

**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 7:00 P.M., Monday, September 16, 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 (arrived at 7:30 P.M.)

Sammie Jacobs

Lynwood Norris

C.W. Williams

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring  
Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

**PUBLIC HEARING - OCTENNIAL TAX REVALUATION**

Chairman Britt called the Octennial Tax Revaluation Public Hearing to order at 7:00 P.M., for comments on the proposed scheduled, standards and rules pertaining to the Octennial Tax Revaluation which becomes effective January 1, 1997.

The Chairman requested anyone wishing to speak in regards to the public hearing, to be recognized by stating their name.

Greg Parker, a concerned citizen, questioned how land would be valued adjoining and/or near livestock operations.

William D. Brooks, Jr., Tax Administrator, advised that there is a distance formula that is being used in valuing property near and/or adjoining livestock operations. The manual used for valuing all property within Columbus County is on display at the tax office for review.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED**

There being no further comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to close the Public Hearing at 7:05 P.M.

**PUBLIC HEARING - RESORT VEHICLE PARK/CAMPGROUND ORDINANCE**

Chairman Britt called the Resort Vehicle Park/Campground Ordinance Public Hearing to order at 7:15 P.M., for the purpose of receiving public input concerning the adoption and enactment of a Resort Vehicle Park/Campground Ordinance.

The Chairman requested anyone wishing to speak in regards to the public hearing, to be recognized by stating their name.

Eugene Fowler, a concerned citizen, encouraged the adoption of the Resort Vehicle Park/Campground Ordinance.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED**

There being no further comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to close the Public Hearing at 7:20 P.M.

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING COMMENCED**

The regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Chairman Spruell R. "Randy" Britt at 7:30 P.M., and the invocation was given by Ed Worley, Aging Director.

**BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the Board Minutes of the August 19, and September 3, 1996, Meetings, as recorded.

**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:**

Gail N. Benton: Mobile home double-listed on 01-50809, Gail N. Sellers. Amount \$98.70, valuation \$4,510, year 1996, account #01-04900.

W.D. Brooks, Inc.: WH-5-133A rebilled to Worsley Oil Company as leasehold on Walman, Inc. Amount \$64.00, valuation \$8,000, year 1996, account #01-09120.

Larry W. & Annette Cartrette: I-12-4B, billed incorrectly - per request rebilled with land and house valued \$20,900. Amount \$24.36, valuation \$2,900, year 1996, account #06-04644.

Sharilyn Cokley: Mobile home (14 x 70 Fleetwood) destroyed by tornado of November, 1995, Town of Brunswick. Amount \$176.06, valuation \$14,880, year 1996, account #01-15177.

Hilton B. And Marie Cox: H-7-14A, double-wide listed on personal property to Kenneth Hayes. Amount \$312.72, valuation \$32,400, year 1996, account #13-09262.

Frances Delane Duncan: CH-1-223, depreciation calculated wrong. Amount \$24.18, valuation \$3,100, year 1996, account #13-10743.

Daniel Lewis Graham: V-1-82C, acreage breakdown, incorrect. Amount \$23.40, valuation \$2,600, year 1996, account #15-16105.

Daniel R. and Lorraine Hinson: H-11-25, garage rebilled to George and Myra Lovette for year 1995 and 96 on #09-17240. Refund requested for year 1995. Amount \$143.64, valuation \$17,100, year 1996, account #09-13900.

Vernon Hinson: F-7-76, in land use value. Amount \$3.16, valuation \$2,200, year 1996, account #13-19381.

Thomas Ray Johnson: E-3-89, house rebilled to Thomas Ray Johnson, II. Amount \$633.30, valuation \$73,500, year 1996, account #12-13600.

Mike L. And Sybil Jolly: F-5-7, 10.74 acre tract, all woods. Amount \$70.98, valuation \$9,100, year 1996, account #12-13688.

Kendall Wayne Kelly: W-4-106, no out-buildings. Amount \$22.50, valuation \$2,500, year 1996, account #15-22199.

Ralph and Roma Long: Mobile home sold in 1995. Amount \$96.43, valuation \$4,670, year 1996, account #07-11060.

Lonzo Daniel McCallister: G-5-139A, house unfinished as of 1-1-96. Amount \$591.60, valuation \$69,600, year 1996, account #13-24857.

Henry and Lou Floy Milligan: G-13-24, house rebilled to John Patrick Milligan. Amount \$716.48, valuation \$74,600, year 1996, account #06-25940.

Bobby Ray Moore, V-4-35, vacant tract. House rebilled to Robert L. Moore. Amount \$159.84, valuation \$12,800, year 1996, account #15-27543.

Talmadge Eugene Nobles: G-8-35, rebilled, per request with 98.50 acres and buildings valued at \$132,600. Amount \$1,154.04, valuation \$123,100, year 1996, account #13-30800.

Leon Preston and Cindy Parker: L-4-27, property divided. Double-listed to L-4-27C, Sammy Eason and L-4-27D, Robert Linkous. Amount \$744.48, valuation \$84,600, year 1996, account #14-11723.

Solomon Pridgen Heirs: H-2-93, billed incorrectly. Only one (1) double-wide mobile home on property. Amount \$648.84, valuation \$67,800, year 1996, account #12-22860.

Producers Tobacco Warehouse, Inc.: G-5-137, warehouse burned in 1995; also apartments rebilled to Horace and Joan Cox. (G-5-137, vacant tract). Amount \$1,746.55, valuation \$184,300, year 1996, account #13-33670.

Kenneth J. Ray: I-12-4, divided property and rebilled to Joseph Delma Ray (I-12-4) and Larry Cartrette (I-12-4B). Amount \$220.08, valuation \$26,200, year 1996, account #06-30761.

Crystal Simmons: No fire district fees under this account. Clerical error. Mobile home already listed to Kenneth Simmons as personal property. Amount \$5.00, year 1996, account #12-24978.

Gregory F. & Penny Smith: W-4-27, old remodeled mobile home priced too

high. Amount \$51.48, valuation \$6,600, year 1996, account #15-34785.

Sessie W. Strickland: C-9-3A, house value depreciated. Amount \$135.66, valuation \$9,700, year 1996, account #16-15380.

Taylor Oil Company: Some equipment double-listed on real and personal. Refund requested for 1991 through 1995. Amount \$102.90, valuation \$12,863, year 1996, account #01-91910.

