

**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., September 3, 1996, it being the first Tuesday following the first Monday, a legal holiday.

**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

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring  
Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

**ABSENT:**

C.W. Williams

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Spruell R. "Randy" Britt and the invocation was given by Commissioner C.E. "Gene" Wilson.

**BOARD MINUTES DELETED FROM AGENDA**

The Board reached a general consensus to delete approval of Board Minutes for the August 19, 1996 Meeting until the September 16, 1996 Board Meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray

and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda items as follows.

**Tax Releases:**

Elizabeth W. Baldwin: J-2-31, not in the Whiteville Rescue/Fire District.  
Amount \$8.64, year 1996, account #05-00160.

Harry Dale Baldwin: Personal property (mobile home) sold March, 1995.  
(Pick-up). Amount \$118.26, valuation \$6,790, year 1996, account #14-00815.

Annie Belle Beasley: J-2-30, double-listed to Robert O. Gurkin on J-2-34.  
Amount \$23.40, valuation \$2,300, year 1996, account #05-00300.

Kenneth Lee & Deanna Blake: Y-2-66, not in Acme Delco Fire District.  
Amount \$20.28, year 1996, account #15-02457.

Muziel Graham G. Budies: Failed to receive the Disability exemption on lot  
and house, map V-1-82. Amount \$135.00, valuation \$15,000, year 1996, account #15-  
07230.

Pearl Bullard: Mobile home double-listed to Edwin Samuel Herring on 12-  
11707 (pick-up). Amount \$117.89, valuation \$6,810, year 1996, account #12-04560.

Kerry Scott Canady: M-15-6A, double-listed to Sylvia Gore on M-15-6.  
Amount \$11.70, valuation \$1,500, year 1996, account #07-01423.

Donnie & Ruth Dees: Personal property (camper) billed through error, moved  
out of County May, 1995. Amount \$14.67, valuation \$1,710, year 1996, account #08-04632.

D & F Paint and Body Shop: J-7A-27, not in Brunswick Fire District.  
Amount \$34.44, year 1996, account #01-18984.

Vicki Lynn Fipps: Mobile home double-listed to Harold D. & Glenda Fipps.  
Amount \$80.70, valuation \$5,210, year 1996, account #01-02657.

Lois W. Gerald: Mobile home not on G-7-23, moved out in 1995. Amount  
\$77.34, valuation \$2,040, year 1996, account #13-15130.

Kenneth Gore: Personal property, not in Yam City fire District. Amount  
\$8.93, year 1996, account #06-14748.

Willie Grant Graham: H-12-95A, house (leasehold), located on Eddie Graham  
Heirs property, was destroyed by fire in 1986. Amount \$164.52, valuation \$13,400, year

1996, account #06-15863.

Great Grace Church: TC-3-164 and TC-3-163, Church property - tax exempt.

Amount \$804.96, valuation \$103,200, year 1996, account #06-16656.

Habitat for Humanity of Columbus: WH-6-19, tax exempt property. Amount \$14.40, valuation \$1,800, year 1996, account #01-35983.

Darcy J. Hardwick: Bulk barns already listed on 03-10120, D.J. Hardwick. Amount \$30.03, valuation \$3,500, year 1996, account #03-10100.

David Hill: Failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption on lot and house, map K7A-178M. Amount \$204.22, valuation \$21,890, year 1996, account #'s 01-40284 and 01-40280.

Jack B. Icard: E-3B-26, double listed to E-3B-25, Sarah W. Icard. Amount \$14.36, valuation \$1,200, year 1996, account #12-12620.

Cecil & Joan E. Jenrette: Mobile home valued wrong (clerical error). W/S hookup billed in error. Also, only one user fee on L-15-34A. Amount \$264.30, valuation \$18,500, year 1996, account #07-09423.

Roy and Allison Jernigan: G-8-47, mobile home already listed to Christopher Graves. Amount \$8.40, valuation \$1,000, year 1996, account #09-15707.

S. Eugene Jordan, Sr.: J-2-6, not in Whiteville Rescue District. Amount \$5.80, year 1996, account #05-03420.

KAR Enterprise, Inc.: K-4-10C, double-listed on 01-20280, Ellis Autry & Faye Dawsey on map K-4-10D. Amount \$26.60, valuation \$2,700, year 1996, account #01-49373.

