

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 7:15 P.M. for a Public Hearing and at 7:30 P.M. for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting, March 18, 1996, it being the third 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

PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND) - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR HAWORTH, INCORPORATED

Chairman Britt called the public hearing to order at 7:15 P.M. and stated that the purpose for the public hearing is to hear citizens' views and comments prior to the submission of an application in the amount of \$450,000 for a Community Development Block Grant for the installation of a water main, booster pump and natural gas line for Haworth, Incorporated, located in Chadbourn, NC.

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

Bill Lester, representing Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, presented a project summary for the grant application and stated that an Assessment Policy and Resolution will need to be adopted by the Board at a future meeting.

Steve Yost, Economic Development Director, advised the Board that the expansion of the Haworth plant will provide approximately 52 additional jobs for

Columbus County.

There were no comments by the public.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to adjourn the public hearing at 7:23 P.M.

BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Spruell R. Britt called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and Ed Worley, Aging Director, gave the invocation.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the February 19, 1996, Board Meeting as recorded.

ARTIFICIAL LIGHT LAW - TABLED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to table Agenda Item #14, Artificial Light Law (G.S. 113-291.1) until the May 20, 1996 Board Meeting.

APPOINTMENTS - BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to appoint Rita Wayne Parker to serve on the Board of Equalization and Review to replace Anne Williamson, who resigned due to health reasons. Also, C. L. Tate, Jr. was appointed to serve as Chairman of the Board of Equalization and Review.

AWARD - ANNE WILLIAMSON

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to direct Administration to have a "Plaque of Appreciation" prepared for Ms. Anne Williamson who has served on the Board of Equalization and Review since 1985.

LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS - FARMERS UNION & ST. JAMES RESIDENTS

REQUEST COMMISSIONERS CONTROL LARGE HOG OPERATIONS

Reverend Ronald Campbell and Mr. Haynes Graham representing the Farmers Union and St. James communities, addressed the Board in regards to commercial hog operations within their communities causing threats to water and air pollution from the large scale operations and requested the Board to take action toward

controlling such operations by adopting an Ordinance that would require hog operations to get permits from the Columbus County Health Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to direct the County Attorney, James E. Hill, Jr., to draft an Ordinance which will require the Board of Health to permit and regulate hog farms and present to the Board at the next meeting for approval.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVAL

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

Tax Releases:

James Donald & Marlana: I-6-58A, house vacant. Amount \$60.00, year 1995, account #01-07560.

Eva Jane & W.H. Britt: D-1-3, double-listed to account #12-02980, W.H. & Eva Jane Britt. Amount \$6.24, valuation \$800, year 1995, account #12-02503.

Clayton Devon Brown: H-9-67A, house 50% complete in 1994 and 75% complete in 1995. Amount \$462.66, valuation 45,080, years 1995 for 1994, account #09-01600.

John Best: Discovered vehicles (1976 Cadillac & 1979 Honda) did not own on 1-1-90. Amount \$115.86, valuation \$2,120, year 1990, account #17-02230.

Bert & Sarah Alma (Heirs) Duboise: Failed to get Senior Citizen's exemption on mobile home (land was already exempted, valuation \$4,300). Amount \$11.47, valuation \$1,470, year 1995, account #01-21360.

Juanita N. Edwards: Mobile billed through error. Sold in September 1994. Amount \$141.94, valuation \$9,550, year 1995, account #06-08857.

William Walter, Jr. & Jean FLoyd: H-3-66A, not in North Whiteville Fire District. Amount \$50.00, year 1995, account #12-08420.

Avery L. Formyduval: L-12-73A, combined with L-12-69B already listed to Ronnie Leroy Formyduval. Amount \$94.92, valuation \$12,600, years 1993-95, account #03-07420.

Edward J. & Betty Fowler: Mobile double-listed on 04-10978, Edward Jr. & Beamon Fowler. Amount \$147.83, valuation \$11,260, year 1995, account #06-10979.

Margo Freeman: Trash picked up by private hauler. Amount \$24.00, year

1995, account #01-29779.

William McBride Heirs: F-6-18, per deed and survey, does not own. Amount \$226.42, valuation \$24,000, years 1986-95, account #13-25000.

Harold McKenzie: H-3-33A, mobile home affixed. Attachments deleted. Amount \$103.70, valuation \$12,200, year 1995, account #12-17580.

Charles Edward & Larene Miller: V-4-1A, double-wide listed to Derrick Miller for 1995. Amount \$281.52, valuation \$28,400, year 1995, account #15-26760.

Edgar Newell Heirs % Julia Smith: R-1-1, house vacant. Amount \$60.00, year 1995, account #08-13760.