Maggie Turbeville: D-9-35, house #2 double-listed to Tommy Small on 07-14900. Amount \$224.58, valuation \$21,100, year 1996, account #16-16280.

Curtiss Williams, II: M-7-25, 1.91 acre tract, vacant. House rebilled to Claudette Williams. Amount \$712.68, valuation \$77,700, year 1996, account #11-29926.

Elizabeth Williamson: X-5-26, house double-listed as a leasehold to Delores Britt on account #15-04449. Amount \$333.78, valuation \$35,100, year 1996, account #15-39645.

Jack M. Yates, Jr.: Requested that each mobile home located on G-5-15B (4.04 acre tract) be rebilled separately. Amount \$410.28, valuation \$34,150, year 1996, account #13-46003.

**User Fees:**

<u>Name &amp; Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account #</u>
T.F. Collier: House I-3-30, vacant tract.	\$ 60.00	01-15940
Madalene Blake Duran: CH-4-6, 1 house vacant.	36.00	13-10880
Ronald Ellis: Mobile home unoccupied.	60.00	13-12123
Joanne Formyduval: WH-1-295B, house located in town.	24.00	01-28887
Avalene Blanks Graham: Mobile home not in use.	60.00	08-06967
William O. & Naomi Graham: X-3-132, house vacant.	60.00	15-16580
E.L. Rabon: G-5-42, garage building not in use.	60.00	13-33840
Clarence N. & Letitia Sharp: WH-4-178, two apartments vacant.	72.00	01-81501
Fernando Valencia Etal: K-7A-8, commercial hauler.	60.00	01-98398
W.T. Sr., and Annie Vance: K-8-57A, one house vacant.	60.00	03-25666
Hugh D. Vance:	60.00	03-25660

K-8-57, storage building vacant.

**2% Discount for August, 1996:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>2% Discount</u>	<u>Account #</u>
Alco Standard Corporation	\$ 5.49	01-00210
Eston & Glenn Blackmon	13.26	03-01560
Kenneth Lee & Deanna Blake	3.05	15-02457
Neely & Rita L. Bailey	7.65	03-00483
Ivan W. Britton	1.19	13-04120
Annie Carol Burroughs	7.27	09-02163
Lena Butler	4.52	13-06065
J.C. & Kathleen F. Cains	3.57	13-06420
Mary W. Cartret	18.80	07-01620
W.H. Creech Heirs	3.14	11-07340
Eva D. Evans	1.34	15-13555
Pauline Gore Evans	1.67	10-05030
V. G. Flynn	1.14	11-09120
William T. & Kathleen Garrell	5.93	01-30720
Lois W. Gerald	11.50	13-15130
Florence G. Gooden	2.77	14-05985
Gore Trailer Mfg. Inc.	36.96	03-08800
Daniel J. & Janice Gore	22.38	03-08760
Daniel J. & Janice Gore	7.88	03-08940
Daniel J. & Janice Gore	14.96	03-08940
Daniel Jackson & Janice Gore	18.61	11-11260
Kenneth Gore	1.31	06-14748
Thomas J. & Dorothy Gore	1.17	03-09580
Willie Grant Graham	2.37	06-15863
Clarence R. Hall	1.89	15-16960
Gumery Hilbourn (Sr.)	3.94	10-08520
Thomas S. Hobbs	16.08	13-19440
Tony & Frances Inderlin	2.08	14-07163
Cecil & Joan E. Jenrette	4.76	07-09423
Eugene Jordan, Sr.	6.72	05-03420
Christopher A. Keto	3.81	01-49834
Neal A. & Virginia Lane	13.61	15-22880
Lesley Dean & Dawn Larrimore	10.04	08-10823
Harry Lee Heirs & Mary Lee Lennon	4.98	12-15300

Yates Lee McPherson	3.90	09-20060
George T., Sr. & Addie Mann	5.72	15-28117
Dinah Murphy	1.07	01-64300
Charles & Gertrude O'Connor	8.55	06-28500
David Letlo Parker	9.55	15-29000
Hazel Andrews Pigott	9.08	09-23801
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Ester W. Ray	1.44	09-24480
Dinah Reaves	2.07	04-13420
Paul Sanderson	16.36	12-23940
Hartford T. Sellers, Sr.	5.22	03-20847
Lewis E. Sellers, Jr.	7.80	08-16345
Son Fish Corporation	1.94	01-87365
Ernest D. Spaulding	7.09	14-15140
Liston & Mona Faye Nobles	1.53	13-37380
Jessie Edward Stocks	1.92	07-16960
Florence Gertrude Strickland	15.62	16-14280
Phillip R. & Jeanette Strickland	6.57	16-15088
Taurus, Incorporated	22.30	01-91900
Sarah Turbeville	1.70	12-27940
Jack Guy & Jo Ann Vereen	12.45	11-28220
Aubrey June Waddell, Jr.	3.00	10-17744
Billy Ray & Edna M. Walker	3.37	07-18460
Corbett & Annie Mae Ward	8.44	03-26240
William Alan Ward	1.64	03-28153
J.W. Jr., & Gladys Wheeler	6.63	10-18433
Rosco Williams	6.76	06-43497
Henry G. & Elizabeth Williamson	27.69	12-30757
William C. & Ann Willoughby	2.46	12-32380

**Refunds:**

Ordered: That a refund check be issued to John F. & Judith Ball, 6067 Seven Creeks, Highway, Nakina, NC 28455, in the amount of \$58.80 for year 1996. L-11-16, house vacant. Taxes paid through error. Account #03-00520.

Ordered: That a refund check be issued to Allie Marie Watts, 109 Watering Street, Tabor City, NC 28463, in the amount of \$63.52 for year 1996. Out buildings not on TC-1-53 for the past several years. Account #06-13080.

Ordered: That a refund check be issued to John T. Mitchell, 1800 W. State Road, #51, South Pasadena, CA 91030 (Lena Mae Mitchell Heirs), in the amount of \$379.78, for years 1992-96. All taxes paid. X-3-168 divided and double-listed to X-3-168A, 168B, 168C and 168D Account #15-27380.

Ordered: That a refund check be issued to Taylor Oil company, P.O. Box 5195, Winston Salem, NC 27113, in the amount of \$11.31 for years 1991-95. All taxes paid. Some equipment double-listed on real and personal property. Account #01-91910.

