

COLUMBUS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, NC, at 8:00 A.M., December 4, 1995, it being the first Monday.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Spruell Randolph Britt, Chairman

C.E. "Gene" Wilson, Vice Chairman

David L. Dutton, Jr.

A. Dial Gray, III

Sammie Jacobs

Lynwood Norris

C.W. Williams

James E. Hill, Jr. Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring
County Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPOINTMENTS - GOVERNING BODY CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN

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

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

Commissioner Gray nominated Commissioner Britt for Chairman and Commissioner Wilson for Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Jacobs nominated Commissioner Britt for Chairman and Commissioner Williams for Vice Chairman.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to close the nominations.

Attorney Hill stated that the Board would vote on the nominations in reverse order.

Voting for Commissioner Britt for Chairman and Commissioner Williams for Vice Chairman were Commissioners Norris, Williams and Jacobs.

Voting for Commissioner Britt for Chairman and Commissioner Wilson for Vice Chairman were Commissioners Dutton, Gray, Britt and Wilson.

Attorney Hill announced that Commissioner Britt was appointed as Chairman and Commissioner Wilson as Vice Chairman.

Chairman Britt and Vice Chairman Wilson are authorized to sign all instruments on behalf of Columbus County. A resolution is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

Commissioner Britt then assumed the duties of Chairman and conducted the following business.

Ed Worley, Aging Director, gave the invocation.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the November 20, 1995, Board Meeting as recorded.

AWARD - PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION

Chairman Britt presented Commissioner Jacobs, past chairman, a "plaque of appreciation"

SAMMIE JACOBS

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IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION OF YOUR DEVOTED LEADERSHIP

AS CHAIRMAN TO THE BOARD

12-5-94 - 12-4-95

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COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AWARD - RETIREMENT PLAQUE

William E. Triplett, former 4-H Extension Agent, was presented with a "Retirement Plaque" as follows:

PRESENTED TO

WILLIAM E. TRIPLETT

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IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION OF YOUR SERVICE
AS THE COLUMBUS COUNTY 4-H EXTENSION AGENT

12-1-80 - 8-31-95

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COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

Tax Releases:

R.C. Applewhite, Jr. (Heirs): Unidentified property does not exist. Amount \$31.98, valuation \$4,100, year 1995, account #15-00800.

Lloyd & Beth W. Batten: Mobile home (1973 model) sold prior to 1-1-95. Amount \$10.72, valuation \$1,340, year 1995, account #01-03800.

Curtis & Deloris Britt: X-5-26, house vacant. Amount \$30.00, year 1994, account #15-04440.

Ethel Murphy Burroughs: H-6-26-A, house rebilled to Joseph Smith on map H-6-26-J. Amount \$247.85, valuation \$22,100, year 1995, account #13-05961.

Sarah Brown Elliott & Sarah Macon: H-1-24, house vacant. Amount \$60.00, year 1995, account #05-02100.

Estelle S. Greene: F-8-16, old dwelling vacant. Amount \$60.00, year 1995, account #13-16518.

Geneva Hayes: N-9-15, acreage corrected, also failed to receive the Senior Citizens exemption. Amount \$150.50, valuation \$17,500, year 1995, account #03-10700.

Robert L. & Wanda Faye Hilbourn: Mobile home does not belong to Robert L. & Wanda Hilbourn, but rebilled to Robert Delane Hilbourn (son) on account #03-11110. Amount \$100.09, valuation \$5,140, year 1995, account #03-11113.

Tom and Doris Hammonds: H-7-12, double-wide repossessed by Green Tree Loan Company when moving to Raleigh in 1989. Attachments also gone for 1995. Amount \$1,173.20, valuation \$143,520, years 1990-95, account #01-36663.

J.C. Hobbs (Heirs): H-8-70 combined with H-8-79. Total acreage 60.85 acre per survey. Valuation corrected to \$68,500. Amount \$221.76, valuation \$26,400, year 1995, account #09-14840.

