleasing appearance.

ADOPTED this the 15th day of May, 1995.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

FIRE & RESCUE - PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR ST. JAMES VFD FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A PROPOSED FIRE TAX SERVICE DISTRICT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to schedule a public hearing on June 27, 1995 at 7:00 P.M., at the St. James Volunteer Fire Department, for the purpose of establishing a proposed Fire Tax Service District.

COLUMBUS COUNTY ALCOHOL & DRUG PREVENTION COALITION - PRESENTATION OF THE 1995 STUDENT SURVEY OF ALCOHOL, OTHER DRUGS, AND RISK FACTORS IN COLUMBUS COUNTY

Franke Batten, representing the Data Research Committee, of the Columbus County Alcohol & Drug Prevention Coalition, presented the Board with the findings from the 1995 Student Survey of alcohol, other drugs and risk factors in Columbus County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to accept the report as presented.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - RESOLUTION OF LOCAL COMMITMENT TO TOWN OF CHADBOURN ON CDBG FOR COLD POINT TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT

Dempsey Herring, Assistant to Administrator/Special Projects, presented the Board with a letter from the Economic Development Director, Steve Yost, requesting the Board to approve a "Resolution of Local Commitment" for the CDBG water and sewer grant for the Cold Point expansion project. The County's commitment will be \$44,563 with \$20,000 coming from the economic development initiative fund. In addition to the Economic Development initiative appropriation, the County will need to contribute \$24,563 and Chadbourn \$24,187. Based on the proposed agreement, the County will put up front \$7,000 of Chadbourn's commitment for fiscal year 1995-96, and Chadbourn will repay the \$7,000 to the County in fiscal year 1996-97.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to take the request for the "Resolution of Local Commitment" from Columbus County under advisement and consider in the 1995-96 Columbus County Budget preparation.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF WHITEVILLE FOR DEDICATION OF SEWER LINE

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to approve the following Agreement.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this the 15th day of May, 1995, by and between the City of Whiteville, a municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as "City", and the County of Columbus, a body politic, hereinafter referred to as "County", both entities located with the County of Columbus, State of North Carolina.

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the City owns and operates a facility for the collection and disposal of sewage for its customers located within its municipal boundaries and further owns and operates a City water

system providing water to customers within the City and customers outside the municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the County will construct a twelve inch force main sewage line along S.R. 1436 through a tract of land owned by Georgia-Pacific Corporation and continuing along the highway right-of-way of N.C. Highway 130 along Industrial Blvd. North in Southeast Regional Park, located between the City of Whiteville and the Town of Chadbourn; and

WHEREAS, the County desires that the domestic waste water sewage from the businesses and industries located within the Southeast Regional Park be discharged into the City Sewer System for treatment as provided by the City of Whiteville's Waste Water Collection Permit; and

WHEREAS, the City and County desire to enter into a written agreement pursuant to which the City will accept and dispose of sewage from the sewage line in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual agreements hereinafter set forth, the parties agree as follows:

A. The City of Whiteville agrees:

1. To accept and dispose of the domestic waste water discharge by the customers located within the Southeast Regional Park that are approved by the city for connection to the sewage lines and in doing so, conform to all applicable health and other standards.
2. To obtain the State permits as may be necessary to accept future volumes of sewage as reasonably needed for additions to the Southeast Regional Park; provided, however, all permit fees or engineering fees associated with obtaining such permits shall be born by the County.
3. To assume all maintenance and responsibilities of the sewer line upon the date of dedication of the sewer line to the City.

B. The County of Columbus agrees:

1. To be responsible for assuring quality design and construction of the waste water collection facilities and to bear all costs associated with the installation, construction, and engineering of said sewer lines.
2. To install a twelve inch force main sewer line and pump station.