Ordered: That a refund check be issued to Alan Ward, 147 Cape Fear Drive, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$125.30 for year 1995. J-5-000 Leasehold only (house 10% complete) was double-listed to W. Alan Ward. Account #02-00743.

Ordered: That a refund check be issued to Daniel R. & Lorraine Hinson, 1416 Minos Meares Road, Tabor City, NC 28463, in the amount of \$143.64, for year 1995. H-11-25, garage rebilled to George & Myra Lovette for 1995-96. (A release for 1996). Account #09-13900.

**Budget Amendment:**

Accept Elderly & Handicapped Transportation Grant \$28,196.00

Expend as follows:

10-700-9700 E & H Transportation - Health	9,587.00
10-700-9701 E & H Transportation - Aging	3,665.00
10-700-9702 E & H Transportation - DSS	1,974.00
10-700-9704 E & H Transportation - Mental Health	12,970.00

**ORDINANCE - RESORT VEHICLE PARK/CAMPGROUND ORDINANCE**

**ADOPTION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resort Vehicle Park/Campground Ordinance.

**RESORT VEHICLE PARK/**

**CAMPGROUND ORDINANCE**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**ARTICLE I: PURPOSE**



The purpose of this **Ordinance** is to regulate and guide the establishment of campgrounds in order to promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Columbus County, North Carolina. This **Ordinance** is designed to accomplish the following specific objectives: (a) to further the orderly layout of campgrounds; (b) to secure safety from fire, panic and other danger; (c) to provide adequate light and air; and (d) to ensure that facilities for transportation, parking, water, sewage and recreation are provided for campground visitors.

## **ARTICLE II: JURISDICTION**

These regulations shall govern the establishment of each and every new campground and the alteration or expansion of existing campgrounds lying within the jurisdiction of Columbus County.

## **ARTICLE III: AUTHORITY**

Columbus County hereby exercises its authority to adopt and enforce a **Campground Ordinance** pursuant to the authority granted to Columbus County by Chapter 153A, Article Six of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

## **ARTICLE IV: SHORT TITLE**

This **Ordinance** shall be known as the **CAMPGROUND ORDINANCE, COLUMBUS COUNTY**, and may be cited as the **Campground Ordinance**.

## **ARTICLE V: DEFINITIONS**

When used in this **Ordinance**, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning given in this section. Terms not herein defined shall have their customary definitions where not inconsistent with the context. The term **shall** is mandatory and words used in the singular include the plural and those in the present include the future tense.

1. **Columbus County Health Department**: Health Director or his/her designated agent(s).
2. **Camper**: A folding structure manufactured of metal, wood, canvas, plastic or other materials, or any combination thereof, mounted on wheels and designed for travel, recreation or vacation use. A camper is not designed or intended to be used as a permanent dwelling. Campers may also include the following:
  - A. **Travel Trailer**: A vehicular, portable structure built on chassis, designed to be towed by a self-propelled vehicle for use for travel, recreation or vacation purposes. A travel trailer is not designed or meant to be used as a permanent dwelling.
  - B. **Recreational Vehicle**: A self-propelled vehicle or portable structure mounted on such a vehicle designed as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreation and vacation.
  - C. **Tent**: A portable shelter of canvas, plastic or skins stretched over a supporting framework of poles with skins stretched over a supporting framework of poles with ropes and pegs.

3. **Camper Space:** A plot of land within a campground designed for the accommodation of one (1) camper or tent.
4. **Campground:** Any lot which fifteen (15) or more camper or tent spaces are provided for temporary occupancy according to requirements as set forth in this Ordinance. A campground shall also be known as a recreational vehicle park or travel trailer park.
5. **Cul-de-sac:** A street with only one (1) end to traffic and the other end being permanently terminated and a vehicular turnaround provided for the safe and convenient reversal of traffic movement. Length is measured from the center point of the turnaround to the center line of the connecting non-cul-de-sac street.
6. **Developer:** Any person, firm, trust, partnership, association or corporation engaged in development or proposed development of a Campground.
7. **Easement:**The right to use another person's property, but only for a limited and specifically named purpose, the owner generally continues to make use of such land since he/she has given up only certain and not all ownership rights.
8. **Sanitary Sewage System:** A complete system of sewage collection, treatment and disposal, including approved privies, septic tank systems, connection to public or community sewage systems, incinerators, mechanical toilets, composting toilets, recycling toilets, mechanical aeration systems or other such systems.
9. **Public Street:** A dedicated and accepted public right-of-way which affords access to abutting property and meets the standards of this Ordinance and the most recent North Carolina Department of Transportation's minimum construction standards for subdivision roads.
10. **Public Water Supply:** Any water supply furnishing potable water to fifteen (15) connections or combination of twenty-five (25) residences or businesses so approved and designated by the appropriate agent of the State of North Carolina. This definition is not to be inferred as limited to publicly owned or operated systems, as such systems may be owned and operated by either public or private enterprise.
11. **Septic Tank System:** A subsurface sanitary sewage system consisting of a settling tank and a subsurface disposal field and other appurtenances required for proper collection, distribution, treatment, disposal, operation and performance.
12. **Service Building:** A building housing toilet and bathing facilities for men and women, with laundry tray.
13. **Setbacks:** The distance between a structure and the space or boundary line.
14. **Surveyor:**A qualified land surveyor or engineer registered and currently licensed to practice surveying in the State of North Carolina.
15. **Board Designate:** an agent(cies) and/or representative appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to represent their interest and act on their behalf.
16. **Board of County Commissioners:** governing body for the County of Columbus with equal representation from all districts.
17. **Nude:**A situation involving a condition of individuals being unclothed or devoid of clothing.

## **ARTICLE VI: PROCEDURE FOR SECURING APPROVAL OF CAMPGROUNDS**

### **SECTION A: Approval Required**

Campgrounds, as permissible uses, may be established upon the approval of the Board of

County Commissioners or their Designate. The Board of County Commissioners or their Designate shall have approval authority of such Campgrounds.

**SECTION B: Campground Plan Submission**

1. Prior to the construction of a campground or the expansion of an existing campground, the developer shall submit a campground plan to the Columbus County Administrator. Six (6) copies of the proposed campground plan must be received at least thirty (30) days prior to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners if the plans are to be reviewed by the Board at that time. New campgrounds or the expansion of an existing campground regardless of site numbers will be approved by the Board of County Commissioners or their Designate.
  