Walter Kisiah: Mobile home (pick-up) was sold to Neill Floyd in 1995. Amount \$101.95, valuation \$4,890, year 1996, account #06-22250.

Laurinburg Housing Center: H-6-14E, double-listed on 13-10374, David Dennis, H-6-14C. Amount \$16.15, valuation \$1,900, year 1996, account #13-23014.

Terry and Ginger Littrell: LW-3-68J, billed with incorrect value of \$85,400 instead of \$64,800. Difference rebilled to LW-3-68-0. Amount \$160.68, valuation \$20,600, year 1996, account #08-50024.

David Leroy Long: Failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption on lot and house, TC-4-432. Amount \$117.00, valuation \$15,000, year 1996, account #06-23320.

Frankie and Christine Lowery: Mobile and attachments, burned about five (5) years ago. Amount \$25.74, valuation \$3,300, year 1996, account #16-10380.

George T. And Addie Mann: V-1-70A, not in Acme-Delco Fire District. Amount \$34.80, year 1996, account #15-28117.

Gladys Mullins: Failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption on her mobile home. Amount \$156.43, valuation \$11,480, year 1996, account #04-12213.

Diana Munier: F-7-7A, only one (1) well and septic tank. Amount \$13.20, valuation \$1,500, year 1996, account #16-11228.

Dinah Murphy: Failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption on lot and house, J-6B-213. Amount \$120.00, valuation \$15,000, year 1996, account #01-64300.

Jimmy Van Nance: Mobile home (1992 year model) listed in Bladen County (pick-up). Amount \$208.95, valuation \$17,360, year 1996, account #12-20015.

Christopher H and Kim Nobles: Mobile home (pick-up) sold to Angela Todd in November, 1995. Amount \$86.13, valuation \$3,350, year 1996, account #13-29574.

Donnie Edward Norris: Mobile home (pick-up) already listed to Sonja G. Norris. Amount \$118.26, valuation \$6,790, year 1996, account #16-12030.

James E. Pauline Etal: TC-3-112, First Baptist Church in Tabor City is tax exempt. Amount \$924.30, valuation \$118,500, year 1996, account #06-28604.

Jessie & Sinatra Peacock: Mobile home (pick-up) 1974 model, does not own. Amount \$8.58, valuation \$1,000, year 1996, account #12-21460.

Hazel Andrew Piggott: G-11-99 and G-12-21, in land use value. Amount \$117.04, valuation \$13,300, year 1996, account #09-23801.

Tillie Ann Powell: Mobile home (pick-up) sold in 1995. Amount \$93.64, valuation \$3,920, year 1996, account #09-24043.

Donnie R. & Ellen Price: Mobile home sold in July, 1995. Amount \$126.53, valuation \$7,200, year 1996, account #11-21470.

Frances and James Price: Mobile home already listed as real estate on 11-

21563, same name. Amount \$229.26, valuation \$21,700, year 1996, account #11-21492.

Arvin Neal Prince: Mobile home double-listed to Neal Prince on 1-74065.

Amount \$169.20, valuation \$13,000, year 1996, account #09-24201.

Osteen Spaulding: Moved out of County in July, 1995. Mobile home picked-up in error. Amount \$211.26, valuation \$17,630, year 1996, account #10-15932.

Barbara Jean Spivey: Mobile home double-listed on 9-27694, Barbara Johnson and Kimberly Spivey. Amount \$259.99, valuation \$25,640, year 1996, account #09-27681.

Penny Stockley: Mobile home double-listed on real estate on 15-35550, Earl and Penny Stockley. Amount \$103.68, valuation \$5,600, year 1996, account #15-35570.

Chris Allen & Kelly Turner: Mobile home already listed on 12-12985, Benjamin Ivey. Amount \$132.41, valuation \$8,440, year 1996, account #12-27968.

Rosetta Waltman: Mobile home (pick-up) sold prior to January 1, 1996. Amount \$132.41, valuation \$8,440, year 1996, account #09-29408.

D.B. Ward (Mrs.): K-12-8, property divided - double-listed to K-13-17 through K-13-17G. Amount \$1,459.74, valuation \$194,080, years 1986-1996, account #09-31800.