3. Upon completion of the sewer lines to dedicate said lines, including all applicable easements to the City, including any encroachments into the DOT right-of-way.
 4. To bear all costs associated with the dedication and acquisition of all utility easements.
 5. To pay any resulting damages which may be incurred by the City and to hold the City harmless from any claim or demand which may arise by reason of the installation, construction, and engineering of the sewer lines for a three-year period, from the date of dedication and acceptance of sewer lines and pump station by the City.
- C. It is further mutually agreed between the City and County as follows:
1. That this Contract shall begin as of the date of the execution of this Agreement and shall extend for a period of 25 years from the date hereof and may be renewed or extended for such term or terms consistent with applicable laws as may be agreed upon by the parties, their successors, and assigns.
 2. That the City shall be obligated under this Agreement to accept only domestic waste water and sewage; it being acknowledged that industrial waste water is not being contemplated to this Agreement.
 3. That the City shall have the authority to inspect sewer lines as deemed necessary by the City.
 4. All construction performed by the County or its agents or contractors shall conform to the City of Whiteville's specifications and that the City shall have the authority to inspect all lines during construction.
 5. This Contract is subject to all rules, regulations, and laws as may be applicable to similar agreements in the State of North Carolina, and the County and the City agree to cooperate in obtaining such permits or certificates as may be required to comply with State or Federal Laws. That the City will charge each individual customer within the Southeast Regional Park its usual and customary rate for customers similarly situated and will bill each customer individually for the sanitary sewer service. In the event the City encounters problems of collection, the County agrees to assist the City in its efforts to collect any outstanding bills.
 6. The provisions of this Contract may be modified or altered only by mutual agreement of the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Whiteville and the County of Columbus, acting under the authority of their respective governing bodies, have caused this Agreement to be duly executed in duplicate on the day and year first above written.

CITY OF WHITEVILLE

ATTESTED BY:

BY: /s/ Horace Whitley, Mayor

/s/ Susan Rhodes, City Clerk

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

ATTESTED BY:

BY: /s/ Sammie Jacobs, Chairman

/s/ Ida L. Smith, County Clerk

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - FAMILIES FIRST ADVISORY BOARD REPORT AND REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Wanda Diefes, representing the Families First Advisory Board, advised the Board that an organization known as Families First is working toward the establishment of a domestic violence shelter for Columbus County. A Board of Directors has been nominated throughout the County representing all races and socio-economic groups. Ms. Diefes reported that fund raisers have been held and a twenty-four hour crisis line will be installed.

Mr. Samuel Melville reported that the program will be manned by volunteers with the exception of a Director which will need to be hired with an anticipated salary of \$18,000 - \$22,000, plus fringe benefits. Mr. Melville requested the Board to consider funding in the amount of \$35,000.00 to enable the Families First Advisory Board to hire a director and jump start the program.

The Board concurred to take the request under consideration in the 1995-96 Budget preparation.

APPOINTMENT - TOWN OF BRUNSWICK PLANNING BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to reappoint Caletta Faulk to serve as an extra-territorial member of the Town of Brunswick Planning Board, for a one (1) year term, with term expiring May 17, 1995.

APPOINTMENT - SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to reappoint Ray Wyche to serve on the Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees for a four (4) year term, with term expiring June 30, 1999.

RESOLUTION - OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 809

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

OPPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 809

RESOLUTION

The Columbus County Board of Commissioners, at their regular scheduled meeting of May 15, 1995, adopted the following Resolution.

WHEREAS, during the current term of the North Carolina General Assembly, House Bill 809 has been introduced which gives counties the authority to operate lotteries; and

WHEREAS, while the monies that may be generated by a County lottery could be used for worthwhile purposes, lotteries are in fact a game of chance which promotes gambling and other irresponsible behavior; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Columbus County feel that a County lottery is not in the best interest of the citizens of Columbus County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County does hereby oppose House Bill 809, giving counties the authority to allow the operation of a County-operated lottery.