2. All park plans shall be prepared by a registered land surveyor currently licensed and registered in the State of North Carolina, or the owner or his/her authorized agent and shall be drawn legibly at a scale of one hundred (100') feet to one (1") inch, or larger, and shall include the following plan requirements;
  - a. Name of the park, developer, scale, date and tax map, block and parcel number;
  - b. Vicinity Map, sketch showing relationship between campground and surrounding area;
  - c. The location of existing property lines, streets, service buildings, natural and manmade water courses, existing wells and septic tanks, railroads, transmission lines, sewers, bridges, culverts and drain pipes, water mains, city and County lines (if adjoining), drainage easements and public utility easements, all structures to be located on the park site;
  - d. The outside boundaries of the tract of land on which the park will be built and approximate bearings and distances of each line;
  - e. Proposed camper spaces well defined, indicating accurate dimensions and site numbers;
  - f. All existing structures and proposed structures;
  - g. The proposed location of all streets, driveways, open recreational areas, parking areas, service buildings, easement and camper spaces;
  - h. Water distribution system which will connect to County system, if applicable (should be designed to minimum County standards and submitted for review);
  - I. Surface and/or subsurface drainage plan;
  - j. Classification of the property;
  - k. Site date:
    1. Acreage in total tract;
    2. Acreage in campgrounds, if applicable;
    3. Total number of spaces; and
    4. Lineal feet in streets;
  - l. Flood plain information, if necessary;
  - m. Landscaping and buffering;
  - n. Adjoining property owners;
  - o. Sign location, setback and dimensions;

- p. Title, date, graphic scale, north arrow;
- q. Sedimentation control plan information in accordance with North Carolina State Law;
- r. Uses on adjacent properties;
- s. Off-street parking, loading areas and their dimensions;
- t. The location and dimensions of present and proposed campground streets and adjacent highways;
- u. Method of garbage disposal; and
- v. Water/Utility systems.

**SECTION C: Review of the Proposed Campground Plan**

The County Administrator shall review the proposed campground plan. The County Administrator shall also forward a copy of the proposed campground plan to the Columbus County Health Department and all other appropriate agencies for review and comments. Following the evaluation period, a review meeting shall be set with the applicant and appropriate agencies, not less than thirty (30) days prior to a regular scheduled Board of County Commissioners' Meeting, to discuss the plan. If deficiencies are found with the plan, the plan will then be returned to the developer for correction. If the Board of County Commissioners or their Designate determines no inconsistencies with applicable regulations, the County Administrator shall then ask for the plan to be approved.

1. The County Administrator shall determine if the proposed campground plan is in accordance with the design standards set forth in this **Ordinance**, including, but not limited to the following:
  - a. Title information;
  - b. Location map;
  - c. Recreation areas;
  - d. Street and lot design;
  - e. Surface water drainage;
  - f. Other features of the campground;
  - g. Columbus County Health Department's report;
  - h. County Inspections Department;
  - I. Buffering; and
  - j. Other approvals as may be required.
2. The Columbus County Health Department shall review the proposed campground plan to determine if the plan is in accordance with the minimum health standards and regulations as follows:
  - a. Source of water and water distribution system;
  - b. Sanitary sewage system: owner/developer shall submit plans for proposed sanitary sewerage system to the Columbus County Health Department for its review. Each campground intended for the use of septic systems will require an application for a

site evaluation. An operations permit must be maintained in order for the campground to remain operational;

- c. Adequate space size, if septic tanks are to be used; and
  - d. Each well located so as to provide a minimum pollution-free radius as specified in Title 15A, Subchapter 18C, Section .0203 of the North Carolina Administrative Code.
3. Each agency's review shall be completed within a reasonable time. Should any agency find deficiencies in the proposed campground plan, the developer or his agent shall be notified by the County Administrator to correct such deficiencies in the plan. Each agency shall notify the County Administrator after reviewing the proposed campground plan and shall provide a written statement of approval or disapproval. If disapproved, then the reasons therefore shall be stated.
  4. If any permitting agency should disapprove the proposed campground plan, the reasons for such action and recommended changes shall be given to the developer or his agent.

#### **SECTION D: Plan Approval**

##### **1. Plan Review; Procedure by the Board of County Commissioners or Their Designate:**

The Columbus County Board of Commissioners or their Designate shall make a decision on a final plan approval based on all required final agency reviews and other available pertinent information.

##### **2. Notification of Final Approval:**

After receiving approval of the campground plan from the Board of County Commissioners or their Designate, Health Department and other relevant County agencies, the County Administrator is authorized to write a letter of approval to the developer. The County Administrator shall notify the owner as shown on the plan of this approval within ten (10) days of the action. The intent of the letter of approval is to enable the execution of the campground plan in the field and shall not be construed to entitle the recipient to offer spaces for rent or lease, or to operate a campground as defined in this Ordinance. Spaces can only be occupied after all required improvements have been installed and Certificates of Occupancy have been issued by the County Inspections Department.

##### **3. Issuance of a Certificate of Compliance:**

A. After receiving approval of the campground plan by the Board of County Commissioners or their Designate, the Health Department and the County Inspections Department, the County Administrator's office is authorized to issue a compliance permit. The intent of this permit is to enable the execution of the campground plan in the field and shall not be construed to entitle the recipient to offer spaces for rent or lease or to operate a campground as defined in this Ordinance.

B. When the developer has completed the construction of the campground, he/she shall apply to the County Administrator for a Certificate of Compliance. The County Inspections representative and a representative from the Health Department shall make an on-site inspection of the campground.

I. If the plan conforms to the campground plan approved by the Board of County Commissioners or their Designate and other agencies, the County Administrator shall issue the developer a Certificate of Compliance.

ii. If the plan does not conform with the approved plan, the County Administrator shall delay issuance of the Certificate of Compliance until it comes into conformity.

- C. The Certificate of Compliance issued to the developer shall constitute authority to lease or rent spaces in the campground.
- D. When a campground is to be developed in stages, the proposed plan may be submitted for the entire development or application for a Certificate of Compliance may be made for each stage developed.