Paula and Durkie Jacobs: 0-2-25, dwelling destroyed by fire. Amount \$78.12, valuation \$9,300, year 1995, account #11-14323.

Yaqui Umeki Jacobs: 1991 camper rebilled to Jimmy Ivey on 08-10109. Amount \$111.72, valuation \$13,020, year 1995, account #08-10103.

Ruby McMillian: FB-2-319, failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption on lot and house. Amount \$85.14, valuation \$6,300, year 1995, account #10-10860.

Carl McPherson (Jr.): G-8-7, failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption on lot and house. Amount \$126.00, valuation \$15,000, year 1995, account #09-18060.

James H. Jr. and Becky Meares: D-4-17, house vacant. Amount \$60.00, year 1995, account #12-18826.

Milligans House Movers: Vehicle (1985 Ford) double-listed to Milligan, Inc. on account #06-25820. 1956X\$30.13, valuation \$3,970, year 1992, account #17-26191.

Reatha W. McKee: L-12-22A, dwelling vacant. Amount \$60.00, year 1995, account #03-15763.

Lillie Mae Nobles: Vehicle double-listed to Talmadge E. Nobles on 13-30800. Amount \$31.69, valuation \$3,350, year 1986, account #17-28050.

Charles & Gertrude O'Connor: TC-3-298, one dwelling only. Amount \$36.00, year 1995, account #06-28500.

Jean Worley Powell: Vehicle (1984 Pontiac) double-listed to Marilyn Bullard on account #16-00175. Amount \$25.96, valuation \$3,420, year 1991, account #17-29941.

Ronald W. Powell: Vehicle (1990 Nissan), double-listed to Lizzie Powell. Amount \$44.30, valuation \$6,420, year 1992, account #12-22305.

Graham Sellers: J-9-41C, J-9-43 and J-9-9, not in Old Dock Fire District. Amount \$27.28, year 1995, account #03-20820.

Graham Sellers (Logging): Discovery/personal property,

clerical error. Amount \$507.83, valuation \$45,750, year 1993 for 1989, account #09-25602.

Michael Dean Shaw: 1983 Ford wrecked and junked (licensed turned in) prior to 1990. Amount \$116.47, valuation \$5,090, year 1990 and 91, account #17-32742.

Joseph Smith: H-6-26J: Receipt #19291 cancelled. Rebilled with lot and house with a valuation of \$25,600. Amount \$11.90, valuation \$1,400, year 1995, account #13-36927.

Thomas Willard Taylor: 1975 Chevrolet truck, never owned. Billed incorrectly. Amount \$11.35, valuation \$1,200, year 1986, account #17-37050.

Veda Lennon Thompson: 1987 Chevrolet and 1981 Ford double-listed to Veda S. Lennon on regular list. Amount \$88.29, valuation \$12,060, year 1989, account #17-37515.

Shannon Weldon Vineyard, Jr.: I-9-44, not in Whiteville Rescue District. Amount \$4.79, year 1995, account #09-31283.

Bertha Yeoman: HB-3-59, totally exempted due to Senior Citizens exemption. Amount \$60.00, year 1995, account #11-31120.

Ordered: That a refund check be issued to Farm Credit Leasing, Attention/Tax Department, 1600 Colonnade, 5500 Wayzata Boulevard, Minneapolis, MN 55416, in the amount of \$276.50, for year 1994. Personal property (combine #610604), burned in November, 1993. Valuation \$36,382, year 1994, account #11-08724.

Ordered: That a refund check be issued to Marshall Ray and Patricia Ann Nobles, 1202 Canal Cove Road, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450, in the amount of \$252.00, for years 1991-93. Failed to get the Disability exemption on LW-3-63, lot and house. Applied since 1989. Valuation \$36,000, account #08-13823.

Ordered: That a refund check be issued to Brooks Norris, 405 Jewel Street, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$5.35, for year 1995. Lives in camping trailer. Failed to receive the Senior Citizens exemption. Valuation \$500, account #01-66042.