Harry & Bertha Orr: Personal property (mobile home and boat) not in Columbus County. Moved to Madison County, GA in 1994. Amount \$228.91, valuation \$19,686, year 1995, account #06-28521.

Penn Ventilators Co., Inc.: Computer error in computing late list. Amount \$2,121.14, year 1995, account #06-28821.

John William & Deborah Faye Salater: J-8A-115, double listed to Benjamin Barnhill (86-93); also double-listed to Nancy Allen (94-95) as J-8A-115A. Amount \$125.12, valuation \$15,600, years 1986-95, account #03-22140.

Albert M. Solomon % Ronald Solomon: Miscellaneous buildings (old t. barn, storage barn, etc.) not on M-2-69G. Amount \$30.96, valuation \$3,600, year 1995, account #14-14684.

H. Cliff Spivey: H-11-105, deferred taxes billed on total tract through error. Only sold portion of land. Amount \$47.20, valuation \$6,400, years 95, 95 for 94, 95 for 93, 95 for 92, account #09-27986.

Robert Darrell & Barbara Strickland: J-8A-78, double-listed to Michael Moody as J-8A-75. Amount \$19.55, valuation \$2,300, year 1995, account #03-24560.

Efrem Stephens: Mobile home located on I-2-15, billed incorrectly as a double-wide (1974 mobile home 14 x 70). Amount \$31.42, valuation \$4,080, years 1994-95, account #12-26943.

Rodney A. & Kitty B. Tall: House located on F-8-29 destroyed by fire in 1994. Amount \$269.44, valuation \$23,800, year 1995, account #16-15758.

Thomas Marvin & Nancy Keller: D-6-5 (48/100 acre) not in city limits of Cerro Gordo. Amount \$57.00, valuation \$28,500, year 1995, account #16-10560.

Refunds:

Ordered: That a refund check be issued to Rachel Gore, Post Office Box 34, Tabor City, NC 28463, in the amount of \$60.00 for year 1995. All taxes paid through error. House located on M-17-28, vacant. Account #07-06940.

Ordered: That a refund check be issued to Mary Small, 1027 Birch Creek Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403, in the amount of \$60.00 for year 1995. All taxes paid through error. HB-1-66, vacant dwelling. Account #11-24620.

Ordered: That a refund check be issued to Larry & Helen Waddell, P.O. Box 544, Fair Bluff, NC 28439, in the amount of \$30.80, for year 1995. B-3-4 bulk barn valued \$3,500, double-listed to James L. & Charles T. Waddell. Account #10-17905.

Budget Amendments:

<i>Accept 10-335-0000 Miscellaneous Revenue</i>	<i>\$1,876.00</i>
<i> Status of Women</i>	
<i>Expend 10-513-5701 Families First</i>	<i>1,876.00</i>
<i>Accept 10-335-0000 Miscellaneous Revenue</i>	<i>314.91</i>
<i>Expend 10-605-5700 Miscellaneous Revenue</i>	<i>314.91</i>
<i>Accept 10-348-1203 Cancer Control Program</i>	<i>9,000.00</i>
<i>Expend 10-586-7400 Capital Outlay</i>	<i>9,000.00</i>
<i>Accept 10-348-1501 Food & Lodging Establishments</i>	<i>2,268.00</i>
<i>Expend 10-590-0200 Salaries</i>	<i>2,268.00</i>
<i>Accept 10-348-1202 Comp Breast & Cervical Cancer</i>	<i>5,000.00</i>
<i>Expend 10-580-0400 Professional Services</i>	<i>5,000.00</i>
<i>Accept 10-348-0703 Community Traffic Safety</i>	<i>1,869.00</i>
<i>Expend as follows:</i>	
<i> 10-578-0200 Salaries</i>	<i>1,500.00</i>
<i> 10-578-0500 FICA</i>	<i>300.00</i>
<i> 10-578-0700 Retirement</i>	<i>291.00</i>
<i> 10-578-3300 Departmental Supplies</i>	<i>(2,946.00)</i>
<i> 10-578-7400 Capital Outlay</i>	<i>2,724.00</i>
<i>Accept 10-348-1500 Tuberculosis Funds</i>	<i>508.00</i>
<i>Expend as follows:</i>	
<i> Increase 10-348-0200 Salaries</i>	<i>1,016.00</i>
<i> Increase 10-596-0500 FICA</i>	<i>62.00</i>
<i> Decrease 10-596-46 Drugs & Supplies</i>	<i>(570.00)</i>
<i>Accept 10-348-1301 Maternity Care Coordination</i>	<i>9,375.00</i>
<i>Expend as follows:</i>	
<i> 10-588-0200 Salaries</i>	<i>7,991.00</i>
<i> 10-588-0500 FICA</i>	<i>614.00</i>
<i> 10-588-0700 Retirement</i>	<i>770.00</i>
<i>Accept 10-350-0000 Concealed Weapon Fees</i>	<i>13,500.00</i>
<i>Expend as follows:</i>	
<i> 10-510-3300 Departmental Supplies</i>	<i>4,500.00</i>
<i> 10-510-9100 Remit to State</i>	<i>9,000.00</i>