4. **Development Time Frame:**

If the construction of the campground has not begun within twelve (12) months from the issue date of the letter of approval, the Board of County Commissioners may grant an extension of this approval if the developer appears before the Board and shows cause. If cause is not shown, the developer must repeat all the required steps of procedure for securing approval of a campground as required by this Ordinance.

When a campground is to be developed in stages, the preliminary campground plan shall be submitted for the entire development, and an application for approval shall be made for each stage of development.

**ARTICLE VII: DESIGN STANDARDS**

The following standards shall be considered the minimum requirements for all new campgrounds.

**SECTION A: General Requirements**

1. Every campground shall contain at least fifteen (15) spaces.
2. No more than one (1) camper may be parked on any one (1) space. Campers shall not be permitted on parcels, lots or spaces other than those approved through these regulations.
3. No space shall have direct vehicular access to a public road.
4. All spaces shall be located on sites with elevations that are not susceptible to flooding. The spaces shall be graded to prevent any water from ponding or accumulating within the park. Each space shall be properly graded to obtain a reasonably flat site for a campground and to provide adequate drainage away from the space. The requirement is not intended to circumvent FEMA regulations or the County Flood Management Plans.
5. Pursuant to the North Carolina State Building Code, each campground shall have at least one (1) service building to provide necessary sanitation and laundry tray. This structure may also contain a retail sales counter and/or coin operated machine for the campground residents' use, provided there is no exterior advertising. Vending machines also may be permitted in a sheltered area. All service buildings shall be provided and maintained in a clean and sanitary condition and kept in good repair at all times. They shall be safely and adequately lighted. Facilities shall be easily accessible and conveniently located. All service buildings shall be accessible to the County Health Department and shall be in conformity with all County codes. All buildings shall be constructed in accordance with the North Carolina State Building Code, and shall meet the North Carolina State Building Code setback requirements.
6. No swimming pool or bathing area shall be installed, altered, improved or used without compliance with applicable Columbus County Health Department regulations. No bathing area shall be used without the approval of the Columbus County Health Department.
7. The campground owner is responsible for refuse collection. Storage, collection and disposal of refuse shall be so managed as not to create health hazards, rodent harborage, insect-breeding areas, accident, fire hazards or air pollution. The method of garbage disposal shall be noted on the plan and approved by the Board of County Commissioners or their Designate.

8. It shall be unlawful to park or store a manufactured home in a campground. However, two (2) manufactured homes may be allowed within a campground to be used as residences of persons responsible for the operation and/or maintenance of the campground.
9. The transfer of title of a camper space or spaces either by sale or by any other manner shall be prohibited within a campground as long as the campground is in operation.
10. All camping units must be placed individually on approved camper spaces where all design standards and utilities have been completed.
11. Junked or wrecked vehicles are prohibited in campgrounds.

## **SECTION B: Streets and Parking**

### **1. Off-Street Parking Requirements**

Two (2) off-street parking spaces shall be provided and maintained for each camper space. Required parking spaces may be included within the minimum required space area for each camper space.

### **2. Public Street Access**

No camper space within a campground shall directly access a public road. Access to all campers and accessory structures within the campground shall be made using internal streets.

### **3. Internal Street Standards**

- A. One (1) or two (2) way streets shall be used throughout the campground. One (1) way streets shall have a minimum width of sixteen (16') feet. Two (2) way streets shall have a minimum width of eighteen (18') feet. Such streets shall be well maintained and clearly identified. All streets within the campground shall be privately owned and maintained. Each camper space shall abut an internal street within the campground.
- B. All internal streets that dead end shall be provided with a permanent turnaround.
- C. All parking within the campground shall take place off the internal street within designated parking areas only. All internal streets within the campground shall be equipped with adequate and suitable drainage facilities.
- D. Maintenance of all internal streets and drainage facilities shall be the responsibility of the owner of the campground. Such streets shall be maintained in a manner to be free from pot holes, breaks in the pavement, rough surfaces, ponding of water and associated problems which would impede or cause hazards to motor vehicles. Speed reduction bumps on paved internal streets are permissible, but they shall be painted and appropriate signs indicating the speed reduction bump must be placed along the street.

### **4. Ingress and Egress**

Campgrounds shall not be located on through lots unless the campground is designed in a manner which does not encourage motorists from using the campground as a means of traveling from one (1) public street to another.

Campgrounds requiring only one (1) entrance and exit area shall provide at least one (1) permanent turnaround within the campground. All campground entrances must be approved by the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

## **SECTION C: Campground Space**

1. **Minimum Campground Area**

All campgrounds shall have a gross land area of at least three (3) acres.

2. **Minimum Space Design**

- A. The following minimum space requirements also takes into account the need for adequate space to prevent overcrowding, prevent fire hazards, provide sufficient light and air, etc.
- I. Minimum space size, square feet: 1,250
  - ii. Minimum space width, feet: 25
- B. Where public, municipal or community water or sewer systems exist within one thousand (1,000') feet of the park, the developer shall connect to such system. If the water distribution system is installed in accordance with minimum County standards, the developer could dedicate the system to the County to operate. The County will have the right to accept or not accept such water systems.
- C. A minimum of eight (8%) percent of the total land area shall be devoted to accessible common open space intended for recreational use. These areas are separate from the camper spaces and shall be grouped and of character suitable for active and passive recreation and shall be reasonably located for safe and convenient access to residents.
- D. Each camper shall be located at least thirty (30') feet from the edge of any publicly-maintained street or road.

3. **Spaces Numbered**

Each camper space shall be identified by a permanent number which shall not be changed. The appropriate number of each camper space must be permanent and visibly displayed on each space. Each number shall be placed on a concrete, wood, metal or any permanent post and conspicuously located on the lot.

**SECTION D: Utility Requirements**

1. An accessible, adequate, safe and potable supply of water shall be provided in each campground. Where a public supply is available, connection shall be made thereto and its supply used exclusively. When a public water supply is not available, a community water supply may be developed and its supply used exclusively in accordance with local and state regulations and standards of the Division of Environmental Management, North Carolina Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources codified in 15A NCAC 2C. Siting well locations will be designated by the Columbus County Health Department.
2. Adequate and safe sewage disposal facilities shall be provided in all campgrounds. A public sewage disposal system and sewage treatment plant complying with the requirements of the North Carolina Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources shall be provided in every campground. Individual septic tank systems are permissible in accordance with the requirement of the State Health Sewage Disposal Regulations.
- A. Sewage dumping stations shall be approved by the Columbus County Health Department. Each campground shall provide at least one (1) sewage dumping station for each fifty (50) camper spaces, which are not equipped with individual sewer and water connections. Each campground shall also provide a sewer outlet to accommodate any dependent campers for emptying containers of human waste.
  - B. No method of sewage disposal shall be installed, altered or used without the approval of the Columbus County Health Department. All sewage waste from each park, including waste from toilets, showers, bathtubs, lavatories, wash basins, sinks and water-using appliances not herein mentioned, shall be piped into an approved sewage



disposal system.