Sherry Lynn Williams: Mobile home (pick-up) sold December, 1996. Amount \$111.66, valuation \$5,870, year 1996, account #02-07024.

Florence Gertrude Strickland: Failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption on her lot and house on map F-7-24. Amount \$132.00, valuation \$15,000, year 1996, account #16-14280.

#### User Fees for 1996:

<u>Name &amp; Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account No.</u>
Neely & Rita L. Bailey M-8-56, one house vacant.	\$ 60.00	03-00483
Eston & Glenn Blackmon K-9-51, one house vacant.	60.00	03-01560
J. C. Blackwell (Heirs) E-7-79, house vacant.	60.00	16-01060
Gracie Boeni N-3-23, house vacant	60.00	14-02233
Frances Bostic N-4-50, house vacant.	60.00	11-11507
Ivan W. Briton CH-1-169, house unoccupied, lives in rest home.	36.00	13-04120
Anzie Brown	60.00	05-00700

H-2-31, user fees exempted through S.C. exemption.		
Annie Carol Burroughs	60.00	09-02163
I-10-5B, house vacant.		
Lena Butler	60.00	13-06065
H-7-10, house vacant.		
J.C. & Kathleen Cains	60.00	13-06420
H-5A-96, house vacant.		
Mary W. Cartret	60.00	07-01620
N-13-116, house vacant.		
W.H. Creech, Heirs	36.00	11-07340
HB-2-17, house unoccupied.		
Pauline Gore Evans	60.00	10-05030
FB-1-106, vacant house.		
V.G. Flynn	60.00	11-09120
M-6-15, house unoccupied, lives with daughter at the present time.		
William T. & Kathleen Garrell	60.00	01-30720
I-B-24, one house only.		
Florence S. Gooden	60.00	14-05985
N-1-79A, house vacant.		
Daniel J. & Janice Gore (K-8-52)	60.00	03-08940
(K-9-7)	60.00	03-08940
(K8-51A)	60.00	03-08760
(WS-2-1)	40.00	11-11260
Waste collected by Commercial Hauler.		
Gore Trailer Mfg. Incorporated	60.00	03-08800
K-9-7, waste collected/Commercial Hauler.		
Thomas J. & Dorothy Gore	60.00	03-09580
K-9-94, vacant.		
Clarence R. Hall	24.00	15-16960
W-1-45, lives in town.		
Gumery Hilbourn, Sr.	60.00	10-08520
C-6-55, house vacant.		
Thomas S. Hobbs	60.00	13-19440
Ch-5-6, storage building.		
Tony & Frances Inderlin	60.00	14-07163
L-2-7, house vacant.		
Jimmy Ivey	36.00	08-10109
Camper in L.W. campground.		
Christie Bell Johnson	60.00	15-20400
Y-3-89, one house only.		
Christopher A. Keto	60.00	01-49834
K-4-4-0 house incomplete January, 1996.		
Neal A. & Virginia Lane	60.00	15-22880
W-2-108, second building, storage only.		
Harry Lee (Heirs)& Mary Lee Lennon:	60.00	12-15300
H-2-94, house unoccupied.		
Ella Lowery:	60.00	13-24480
F-6A-25, house vacant.		
Retha W. McKee:	60.00	03-15763
L-12-22A, property vacant.		
Mary D. & Wade McKenzie:	60.00	13-26065
H-6-90B, house vacant.		
Yates Lee McPherson:	60.00	09-20060
H-8-3, no one lives in house.		
Charles M. & Gertrude O'Connor:	36.00	06-28500
TC-3-298, One user fee in town only.		

