

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., February 3, 1997, for the regularly scheduled Board Meeting, it being the first Monday.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

C.W. Williams, Chairman

Lynwood Norris, Vice Chairman

Spruell Randolph Britt

David L. Dutton, Jr.

A. Dial Gray, III

Sammie Jacobs

C.E. Wilson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring
Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

The meeting was called to order by Chairman C.W. Williams and the invocation was given by Commissioner A. Dial Gray, III.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the January 21, 1997, Board Meeting, as recorded.

TAX RELEASES

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the tax releases and refunds as follows:

Elizabeth W. Baldwin: J-2-34A, J-2-8A and J-2-31A, not in the Whiteville

Rescue District. Amount \$4.18, year 1996, account #05-00160.

Percy E. & Linnie D. Braswell: N-8-22D, house vacant. Amount \$60.00, year 1996, account #03-01843.

Rosa Lee Brown: Mobile home double-listed to Geraldine Powers on #12-22398 (1974 12 x 60). Amount \$9.96, valuation \$1,160, year 1996, account #12-03937.

Dr. William C. Burns: Waste collected by Commercial hauler - Business (Veterinarian's Office). Amount \$60.00, year 1996, account #01-10920.

Anthony Wayne Green: Double-wide mobile home listed as personal property for 1996 on #16-05880, Anthony & Camillia Green. Amount \$309.60, valuation \$32,000, year 1996, account #16-05762.

J.W. Horne: Empty building is on map G-7-77. Amount \$57.00, valuation \$6,130, year 1995, account #13-20180.

Randy C. & Sue M. Hester: J-7B-76, all green houses down for the past two (2) years. Other buildings belong to Glory Tabernacle (tax exempt). Amount \$308.01, valuation \$34,610, year 1996, account #01-39503.

Marvis & Barbara Jacobs: M-14-16, mobile home double-listed on Real and Personal Property. Amount \$278.24, valuation \$27,980, year 1996, account #07-09260.

Joseph Johnson: Two (2) mobile homes were moved to Baden County where he resides prior to 1-1-93. Amount \$516.31, valuation \$23,470, years 1993, 94, 95 and 96, account #15-20462.

Nollie L. Johnson: H-3-24B, totally exempted through Senior-citizen's exemption except North Whiteville fee. Amount \$60.00, year 1996, account #13-21757.

Phillip O. & Lucille G. Page: J-2-5, not in Whiteville Rescue District. Amount \$2.28, year 1996, account #05-04940.

James E. & Susan G. Parker: D-2A-35, house vacant. Amount \$60.00, year 1996, account #12-21201.

Billie O. & Gabriele T. Rogers: Z-2A-40, building vacant. Amount \$60.00, year 1996, account #15-32140.

Ronell Thompson: 1973 year model mobile home was billed through error as

a 1993 year model. Amount \$149.08, valuation \$10,480, year 1996, account #14-39902.

Ethel S. Vaneyken: Mobile home (personal property) double-listed on real to Ethel Van Eyken, account #13-12346 as a leasehold on G-4-21. Amount \$413.65, valuation \$45,340, year 1996, account #13-12338.

Sarah Wortham c/o Eddie Mitchell: P-3-75 (10 acres) double-listed as 2.5 acres on P-3-73, on #08-12740, Eddie B. Mitchell; remainder, taken by Highway 74-76 since 1992. Amount \$339.43, valuation \$45,500, years 1992-96, account #08-21180.

Ordered: That a refund check be issued to Shelby Jean Bass, 9615 James B. White Highway S., Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$13.21, for year 1996. Mobile home double-listed on #09-02238, Shelby Jean Burroughs. All taxes paid. Valuation \$1,540, account #09-00554.

Ordered: That a refund check be issued to Lloyd Gore, 376 John Gore Road, Nakina, NC 28455, in the amount of \$77.16, for year 1996. Double-wide mobile home double-listed on real and personal. All taxes paid through error. Valuation \$2,200, account #07-06780.

Ordered: That a refund check be issued to Michael Norris, 8679 Old Stake Road, Tabor City, NC 28463, in the amount of \$141.90, for year 1996. Valuation \$10,500, account #06-28202.