3. Building and grounds shall be maintained free of rodent/insect harborage and infestation. Extermination methods and other control measures shall be in accordance with the requirements of licensed pest control operators. The campground owner shall be responsible for pest extermination and pest control measures to prevent the development of unsanitary conditions.

#### **SECTION E: Buffering**

A buffer strip at least ten (10') feet in width shall be maintained. This strip shall be free of all encroachment by buildings, park areas or impervious coverage. No designated camper spaces shall include any areas required for buffering in accordance with this **Ordinance**.

#### **SECTION F: Registration of Occupants**

Every campground owner or operator shall maintain an accurate register containing a record of all occupants and owners of campers in the campground. The register shall be available for inspection at all times by authorized County representatives. The register shall contain the following information.:

- A. Name and address of the occupants of each space;
- B. Camper space number; and
- C. Date when occupancy within the campground begins and date when occupancy within the campground ceases.

#### **SECTION G: Permanent Occupancy Prohibited**

No camper space shall be used as a permanent place of abode. Any action toward removal of wheels of a camper except for temporary purposes of repair is hereby prohibited.

#### **SECTION H: Inspection**

1. The County Administrator, the Columbus County Health Department, the Columbus County Building Inspections Department and the Columbus County Board of Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to make such inspections as are necessary to determine satisfactory compliance with this **Ordinance**. If connecting to County water, the developer must comply with minimum County standards. It shall be the duty of the owners of campgrounds to give these agencies free access to such premises at reasonable times for inspections.
2. The person to whom an operating permit for a campground is issued shall operate the campground in compliance with this **Ordinance** and shall provide adequate supervision to maintain the campground, its facilities and equipment in good repair and in a clean and sanitary condition.
3. The campground owner shall notify campground visitors of all applicable provisions of this **Ordinance** and inform them of their responsibilities under this **Ordinance**.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS OPERATING AS NUDE CAMPGROUNDS, COLONY, RESORT OR OTHER SIMILAR FACILITIES**

Private organizations operating as nude campgrounds, colonies, resorts or similar facilities, must operate with the following minimum requirements:

1. Must meet all applicable County and State regulations including, but not limited to, campground, mobile home park and PUD ordinances;
2. Must operate as private organization with no access by the general public. Only members or guest of members may be permitted on site;
3. Must provide adequate visual and noise screening and/or buffering; and
4. No part of any facility or structure shall be:
  - A. Located within one thousand five hundred (1,500') feet in any direction from a building used as a dwelling.
  - B. Located within one thousand five hundred (1,500') feet in any direction from a building in which an adult business or a sexually oriented business is located.
  - C. Located within one thousand five hundred (1,500') feet in any direction from a building used as a church, synagogue, other house of worship or cemeteries.
  - D. Located within one thousand five hundred (1,500') feet in any direction from a building used as a public school or as a state licensed day care center.
  - E. Located within one thousand five hundred (1,500') feet in any direction from any lot or parcel on which a public playground, public swimming pool or public park is located.
  - F. Located within one thousand five hundred (1,500') feet in any direction of any publicly owned or operated facility.

## **ARTICLE IX: ADMINISTRATION**

### **SECTION A: Variances**

Where strict adherence to the provisions of this **Ordinance** would cause an unnecessary hardship because of topographical or other conditions peculiar to the site, the Board of County Commissioners or their Designate may authorize a variance, if such variance can be made without destroying the intent of the **Ordinance**. Any variance this authorized shall be entered into the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners or their Designate and the reasoning on which the departure was justified shall be set forth.

### **SECTION B: Conformance Requirements**

Campgrounds shall be permitted only in conformance with the regulations of this **Ordinance**.

### **SECTION C: Penalties**

Any person violating the provisions of this **Ordinance** shall be guilty of a Class Three misdemeanor. Each day that the violation continues to exist shall be considered a separate and distinct offense. For the purpose of this **Ordinance**, a violation begins from the date of first notification.

### **SECTION D: Civil Penalties**

In addition to the other remedies cited in this **Ordinance** for the enforcement of these provisions, these regulations may be enforced through the issuance of citations by Columbus County. These citations shall be in the from of a civil penalty. The County may recover this penalty within seventy-two (72) hours after being cited for a violation. In addition, failure to pay the civil penalty within the seventy-two (72) hour period, may subject the violator to criminal charges.

The following civil penalties are established for violations under this Section:

<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>CHARGE</b>
Warning Citation	None, correct within ten (10) days
First Citation	\$25.00
Second Citation for Same Offense	\$50.00
Third and Sequential Citation for Same Offense	\$50.00

These civil penalties are in addition to any other penalties which may be imposed by the court of law for violations of the provisions of this **Ordinance**.

In addition to the foregoing enforcement provisions, this **Ordinance** may be enforced by any remedy provided in North Carolina General Statute 153-A-123, including, but not limited to, all appropriate equitable remedies issued from a court of competent jurisdiction as provided in General Statute 153A-123(d) and particularly the remedy of injunction and order of abatement as allowed by North Carolina General Statute 153A-123(e).

This **Ordinance** specifically provides that each day's continuing violation is a separate and distinct offense.

#### **SECTION E: Separability**

Should any section or provision of these regulations be held void or invalid by the courts for any reason, it shall not affect the validity of any other section or provision hereof which is not itself held void and invalid.

Wherever the provision of any other law, ordinance or regulation impose higher standards than are required by the provision of this **Ordinance**, the provisions of such law, ordinance or regulations shall govern.

#### **SECTION F: Amendment Procedure**

This **Ordinance** may be amended from time to time by the Board of County Commissioners as provided by the General Statutes. No amendment shall become effective unless it shall have been proposed by or shall have been submitted to the Board of County Commissioners' or their Designate's review and recommendation.