<i>Accept 10-301-0000 Business Audits Revenue</i>	<i>7,213.37</i>
<i>Expend 10-450-4500 Contract Services</i>	<i>7,213.37</i>
<i>Appropriate 70-399-0000 Fund Balance</i>	<i>3,420.00</i>
<i>Expend 70-690-7400 Capital Outlay</i>	<i>3,420.00</i>

PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL NUTRITION WEEK

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

NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

1996 PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the National Center for Nutrition and Dietetics of the American Dietetic Association has designated the month of March as National Nutrition Month; and

WHEREAS, out of ten thousand (10,000) older adults in North Carolina screened and surveyed, two thirds (2/3) were either at moderate or high risk of malnutrition; and

WHEREAS, National Nutrition Month provides an opportunity to plan nutrition-education programs to increase awareness regarding adequate nutrition and disease prevention.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County proclaims March 1996 as "NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH" in Columbus County and urge all citizens to commend its observance.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ SPRUELL R. BRITT, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

AGING - ACCEPT 1995 IN-HOME SERVICES REPORT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to accept the 1995 Aging In-Home Services Report as presented by Ed Worley, Aging Director.

AGING - APPOINTED AS LEAD AGENCY FOR HOME & COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appoint the Columbus County Department of Aging

as the Lead Agency for Home and Community Care Block Grant for Columbus County.

AGING - EAST COLUMBUS SENIOR CENTER APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to permit Ed Worley, Aging Director, to proceed with a Senior Center at the Ransom Community Center in conjunction with the Nutrition site which is already in place and is to be known as the East Columbus Senior Center with funding to be absorbed within the Department of Aging budget.

AGING - FUNDING ACCEPTANCE FROM CAPE FEAR COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to accept funds in the amount of \$3,069.22 from the Council of Governments with the Department of Aging providing an appropriation of \$342.02 match money with monies to be used to construct a new office within the Ransom Community Center for the East Columbus Senior Center Coordinator.

APPOINTMENTS - AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the following appointments to serve on the Columbus County Aging Advisory Council.

- District 2 - H.K. George (to complete the unexpired term of Elaine Blake).*
- District 4 - Melvin Powell (to replace George Munns).*
- District 6 - Sadie Hinson (to replace Oliver Anderson, Jr.).*
- District 7 - Steve Fowler (to replace Kenneth Hawes).*

APPOINTMENT - HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to appoint Clyde Gore to serve on the Department of Aging Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee to replace Irene Young, who resigned.

AGING - RENOVATIONS FOR WHITEVILLE & BUG HILL SENIOR CENTERS APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to permit Ed Worley, Aging Director, to do the following renovations at Senior Centers with costs to be absorbed within the Department of Aging.

Bug Hill - New roof and renovate two (2) restrooms - \$3,916.00.

Whiteville - Build an office, receptionist area, enclose a closet space and remove

a wall partition - \$3,000.00.

FINANCE - CLOSE COMPLETED CAPITAL PROJECTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to permit the Finance Officer, Gayle Godwin, to close the following completed capital projects:

1. *Land Records Management Grant - Close project but reserve remaining funds in the amount of \$11,314.32 for further mapping of records.*
2. *County Water Study and Road Naming Projects - Close projects and transfer remaining interest to the General Fund:*
 - a. *County Water Study \$5,344.00*
 - b. *Road Naming \$2,019.00*
3. *E-911 - All revenue expended.*

PROCLAMATION - INDUSTRY APPRECIATION WEEK

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

WHEREAS, the industrialization of Columbus County over the past several decades has been beneficial to the overall development and growth of the County; and

WHEREAS, this industrialization, seen in Columbus County in such industries as textiles, chemical, paper, apparel, wood products, and agri-business has created thousands of jobs and generated hundreds of millions of dollars in the County's economy; and

WHEREAS, today, Columbus County is very fortunate to have a diversity of industries that offer employment opportunities in different fields, and which create a progressive standard of living; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County has qualified workers who possess a strong work ethic that has evolved from the County's agricultural heritage. These employees are highly productive in the products they help to create within Columbus County's industries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize and show gratitude to the County's industries and workers by proclaiming the week of March 25-29, 1996, as Columbus County Appreciation Week.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