Budget Amendments:

Appropriate Fund Balance (Carry over from Fiscal Year 1994-95)	\$1,699,219.00
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Transfer to the following accounts:

10-587-46 Drugs and Supplies	44,194.00
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10-589-46	Drugs and Supplies	50,052.00
10-591-46	Drugs and Supplies	31,515.00
10-593-46	Drugs and Supplies	1,420,525.00
10-595-46	Drugs and Supplies	20,795.00
10-597-46	Drugs and Supplies	1,051.00
Accept 10-348-0802	Federal Funds (Immunization Outreach)	10,800.00
Expend as follows:		
10-577-02	Salaries	7,200.00
10-577-05	FICA	600.00
10-577-11	Telephone	500.00
10-577-1101	Postage	500.00
10-577-14	Travel	2,000.00
Accept 10-348-0601	State Funds (Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention)	1,200.00
Expend 10-590-5701	Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention	1,200.00
Accept 10-348-0700	State Funds-Family Planning	7,000.00
Expend 10-591-4600	Drugs and Supplies	7,000.00
Accept 10-348-0702	State Funds-Immunization Equipment	4,980.00
Expend 10-579-4600	Drugs and Supplies	4,980.00
Accept 10-335-0000	Miscellaneous Revenue (Hazmat supplies)	200.00
Expend 10-530-3300	Departmental Supplies	200.00

APPOINTMENT - COUNTY ATTORNEY

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

BONDS (SURETY) - EXAMINATION AND APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the Surety Bonds for 1995-96 on the following employees as listed.

Gayle Godwin, Finance Officer	-	\$100,000
W.D. Brooks, Tax Administration	-	75,000
Jimmy Ferguson, Sheriff	-	50,000
Brenda Strickland, HUD Director	-	25,000
Ila Penny, Register of Deeds	-	15,000
Linwood Cartrette, Coroner	-	15,000
William Hannah, Assistant Coroner	-	15,000

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - BOARD'S ENDORSEMENT OF COUNTY-WIDE INDUSTRY APPRECIATION WEEK

Steve Yost, Economic Development Commission Director, requested the Board to endorse County-wide Industry Appreciation Event from March 25 - 28, 1995, and requested the Board to commit \$500.00 for the event, along with fifteen (15) other sponsors.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to endorse the County-wide Industry Appreciation Event and to appropriate \$500.00 from the Governing Body's budget from the Miscellaneous line item 10-410-5700.

SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION GRANT

Steve Yost, Economic Development Director, stated that the Economic Development Administration (EDA) is requesting that the Southeastern Community College Foundation be added as a co-applicant with the County and Southeastern Community College to the recent EDA application for water infrastructure and Industry Skills Training Center for Southeast Regional Park.

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

**RESOLUTION OF PARTICIPATION WITH THE
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**

**FOR CO-APPLICATION ON A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARD
FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION**

WITH THE SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus and Southeastern Community College have received a Financial Assistance Award from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to supply water, sewer and natural gas to the Southeast Regional Industrial Park and to construct an Industry Skills Training Center to offer industrial training; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Community College Foundation, Incorporated owns land identified in the EDA Public Works application as part of the Industrial Park; and

WHEREAS, these circumstances have made it desirable for the Southeastern Community College Foundation, Incorporated to become a co-applicant with the County of Columbus and Southeastern Community College.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that the Southeastern Community College

Foundation, Incorporated will participate as a co-applicant with the County and Southeastern Community College on the grant from the EDA.

Upon motion by Commissioner C. W. Williams and a second by Commissioner Lynwood Norris, this Resolution is hereby adopted this 4th day of December, 1995.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Spruell Randolph Britt, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

RESOLUTION - CHANGE THE HOURS FOR USING ARTIFICIAL LIGHTS LOOKING FOR DEER

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to direct James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney, and Dempsey B. Herring, Administrator, to draft a Resolution to change the hours by which a person can use artificial lights in the sweeping of an area looking for deer and present at the next Board Meeting for approval.