Adopted the 16th day of September, 1996.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

*/s/ Spruell R. Britt, Chairman*

**ATTEST:**

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

#### **AGING - APPROVAL OF FUNDING THROUGH COG**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve accepting grant monies from the Cape Fear Council of Governments in the amount of \$86,695.00 with the County to provide matching funds in the amount of \$9,676.00 to be absorbed within the Department of Aging's 1996-97

Operating Budget to be used for the following programs:

- In-Home Service, Home Delivered Meals and Transportation \$69,116.00
- Evergreen Nutrition Site 3,559.00
- Fair Bluff Senior Center Renovation 4,378.00
- Title III-F Health Promotion/Disease Prevention 5,644.00
- Carry over funds of Title III-F Health Promotion/Disease Prevention 3,998.00

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - RURAL ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY**

**DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPROVAL FOR NATURAL GAS LINE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to officially approve the plans and specifications in order to receive funding from the Rural Economic & Community Development Block Grant for \$200,000.00 for the Natural Gas Line Project.

**LITERACY COUNCIL - APPROPRIATION APPROVED**

Lisa Porter, representing the Columbus County Literacy Council, requested funding at a minimum of \$750.00 for fiscal year 1996-97 to assist with increased expenses for instruction materials and a need for more tutor training workshops.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to appropriate \$1,000.00 to the Columbus County Literacy Council from Non-Departmental - Contingency (10-660-9999) to be expended in Special Appropriations - Literacy Council (10-690-9802).

**RESOLUTIONS - APPRECIATION TO POWER COMPANIES FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN RESTORING POWER FOLLOWING HURRICANE FRAN**

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to send "Resolutions of Appreciation" to all power companies for their efforts in restoring power to Columbus County following Hurricane Fran.

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**

**FOR**

**GEORGIA POWER COMPANY**

**WHEREAS, Columbus County has faced one of its greatest natural disasters with Hurricane Fran; and**

**WHEREAS, Columbus County was completely without utility and electrical services for a number of days; and**

**WHEREAS, through the efforts of Georgia Power Company the human suffering of Columbus County Citizens was kept at a minimum level; and**

**WHEREAS, Georgia Power Company crews risked life and bodily harm in their efforts to restore electrical power to Columbus County; and**

**WHEREAS, Georgia Power Company crews' showed great compassion and concern and a high level of professional fortitude; and**

**WHEREAS, Georgia Power Company crews ability to work with and coordinate disaster relief with the many other agencies which came to Columbus County for Columbus County's benefit and relief created a most positive cooperative team effort.**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners commend Georgia Power Company for their diligent, professional, and compassionate efforts in working for the citizens of Columbus County to provide relief in a time of natural disaster involving Hurricane Fran and while doing so helping to restore Columbus County Citizens' quality of life back to its normal regime.**

**ADOPTED the 16th day of September, 1996.**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

**The above Resolution was also sent to the following power companies:**

**Florida Power Company  
 Pennsylvania Power and Light Company  
 B and B Utility Company  
 Southern Electric Company  
 Del Marva Power and Light Company  
 R.H. Bouligny Company  
 Highlines Construction  
 Musgrove Construction Company and Incorporated  
 Harrison Wright, Incorporated  
 Asplundh  
 Sumter Builders, Incorporated  
 Dillard Smith Construction Company**

**Floyd S. Pike**  
**Waddell Clemmons and Sons**  
**Williams Electric**  
**New South Maintenance, Incorporated**  
**Utilicon, Incorporated**  
**Davey Tree Company**  
**Weeks Construction Company**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (SCATTERED HOUSING) -**

**APPROVED COG TO ADMINISTER GRANT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to approve the following documents in regards to the Community Development Block Grant for scattered housing that has been awarded to Columbus County:

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING COG**

**TO ADMINISTER CDBG GRANT**

**WHEREAS, Columbus County has been awarded \$379,616 from the N. C. Division of Community Assistance to implement a Scattered Site Community Development Block Grant program; and**

**WHEREAS, Columbus County desires to contract for the administration of this program with a qualified grant administrator; and**

**WHEREAS, Columbus County is permitted to contract directly with the Cape Fear Council of Governments; and**

**WHEREAS, Columbus County has investigated the reasonableness of cost of the proposal presented by the Cape Fear Council of Governments and has found it to be fair and reasonable.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Columbus County hereby accepts the proposal presented by the Cape Fear Council of Governments and authorizes a contract in the amount of \$57,907 for administration costs.**

**ADOPTED the 16th day of September, 1996.**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**ATTESTED BY:**

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

**COLUMBUS COUNTY GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project is hereby adopted:

**Section 1.** The project authorized is the Community Development Block Grant Project described in the work statement contained in the Grant Agreement between this unit and the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance.

**Section 2.** The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the terms of the grant document(s), the rules and regulations of the Department of Economic and Community Development and the budget contained herein.

**Section 3.** The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

Community Development Block Grant:	\$379,616
(Account #61-348-9600)	

**Section 4.** The following amounts are appropriated for the Project:

Columbus County Scattered Site:

Private Dwellings	\$321,709
(Account #61-670-9100)	
Administration	57,907
(Account #61-670-9000)	<hr/>

Project Total	\$379,616
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**Section 5.** The County Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain within the Grant Project fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to provide the accounting to the grantor agency by the grant agreement(s) and federal and state regulations.

**Section 6.** Requests for funds should be made to the grantor agency in an orderly and timely manner as funds are obligated and expenses incurred.

**Section 7.** The County Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly on the financial status of each project element in Section 4 and on the total grant revenues received or claimed.

**Section 8.** The Budget Officer is directed to include a detailed analysis of past and future costs and revenues on this grant project in every budget submission made to the Commission.

**Section 9.** Copies of this Grant Project Ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

Adopted this 16th day of September, 1996.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk  
Columbus County Board of Commissioners

### TECHNICAL SERVICES CONTRACT

**THIS AGREEMENT**, made this 16th of September, 1996 by and between the Cape Fear Council of Governments, hereinafter called the "Council" and Columbus County, hereinafter called the "County."