/s/ Spruell Randolph Britt, Chairman

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Dutton 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 15 through 22, with the theme, "Libraries Change Lives".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, that the week of April 15 through April 22, 1996, 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.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ SPRUELL R. BRITT, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

PROCLAMATION - CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

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

CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH**1996 PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the welfare of our children is the most important responsibility

we have as parents. A child should be able to depend on support from both parents; and

WHEREAS, children who do not receive adequate financial and emotional support from both parents may experience greater difficulty in becoming healthy, happy and productive citizens of this state. In such cases, the taxpayers of this state support the children whose parents fail to meet this responsibility; and

WHEREAS, many concerned and dedicated judges, district attorneys, clerks of court, sheriff's personnel and child support enforcement professionals work to establish and enforce child support for North Carolina's children...our future.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus do hereby proclaim April, 1996, as "CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH" in Columbus County and commend this observance to our citizens.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ SPRUELL R. BRITT, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL CENTER & FARMERS MARKET GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FUNDING APPROVED

James Norris, Cooperative Extension Agent, and also a member of the Southeastern Regional Agricultural Center and Farmers Market Committee, requested that Columbus County join with Bladen, Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson and Scotland in contributing \$1,000 for the groundbreaking ceremony for the Southeastern Regional Agricultural Center and Farmers Market to be held April 17, 1996 at 11:00 A.M.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to approve funding the Southeastern Regional Agricultural Center and Farmers Market groundbreaking ceremony in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be appropriated from Non-Departmental Contingency (10-660-9999) to be expended in Special Appropriations (10-690-7500).

APPOINTMENTS - LAKE WACCAMAW PLANNING & BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve extra-territorial appointments for the Lake Waccamaw Town Board as follows:

Planning Board - Ed Logan (reappointed for a three year term, expiring 2/9/99)

Board of Adjustment - Ruth Brandt (reappointed for a three year term, expiring 2/9/99).

AGREEMENT - DAVID M. GRIFFITH & ASSOCIATES

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

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this 18th day of March, 1996 and effective immediately by and between David M. Griffith & Associates, Ltd. (hereinafter called the "Consultant") and Columbus County, State of North Carolina (hereinafter called the "County"), WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the County has programs which it operates with Federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the County supports these programs with support services paid from County appropriated funds; and

WHEREAS, the Federal government and the State will pay a fair share of these costs if supported by an approved cost allocation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant is staffed with personnel knowledgeable and experienced in the requirements of developing and negotiating such governmental cost allocation plans; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to engage the Consultant to assist in developing a plan which conforms to Federal requirements and will be approved by their representatives.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

1. *Employment of Services. The County agrees to engage the Consultant and the Consultant hereby agrees to perform the following services.*
2. *Scope of Services. The Consultant shall do, perform and carry out in a good and professional manner the following services:*
 - a. *Development of a central services cost allocation plan which identifies the various costs incurred by the County to support and administer Federal programs. This plan will contain a determination of the allowable costs of providing each supporting service such as purchasing, legal counsel, disbursement processing, etc.*
 - b. *Prepare indirect cost proposals for federal grants as necessary.*
 - c. *Negotiation of the completed cost allocation plan with the representatives of the State or Federal government, whichever is applicable.*
3. *Time of Performance. The services to be performed hereunder by the Consultant shall be undertaken and completed in such sequence as to assure*

their expeditious completion and best carry out the purposes of the Agreement. The cost allocation plan, based upon the previous year's audited expenditures, will be available by April 15 of each of the three (3) succeeding years, for your review and our negotiation with Federal and State representatives.

4. Compensation. The County agrees to pay the Consultant a sum not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for all services required herein, which shall include reimbursement for expenses incurred. Consultant agrees to complete the project and all services provided herein for said sum. The fee will remain the same throughout the three (3) year term of this contract, unless the scope of the project is amended in writing by the County. Any and all changes will be accomplished in accordance with Paragraph 6 of this Contract.