AIRPORT - SOLICIT INTEREST FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR RUNWAY EXTENSION

Dempsey Herring, Administrator, reported that Columbus County must solicit input from any interested party regarding the environmental assessment for future development of the Columbus County Airport runway extension and parallel of taxiways. The solicitation will be published in the local newspaper and a waiting period of thirty (30) days will be set aside to receive input on the project. If there is no response, the County has satisfied the requirement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to place a statement in the local newspaper soliciting interest in having a public hearing on the Environment Assessment for future development of the Columbus County Airport to include a runway extension and a parallel taxiway.

SCHOOLS (COLUMBUS COUNTY) - 10-YEAR NEEDS ASSESSMENT PLAN**APPROVED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the 1996 Public School Facility 10-Year Needs Assessment Plan for submission to the State Department of Public Instruction for Columbus County Schools, as presented.

PAYROLL - APPROVAL FOR DISTRIBUTION OF DECEMBER PAY CHECKS & CHRISTMAS BONUSES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to approve the distribution of the December payroll checks and Christmas bonuses on December 22, 1995.

CHRISTMAS BONUSES - APPROVAL FOR INCREASE

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to increase the employees' Christmas Bonuses from \$25.00 to \$35.00 in lieu of the Employees' County Picnic.

SOLID WASTE - PRESENTATION BY BROWNING-FERRIS INDUSTRIES

Ms. Chip Dodd, representing Browning-Ferris Industries, presented the Board with a plan and proposal regarding the disposal of Columbus County's solid waste. Ms. Dodd informed the Board that her company stands ready to take on county solid waste collection, disposal and recycling, or any part of the business. Ms. Dodd stated that BFI would construct and operate a transfer station at the existing County landfill at its own expense. From there, the waste would go to BFI's Sampson County Landfill at a cost of \$37.00 to \$40.00 per ton.

SHERIFF - REQUEST FOR PERSONNEL DELAYED

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to delay the request from Sheriff Jimmy Ferguson for an additional person to process concealed handgun permits that was tabled at the November 20, 1995 Board Meeting. Further, authorized Dempsey Herring, Administrator, to meet with Sheriff Ferguson in regards to the amount of concealed handgun permits that are being processed to validate the addition

of a position to the Sheriff's Department.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:40 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to enter into a closed session in accordance with G.S. 143-318.11(4) - to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries.

RESUMED REGULAR SESSION

At 9:15 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to adjourn closed session and resume regular session.

No action was taken.

CONTRACT - UPDATE ON MOVIE FILMING AT COURTHOUSE

Dempsey B. Herring, Administrator, advised the Board that Turner Network Television will be filming a project in and around the Columbus County Courthouse on December 21 - 23, 1995. TNT will compensate businesses in the area and provide six million and 00/100 (\$6,000,000.00) dollars in excess liability and third party property damage, plus general liability. The County is receiving two thousand three hundred and 00/100 dollars for the use of the buildings.

RESOLUTION - CANCEL BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution cancelling the December 18, 1995 Board Meeting.

NOTICE and RESOLUTION to CANCEL MEETING

of the BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

of COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

The Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, unanimously approved on the 4th of December, 1995, to adopt the following Resolution.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, has presently scheduled meetings at 8:00 A.M. the first Monday and 7:30 P.M. on the third Monday of each

month; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, is desirous of cancelling the meeting scheduled for the third Monday in December, only.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-40, shall hold the next regularly scheduled meeting in the Columbus County Commissioners' Chambers, 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina on Tuesday, January 2, 1996 at 8:00 A.M.

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that a copy of this Resolution and Notice shall be placed on the Courthouse Bulletin Board, as well as mailed to all of the news media who has requested notice.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


/s/ SPRUELL RANDOLPH BRITT, CHAIRMAN

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, CLERK TO BOARD

ADJOURNMENT

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



 Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:


 Spruell R. Britt, Chairman