#### WITNESSETH:

**WHEREAS**, the Council operates to provide planning and technical assistance to local governments in Region O; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has requested the Council to provide assistance in administering its Community Development Block Grant.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Council and the County mutually agree to the following:

1. **Employment and Scope of Work**

The County hereby agrees to engage the Council and the Council agrees to perform in a satisfactory and proper manner the work as described in the "Scope of Services" set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto, and by this reference made a part hereof.

2. **Length of Contract**

The work of the Council shall commence on \_\_\_\_\_ and shall be undertaken and completed in such sequence as to assure expeditious completion in light of the purposes of this Contract; but, in any event, the work required herein shall not extend beyond \_\_\_\_\_, 199\_\_.

3. **Assignability**

The Council shall not assign any interest in this Contract, and shall not transfer any interest in the same whether by assignment or substitution, without the prior written consent of the County or unless specifically contained in the Scope of Work attached hereto.

4. **Compensation and Method of Payment**

The County will pay the Council monthly salaries, fringe benefits, rent, supplies, postage, telephone, advertising, travel, copy costs, COG audit and indirect costs. The Council will issue an invoice to the County each month detailing the Council's cost of the work performed, and associated costs for the prior month. The County will issue a check to the Council upon receipt of the monthly invoice. The amount the County will reimburse the Council for performing all of the services set forth in Exhibit A is \$57,907.



**5. Termination of Contract for Cause**

If for any cause, the Council shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this contract, or if the Council shall violate any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this Contract, the County shall thereupon have the right to terminate this contract by giving written notice to the Council of such termination fifteen (15) days before such effective date. During the fifteen-day notification period, the Council shall have the opportunity to remedy any failures or violations to avoid termination of the contract. If termination occurs, the Council shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for all satisfactory work completed.

**6. Changes**

The County may from time to time request changes in the scope of work or services to be performed by the Council hereunder. Such changes, including any increases or decreases in the Council's compensation, which was mutually agreed upon by and between the County and Council shall be incorporated as written amendments to this contract.

**7. Records**

The Council shall maintain financial records pertaining to this contract for three (3) years after final settlement of the contract or until cleared by audit.

**8. Access to Records**

The Council shall have access to the records on file in the County for this project to assist Council staff working on the project and as part of the Contract to assure that proper record keeping is maintained.

**9. Interest of Contractor**

The Council covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed under this contract. The Council further covenants that in the performance of this contract no person having any such interest shall knowingly be employed.

**10. Findings Confidential**

Any reports, information, data, etc. given to or prepared or assembled by the Council under this contract which the County requests to be kept confidential shall not be made available to any individual or organization other than the County.

**11. Complete Agreement**

This contract contains the complete agreement of the Parties and may not be modified in any respect except by written amendment hereto.

**12. Applicable Laws**

The Parties agree that this document is to be governed, construed, and enforced in accordance with all of the laws of the State of North Carolina.

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

**Lynwood Norris, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

**ATTEST:**

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

**/s/ Executive Secretary**

**PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED - INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS FOR  
INTERNATIONAL PAPER CORPORATION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to schedule a public hearing for Monday, October 7, 1996 at 8:10 A.M. for the Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority on the proposed assurance of environmental improvement revenue bonds not to exceed \$8,300,000, to the International Paper Company.

**PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED - COLUMBUS COUNTY HOSPITAL TAX  
EXEMPT BONDS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to schedule a public hearing for Monday, October 7, 1996, at 8:00 A.M. regarding the financing renovations/additions to the Columbus County Hospital, health care facility, with the proceeds of tax exempt obligation bonds.

**RESOLUTION - REQUESTING CORP OF ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE CLEARING  
AND SNAGGING OF WACCAMAW RIVER, LUMBER RIVER & BUCKHEAD  
SWAMP**

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

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING U.S. ARMY CORP OF  
ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE CLEARING AND SNAGGING  
FOR THE WACCAMAW RIVER, THE LUMBER RIVER  
AND BUCKHEAD SWAMP**

**WHEREAS**, the Waccamaw and Lumber Rivers, as well as Buckhead Swamp are major water sources that affect the citizens of Columbus County; and

**WHEREAS**, as in time of natural disasters such as hurricanes, these water resources become destructive forces in Columbus County by creating flooding conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, these natural waters become clogged by downed trees causing the water not

to flow as it would naturally; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that these waterways of the Waccamaw and Lumber Rivers and Buckhead Swamp be kept clean and open; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Fran inundated these specific waterways with fallen trees.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners request help and support from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers in clearing and snagging these waterways so that the incidence of flooding which creates personal and property devastation will be held to a minimum.

**ADOPTED** this the 16th day of September, 1996.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER**

**/s/ SPRUELL R. BRITT, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

**SOCIAL SERVICES - LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO EMPLOYEES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to direct Administration to write a "Letter of Appreciation" to the Social Services Staff for manning the shelters during Hurricane Fran.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:05 P.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(6).

**REGULAR SESSION RESUMED**

At 9:15 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to adjourn closed session and resume regular session.

No action was taken.

**LIBRARY - ACCEPTED LIBRARY BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION TO MAKE DEBORAH MARRS PERMANENT EMPLOYEE**

James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, made the following statement: Based on research in the Governing Body's Minutes, it is the precedent that all Boards in the past have taken by allowing Library Board of Trustees to operate the Library in accordance with

N.C.G.S 153A-266, which was established in 1973, the Board of County Commissioners accepts the Library Board of Trustees' recommendation to hire Deborah Marrs as a permanent Library Director.

**ADMINISTRATION - AUTHORITY GIVEN TO DEMPSEY B. HERRING, ADMINISTRATOR TO HANDLE REPRIMANDS AND DISCIPLINE COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to authorize Dempsey B. Herring, Administrator, to handle all grievances and reprimands from all departments, with the exception of employees covered by State Personnel .

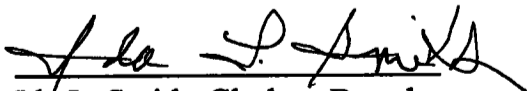
**GAS LINE RIGHT OF WAY - APPROVAL OF CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS**

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, advised the Board that rights-of-way for three (3) properties within the natural gas line installation route have not been secured and requested condemnation proceedings.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to direct James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, to contact the three (3) property owners by letter advising them of condemnation proceedings and action necessary if rights-of-way can not be obtained for the natural gas line to the Southeast Regional Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 P.M.

  
Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:

  
Spruell R. Britt, Chairman