PROCLAMATION - VOCATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

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

PROCLAMATION

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK, FEBRUARY 9-15, 1997

WHEREAS, the American Vocational Association has designated the week of February 9-15, 1997, as Vocational Education Week; and

WHEREAS, vocational education supplies our country with a strong, well-trained work force, which enhances productivity in business and industry and protects America's leadership in the international marketplace; and

WHEREAS, vocational education serves individual citizens by enabling them to find satisfying careers that suit their own skills and interest, by providing technical skills that let them excel in their chosen careers, and by teaching leadership skills that serve them on the job, at home and in the community; and

WHEREAS, vocational education enhances high school students' education by offering practical, meaningful applications of basic skills such as reading, writing and mathematics, thus improving the quality of their education, motivating those at risk of dropping out, and giving all students the potential to become leaders in their fields and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, vocational education stimulates the growth and vitality of Columbus County's businesses and industries and those of the entire nation by preparing workers for the occupations forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade; and

WHEREAS, a strong vocational education program planned and carried out by trained vocational educators is vital to the future economic development of our community and the well-being of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims February 9-15, 1997, as "**VOCATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK**" in Columbus County, and urges all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the vocational education programs in this community and to support and participate in these programs as necessary to enhance their individual work skills and productivity.

ADOPTED this the 3rd day of February, 1997.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **C. W. WILLIAMS, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY

IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - COMMUNITY NAME DESIGNATION**TABLED**

Donald Ward requested, by signed petition, the communities of Whitehall Springs, four (4) miles North of Hallsboro, and North Hallsboro, three (3) miles North of Hallsboro, be designated as communities with appropriate signs.

Virgil Batten, who owns property in the area, said his family was upset and felt they had been misled about Mr. Ward's intentions. Mr. Batten said members of his family attended a meeting with Mr. Ward and the consensus at that time was that there would be only one name for the area which was North Hallsboro.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to table the request until the residents could meet and decide on a name they could agree upon.

SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE - REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING TABLED

Dr. Steve Scott, Southeastern Community College President, requested additional funding in the amount of \$36,938.00 for 1996-97 budget year due to additional costs of operation of the new nursing building.

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to table the request until May 31, 1997, which will allow the County to evaluate their 1996-97 Fiscal Year financial status.

APPOINTMENT - TRAVEL & TOURISM BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to reappoint Ray Wyche to serve on the Travel and Tourism Board for a two (2) year term, expiring December 1998.

APPOINTMENT - FOUR-COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. TABLED

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to table the appointment to the Four-County Community Services Board of Directors until the next Board Meeting.

**ALCOHOL & DRUG PREVENTION COALITION - ENDORSEMENT FOR GRANT
FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE & DELINQUENCY PREVENTION**

Robert Little, President of the Alcohol & Drug Prevention Coalition Board, requested the Board's endorsement in applying for a grant for Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention through the Division of the Governor's Crime Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to endorse the grant application for Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention through the Division of the Governor's Crime Commission.

**ALCOHOL & DRUG PREVENTION COALITION - REQUEST FOR FUNDING
TABLED**

Robert Little, President of the Alcohol & Drug Prevention Coalition Board, and Evelyn Troy, Program Director, reported that funding for the agency will cease February 28 and will resume on July 1, 1997 and requested funding from the County in the amount of \$21,514.00 to pay operating expenses for four (4) months until they secure additional grants. They have also requested funding from the State Legislatures representing Columbus County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to table the request for additional funding and wait and see if State Legislatures can acquire funds for the agency.

**WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS - ENDORSEMENT FOR GOVERNOR'S CRIME
PREVENTION FUNDS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to endorse Whiteville City Schools' application to the Governor's Crime Prevention Funds for a grant to be used at Edgewood Elementary School for an after school program.

FAMILIES FIRST - ENDORSEMENT OF VOCA GRANT APPLICATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to endorse Families First to submit an application for the

Victims of Crime Act Grant.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR
INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY PROJECT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to schedule a public hearing for March 17, 1997 at 7:15 P.M. for proposed Industrial Revenue Bonds for the International Paper Company Project through the Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority.

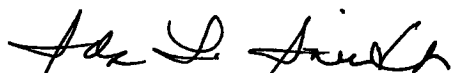
TAX - REQUEST FOR REFUND ON TAXES PAID ON PROPERTY NOT OWNED

Andrew Inman, a citizen, addressed the Board regarding paying taxes on property that was sold and is no longer his and requested a refund.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to direct W.D. Brooks, Jr., Tax Administrator, to resolve the problem with Mr. Inman in accordance with the North Carolina General Statutes.

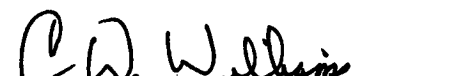
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 A.M.



Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:



C.W. Williams, Chairman