ADOPTED, this the 15th day of May, 1995.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

ORDINANCE - RURAL ADDRESSING

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to adopt the following Rural Addressing Ordinance:

COLUMBUS COUNTY ~~RURAL ADDRESSING ORDINANCE~~

WHEREAS, a consistent and coherent house and building numbering system for Columbus County is necessary for public safety purposes, to minimize confusion for citizens and visitors to Columbus County, to facilitate orderly and comprehensive mail delivery, and to establish a constant and permanent address for Columbus County citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners:

SECTION 1. - PURPOSE AND INTENT

The purpose and intent of this Ordinance is to provide a uniform system of rural addresses for all properties and buildings throughout the County in order to facilitate provisions of adequate public safety and emergency response services and to minimize difficulty in locating properties and buildings for public service agencies and the general public.

SECTION II. - DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases were used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section:

- A. **Address Administrator**: The official of Columbus County designated by the County Administrator, charged with the administration of this article, including their authorized agent or delegate.
- B. **Building**: Any structure whether residential, commercial, industrial, or institutional in nature and use. When a structure is divided by division walls from the ground up without openings, each portion of such building may be deemed a separate building.
- C. **Driveway**: A private way, beginning at the property line of a lot abutting a public or private road or other easement. A driveway may not serve more than a single lot unless it runs along a lot line shared by two (2) lots and serves no more than two (2) lots which face a named road.
- D. **Mobile Home Park**: Shall mean and include site, lot, tract, or parcel of land upon which one (1) or more mobile home/manufactured homes or travel trailer is parked, for the temporary or permanent use as living quarters of one (1) or more families.
- E. **Private Road**: Any road which serves more than two (2) buildings and is not maintained by a governmental entity or agency through the use of public funds.
- F. **Public Road**: Any road or street which is maintained by a government entity or agency through the use of public funds.

- G. Road Address: The combination of numbers and road names assigned by Columbus County which uniquely identifies a particular building or lot.
- H. Subdivision: All divisions of a tract or a parcel of land into two (2) or more lots, building sites, or other divisions for the purpose of sale or building development (whether immediate or future) and includes all division of land involving the dedication of a new street or change in existing streets as outlined in G.S. 153A-335.

SECTION III. - ROAD NAMES

- A. The road names on File with the office of the Emergency Management/9-1-1 Coordinator are the official names of these roads, unless changed by action of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners. The Address Administrator is hereby authorized to determine the need for road name changes and to recommend such changes to the Columbus County Board of Commissioners. Unless there is a substantial documentable need for a change in an official road name, no changes will be made for a period of five (5) years following the date of adoption of this Ordinance.
- B. All roads in Columbus County shall be identified by a sign showing the official name of that road.
- C. Road name signs shall be uniform throughout the County in accordance with the following system:
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|-----------------------------|---|----------------------|
| White with Green Background | - | <u>Public Roads</u> |
| White with Blue Background | - | <u>Private Roads</u> |
- D. All roads which meet the criteria for a private road shall be named using the procedures listed in Appendix A.

SECTION IV. - ADMINISTRATION AND APPLICATION

- A. The Address Administrator will be responsible for the interpretation and administration of this Ordinance, including:
1. Assigning all numbers for properties and buildings.
 2. Maintain address records of each property and building.
 3. Recommending any changes necessary to facilitate sequential building numbers along a road.

4. Designating individual unit addresses within any multiple housing units in conformity with this Ordinance.
- B. Road Address number will be assigned using the Columbus County Addressing System listed in Appendix B.
- C. This Ordinance shall apply in all areas of Columbus County not within a municipality.
- D. Assisting the public in complying with the requirements of this Ordinance.
- E. NO subdivision, mobile home park, other non-permanent dwelling unit park, may be recorded, constructed, or otherwise begin without first submitting plans showing layout of any proposed subdivision, mobile home park or other non-permanent dwelling park to the Address Administrator. The Address Administrator will review the plans to ensure adequate access to and from the proposed subdivision, or park and will assign address numbers for each proposed lot and ensure that other provisions of this Ordinance are complied with.