<u>FYE 6-30-96</u>	<u>FYE 6-30-97</u>	<u>FYE 6-30-98</u>
\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000

5. Method of Payment. The Consultant shall be entitled to payment in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph. First, the Consultant will be entitled a fixed amount as indicated above. Second, Consultant's fees are due upon the rendering of a bill upon the completion of an approvable plan. All funds received from the plan above the Consultant's fee, will accrue solely to the County.
6. Changes. The County may, from time to time, require changes in the scope of the services of the Consultant to be performed hereunder. Such changes, which are mutually agreed upon by and between the County and the Consultant, shall be incorporated in written amendment to this Agreement.
7. Services and Materials to be Furnished by the County. The County shall locally furnish the Consultant with all available necessary information, data, and material pertinent to the execution of this Agreement. The County shall cooperate with the Consultant in carrying out the work herein and shall provide adequate staff for liaison with the Consultant and other agencies of County government.
8. Termination of Agreement for Cause. If, for any cause, the Consultant shall fail to fulfill in timely and proper manner his obligations under this Agreement, the County shall thereupon have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the Consultant of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least five (5) days before the effective date of such termination.
9. Information and Reports. The Consultant shall, at such time and in such form as the County may require, furnish such periodic reports concerning the status of the project, such statements, certificates, approvals and copies of proposed and executed plans and claims and other information relative to the project as may be requested by the County.
10. Copyright. County acknowledges that the report format to be provided by Consultant is copyrighted. Consultant shall ensure that all copies of its report bear the copyright legend. County agrees that all ownership rights and copyrights thereto lie with Consultant. County may use the report solely for and on behalf of County's operations. County agrees that it will take appropriate action by instruction, agreement or otherwise, with its employees, to satisfy its obligations with respect to use, copying, protection and security of the report format.
11. Notices. Any notices, bills, invoices, or reports required by this agreement shall be sufficient if sent by the parties in the United States mail, postage paid, to the address noted below:

David M. Griffith & Associates, Ltd.
1100 Logger Court, Suite D-100, Raleigh, NC 27609

12. Contingencies. *The County intends to make all payments required to be made under the Agreement for the three (3) fiscal years. However, in the event, through no action initiated by the County, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners does not appropriate funds for the continuation of this Agreement for any fiscal year after the first fiscal year and it has no funds to continue this Agreement from other sources, this Agreement may be terminated. To affect the termination of this Agreement, the County shall, thirty days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year for which the Board does not appropriate funds, send written notice to the Consultant stating that its Board failed to appropriate funds.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County and the Consultant have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

DAVID M. GRIFFITH & ASSOCIATES **COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**
/s/ Timothy H. McKinnie, Vice President *Dempsey B. Herring, Administrator*

SMART START - LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to endorse the application for the Smart Start Program as presented by Patricia Medlin, representing the Columbus County Partnership for Children.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - TRAVEL & TOURISM OCCUPANCY TAX

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

<i>Accept 10-362-0000 Occupancy Taxes</i>	<i>\$35,564.00</i>
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Expend as follows:

<i>Increase 10-496-0200 Salaries</i>	<i>\$15,000.00</i>
<i>Increase 10-496-0500 FICA</i>	<i>1,200.00</i>
<i>Decrease 10-496-1100 Telephone</i>	<i>(1,000.00)</i>
<i>Increase 10-496-1300 Utilities</i>	<i>1,000.00</i>
<i>Increase 10-496-1400 Travel</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Increase 10-496-2100 Rent</i>	<i>600.00</i>
<i>Decrease 10-496-4500 Contract</i>	<i>(16,200.00)</i>
<i>Increase 10-496-5700 Miscellaneous</i>	<i>34,464.00</i>

PLANNER - POLL MUNICIPALITIES FOR JOINT INTEREST

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to direct Administration to poll municipalities in Columbus County to determine whether any would have a joint interest in helping fund a planner's position for the County and municipalities beginning in fiscal year 1996-97.

PERSONNEL POLICY FOR FAMILY MEMBERS EMPLOYMENT

The Board directed Administration to check with surrounding counties to see what policy is being used for the employment of family members within the County Departments.

EMERGENCY SERVICES - ROAD NAME CHANGE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to have Wilkes Road, which is an extension of Broadway Road in Chadbourn's town limits, be changed to Broadway Road in its entirety. Broadway Road will run from the corporate limits of Chadbourn until it intersects with old Stake Road.

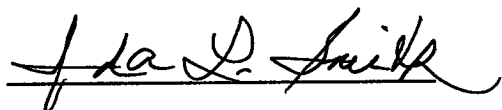
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - REQUEST MAINTENANCE ON SR 1102

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to request the Department of Transportation to upgrade or provide some added maintenance to State Road 1102 (Indigo Flats Road), that would ensure the safety of those persons who travel the road.

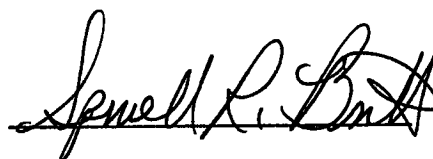
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 P.M.

APPROVED:



Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board



Spruell R. Britt, Chairman