David Letlo Parker:	60.00	15-29000
W-4-82, house vacant.		
Mark Alan Powell:	36.00	13-32232
CH-4-84, house vacant.		
Dinah Reaves:	60.00	04-13420
R-2-1, house unoccupied.		
John Richardson Heirs:	60.00	03-19820
K-8-88, no one lives in house.		
Paul Sanderson:	60.00	12-23940
D-1-11, one house vacant.		
Sarah Janie Simmons:	120.00	12-25160
E-2-75, one house only.		
Listen & Mona Faye Soles:	60.00	13-37380
H-8-12, vacant.		
Ernest D. Spaulding:	60.00	14-15140
N-2-47, house vacant.		
C.I. Stevens:	36.00	01-89780
WH-5-188, utility building only.		
Bennie Lee and Doris Storms:	60.00	05-06840
J-2-22, vacant store.		
Son Fish Corporation (Tops & Bottoms):	36.00	01-87365
WH-4-154, vacant building.		
Phillip and Jeanette Strickland:	60.00	16-15088
D-8-23, house vacant.		
Taurus, Inc.:	300.00	01-91900
1-7-28, Apartment house not being rented.		
Jack Guy and Jo Ann Vereen:	60.00	11-28220
WS-1-24, rental property vacant.		
Aubrey June Waddell, Jr.:	36.00	10-17744
FB-1-50, house empty.		
Billy Ray and Edna Walker:	40.00	07-18460
M-17-32, seasonal mobile home.		
Corbett and Annie Mae Ward:	60.00	03-26240
L-10-29, one house only.		
William Alan Ward:	60.00	03-28153
L-12-99, property vacant.		
J.W. Jr., and Gladys Wheeler:	36.00	10-18433
FB-1-149, house vacant.		
Rosco Williams:	60.00	06-43497
Mobile home empty, lives in Philadelphia.		
Henry B. & Elizabeth Williamson:	60.00	12-30757
E-5-17, one house vacant.		
William C & Ann Willoughby:	60.00	12-32380
E-1-12, house vacant.		
C.E. & Eloise Wilson:	60.00	05-07613
J-1-14, 2nd building, not a dwelling.		
Irene Yeoman:	60.00	11-31137
HB-3-19, house vacant.		

**Tax Refund:**

Ordered: That a tax refund be issued to Lula B. Brown, 975 S. Blacksmith Road, Bolton, NC 28423, in the amount of \$51.86, for year 1996. Was entitled to \$15,000 valuation for senior-citizen's exemption instead of \$8,700 on her lot and house located on

T-3-33. 1996 taxes all paid 8-13-96. Account #04-01880.

**Budget Amendment:**

Accept 10-348-0801 Child Health State Grant	\$222.00
Expend 10-589-3200 Office Supplies	\$222.00

**SCHOOLS - COUNTY DENIES PURCHASE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to deny the purchase of the Williams Township School Principal's House and 0.61 acre lot as offered to Columbus County by the Columbus County Board of Education.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - BID APPROVAL FOR EDA PROJECT FOR SOUTHEAST REGIONAL PARK**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to approve the bids for the EDA water project for the Southeast Regional Park to the lowest bidders to build a 12" water line from Whiteville to the park and the installation of a 500,000 gallon water tank as follows:

Contract I - McArthur Construction	\$330,961.08
Contract II - Phoenix Fabricators & Erectors	\$498,297.00

**TAX - PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR OCTENNIAL REVALUATION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Norris, and passed unanimously to schedule a public hearing at 7:00 P.M., September 16, 1996, in the Commissioners' Chambers for the purpose of receiving public input on the proposed schedules, standards and rules pertaining to the Octennial Tax Revaluation which becomes effective January 1, 1997.

**ADMINISTRATION - PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED ON PROPOSED RESORT VEHICLE PARK/CAMPGROUND ORDINANCE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to schedule a public hearing at 7: 15 P.M., September 16, 1996, in the Commissioners' Chambers for the purpose of the Resort Vehicle Park/Campground Ordinance.

**RESOLUTION - RESTORE & PROTECT RIVERS AND LAKES**

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

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT  
OF COUNTY GOVERNMENTS IN AN EFFORT TO RESTORE AND  
PROTECT OUR RIVERS AND LAKES**

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina faces a serious challenge in the form of increasing contamination of our surface waters, in particular in our major rivers, lakes and streams; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly currently is considering a variety of initiatives to restore and protect river water quality through reclamation of wetlands, acquisition of riparian buffers, reduction of point-source pollution from waste water treatment plants, improved stormwater controls, and repair of failing septic tank systems; and

WHEREAS, the Governor, through the Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources, has promoted basinwide solutions to protection and restore water quality in our rivers and lakes; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources currently is developing a specific strategy for the Neuse River Basin that will involve the establishment of comprehensive administrative rules to be implemented by state agencies and by local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources has adopted a basinwide approach to river water quality that ultimately will be implemented in all of our state's river basins and lake estuaries; and