SECTION V. - DISPLAY OF ROAD ADDRESS NUMBERS

- A. Road Address Numbers must be clearly displayed so that the location can be easily identified from the road.
 1. The Official Address Number must be displayed on the front of a building or at the entrance to a building which is most clearly visible from the road during both day and night.
 2. If a building is more than seventy-five (75) feet from any road, the address number shall be displayed at the end of the driveway nearest the road which provides access to the building.
 3. Numerals indicating the address number of a single-family dwelling shall be at least four (4) inches in height and shall be posted and maintained so as to be legible from the road.
 4. Numbers for multiple dwelling units and non-residential buildings shall be at least four (4) inches in height and shall be placed on the front of the building facing the road or on the end of the building nearest the road.

5. Numerals shall be of a contrasting color to the background.
 6. Mobile home and other non-permanent dwelling unit lots shall have sequential address numbers throughout the park. Each lot will have a separate address number assigned. The address number of each lot must be clearly displayed on the lot so as to be legible from the road rather than maintained on the mobile home unit.
- B. The Address Administrator will have the authority to authorize and approve alternate methods of displaying road address numbers which meet the intent of this Ordinance when strict adherence to these standards cannot be reasonably met.
- C. The Postal Service will adopt the new house numbering system as addresses. If mail is delivered to the home, the new address will be the mailing address. If mail is received at a post office, the new address will not affect the mailing address and will only be used to locate the residence in an emergency.
1. The address number must be displayed on both sides of the mail box.
 2. Each address should have a mail box unless mail is received at a post office.

SECTION VI. - ENFORCEMENT

- A. NO building permit shall be issued until an official road address number has been assigned for a lot. The record plat of any subdivision must show the address for each lot created or recorded, as required by Section IV, Paragraph E.
- B. NO Certificate of Completion or Certificate of Occupancy will be issued by the Building Inspection Department until the road address numbers are properly displayed.
- C. NO person may display or cause to be displayed on any building any number other than the number assigned by the Address Administrator.
- D. NO person may remove, obliterate, conceal or destroy any number or sign displayed in accordance with this Ordinance.
- E. Owners or occupants of buildings already constructed which do

not comply with this Ordinance will be notified and requested to meet these requirements within thirty (30) days from the date of the notification. A warning notice will be issued after thirty (30) days if the requirements have not been met. If the owner or occupant does not comply voluntarily with this Ordinance within thirty (30) days of the delivery of a warning notice by certified mail or hand delivered to the building in violation, enforcement action, pursuant to G.S. 153A-123, may be initiated.

SECTION VII. - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force on May 15, 1995.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ **IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board**

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APPENDIX A

PRIVATE ROAD NAMING GUIDELINES

As part of Columbus County's Comprehensive Emergency E9-1-1 Telecommunications System, all private roads will be identified and addressed.

In order to have a systematic process to facilitate the Private Road naming, the following guidelines are to be followed:

1. A private road shall be defined as any road, lane, drive, etc. which serves more than two (2) structures (other than farm storage buildings) not facing state-maintained road or highway.
2. That the property owner(s) submits three (3) proposed names for their private road, in the form of a petition, to the Address Administrator. The petition will indicate location of the road, contact person, telephone number, etc.
3. That the petition must indicate the number of property owners on the private road in question and that a majority of the

- property owners must be in agreement with the proposal.
4. That these petitions be examined and compared with the existing road names to ensure that no road names are duplicated.
 5. Every effort will be made to name the road by one (1) of the three (3) proposed names, but in the event that all of the proposals are already being used, the contact person will be notified and other proposed names requested.
 6. Once the name has been approved by the Address Administrator (as not duplicated), the petition with the proposed names will be submitted to the Board of Commissioners for formal approval.
 7. Once the road name is approved, the County will notify the contact person of the total cost of the sign(s), of which property owner(s) will be required to pay the total cost.
 8. The County will order and have the sign(s) installed.
 9. The signs for private roads will have six (6) inch blades, blue background with white reflective letters installed on standard square aluminum poles.
 10. The monies collected from the property owner(s) will be used to pay for these signs and will be transferred to the appropriate line item.

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APPENDIX B

COLUMBUS COUNTY ADDRESSING SYSTEM

Columbus County uses an equal interval system in its approach to assigning road address numbers to buildings within the County. This requires the selection of two (2) intersecting baselines, one (1) running in an East-West direction and one (1) running in a North-South direction. A frontage interval of 5.28 feet is then used to assign a progression of road address numbers to buildings and properties. Working out from these lines in any direction along a continuous road with this system will easily convert to distance from the beginning point (i.e., 1600 #'s equals 1.6 miles).

The base lines selected for Columbus County are the Whiteville City Limits. All road address numbers will begin at the end of the road closest to the nearest base line; or in case of a dead end road, at its intersection with another named road. For continuous roads which cross a base line, they will be addressed with respect to East - West - North - South of that line.

All buildings will be addressed relative to their position on a named road. Houses which are obviously facing a named road will be addressed with the number which falls closest to the front door of that building. Buildings, which are situated more than seventy-five (75) feet off a named road will be addressed where their driveway intersects the named road (if the house is not visible from the road, use driveway).

Road address numbers will be assigned every 5.28 feet from the beginning point on that particular road. Numbers will be assigned, even numbers on the right side of the road, odd numbers on the left side of the road, as one would stand with their back toward the beginning point.

FIRE, RESCUE & AMBULANCE CONTRACTS - ATTORNEY TO UPDATE AND PRESENT TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL

James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, presented the Board with updated drafts of the Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Contracts for their review.

The Board advised Attorney Hill to include in the Fire & Rescue Contracts, that if at anytime that a Department disbands, the distribution of the properties of the department will be the decision of the Board of County Commissioners as to who takes ownership. The Contracts are to be presented to the Board for approval at the next Board Meeting.

CAROLINA SOUTHERN RAILROAD - PRESENTATION BY MR. KEN PIPPIN

Mr. Ken Pippin, Owner and President of the Carolina Southern Railroad, formerly Mid Atlantic Railroad, advised the Board that the company is located in Chadbourn and here to stay in Columbus County and wants to make improvements to serve by rail to Columbus County.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - LIBRARY

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

Accept 10-335-0200 Chadbourn Elementary School gift	\$100
Expend 10-630-3200 Supplies/3 folding tables	\$100

BOARD UPDATE - DEMPSEY B. HERRING, ASSISTANT TO ADMINISTRATOR

Dempsey B. Herring, Assistant to the Administrator/Special Projects, updated the Board on the following projects:

1. The Natural Gas line cost is much more than anticipated and we are in the process of bidding and moving along with the project.
2. Frank Ballard with Ballard & Associates Architects, will have the space study report for the courthouse to present at the next Board Meeting.
3. The Department of Social Services Employees have been moved into the new building and an open house is scheduled for Sunday, May 21, 1995 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
4. The Rescue Contracts for Bladen and Columbus Counties are being drafted for the Board's approval.
5. James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, is working on the easement across the Whiteville Memorial Cemetery property and it should be completed shortly.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION - LETTER OF APPRECIATION

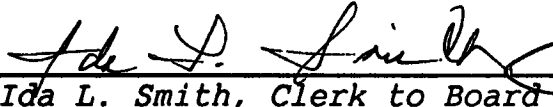
Chairman Jacobs shared a letter with the Board from a Columbus County veteran that was addressed to George Bryant, Veterans Officer, thanking him for the expeditious service rendered in a veteran related matter.

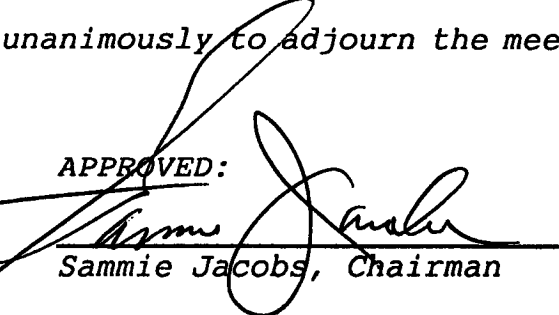
The Board concurred to direct Administration to write a letter of appreciation to George Bryant, Veterans Service Officer, commending him on the performance he displays in providing needed services to the Columbus County Veterans.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M.

APPROVED:


Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board


Sammie Jacobs, Chairman