WHEREAS, the State has encouraged local governments to join together in finding regional solutions to water quality problems through such organizations as the five regional councils established in the river basins of the Albemarle-Pamlico area pursuant to Executive Order #75; and

WHEREAS, local governments also are key participants in various locally

created regional groups such as the Cape Fear Assembly, the Lower Neuse River Association, and the Upper Neuse River Association which have protection of riparian water resources as their primary focus; and

WHEREAS, it relates to public health, environmental quality and economic development and will play an important role in the implementation of state initiatives to restore and protect our rivers and lakes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County hereby calls upon the General Assembly and the Governor to assure the following:

1. Sufficient state funding is appropriated to initiate a program of incentive grants to address pollution of our rivers and lakes from both point sources and non-point sources.
2. An ongoing source of state funding be developed to provide continuous support for an incentive grants program.
3. The decision making process for the award of incentive grants should involve river basin organizations representing local governments and other interest groups in the review of all applications for state funding.
4. The ongoing effort of the Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources to develop administrative rules implementing the proposed Neuse River Basin Management Strategy should continue to involve local government officials in the development, review, and refinement of the proposal.

Adopted by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners on September 3,

1996.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

**PROCLAMATION - OCTOBER, 1996 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS  
MONTH**

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

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

**1996 PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, violence against women and children continues to become more prevalent as a social problem due to the imbalance of power due to gender and age.

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people but cross all economic, racial and societal barriers; and supported by societal indifference.

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual psychological and economic control and/or abuse.

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting women and children and society as a whole.

WHEREAS, it is battered women themselves who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim that October, 1996, is Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Columbus County and call upon all citizens to join in making every home a safe home and to support Families First in working toward the elimination of personal and institutional violence against women.

ADOPTED, this the 3rd day of September, 1996.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith

**PROCLAMATION - HUNTING & FISHING DAY**

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

**HUNTING and FISHING DAY PROCLAMATION**

Hunting and Fishing have always been an important part of the American tradition. While these activities may no longer be necessary for survival--as they were in the early days of the nation--they are still relevant today.

Sportsmen and sportswomen recognize the critical role of habitat--quantity and quality of air, land, water, adequate cover or shelter, appropriate space, and sufficient arrangement--for the existence of all living things. For over 100 years, they have been in the forefront of the conservation movement. Not content with merely vocalizing their support, hunters and anglers requested special fees and taxes on their equipment to pay for scientific research, habitat acquisition and improvement, education, and enforcement. Over the years, funds raised total over \$19 billion for conservation.

Programs financed by the hunters and anglers have led to the dramatic comeback of many wildlife species. These included game species such as the wild turkey, tundra swan, snow geese, ducks, and white-tailed deer. However, these efforts also helped the comeback of non-game species as well as including the bald eagle, other raptors, songbirds, shore birds, alligators, fur bearers, and others.

As individuals and through their organizations, hunters and anglers volunteer countless hours of their own time for local conservation projects and to raise even more funds for conservation.

We would like to take this opportunity to commend responsible hunters and anglers for their efforts on behalf of wildlife and for their contributions to conservation.

Therefore, we, the commissioners of Columbus County, do proclaim Saturday, September 28, 1996, as Hunting and Fishing Day, in Columbus County.

We call upon our citizens to join with hunters, anglers, and other responsible conservationists to ensure the wise use and proper management of our natural resources to benefit future generations.

ADOPTED this the 3rd day of September, 1996.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**/s/ Spruell R. Britt, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

**/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board**

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:15 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to enter into closed session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(5).

**RESUME REGULAR SESSION**

At 8:45 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to adjourn closed session and resume regular session.

No action was taken.

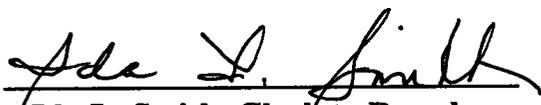
**AIRPORT - ACCEPT LAND REVIEW APPRAISAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to accept the land appraisal recommendation by Beck Realty and Development Company and directed Dempsey B. Herring, Administrator, to continue cost negotiations with the property owners adjacent to the airport which is needed for the Columbus County Airport expansion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Immediately, thereafter, a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

  
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Spruell R. Britt, Chairman