

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 7:30 P.M., May 19, 1997, for the regularly scheduled Board Meeting, it being the third 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 C.E. "Gene" Wilson.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the Board Minutes for the May 5, 1997 Meeting 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:

Dwayne Cartrette: Mobile home double-listed with land on #13-07723, Robert D. Cartrette for year 1994 and 1996. (See refunds for year 1994). Amount \$62.82, valuation

\$2,470, year 1996, account #13-07711.

Burvin & Anna Belle Hooks: M-4-6B, deferred taxes double-billed through error. Amount \$137.76, valuation \$16,800, year 1996, 1996 for 1995, 1996 for 1994, account #11-132640.

Elton C. Malpass, Jr.: Double-wide mobile home (1986 - 28 x 64) double-listed on real V-3-25A to Elton Clyde Malpass, Jr. on #15-25620. Amount \$386.54, valuation \$41,190, years 1992-94, account #15-25602.

Carl Meares, Jr.: B-3-56, property deferred through error. Amount \$158.08, valuation \$20,800, years 1993-96, account #10-11505.

Debbie Faye Nobles: G-8-1A, vacant. Amount \$60.00, year 1996, account #09-22093.

Hollon and Shelby Norris: F-11-65 (4.5 Ac/tract), not transferred for year 1994. Amount \$20.64, year 1996 for 1994, account #06-27823.

Emma Ruth and Douglas E. Rhiel: E-7-71 (5.72 ac/tract), deferred taxes double-billed. Amount \$92.88, years 1993-96, account #16-12647.

Nickie Evans Wilson: LW-1-27, double-listed to #11-21823, William V. and Jane Ratliff. Amount \$483.00, valuation \$57,500, year 1996, account #11-30447.

Ordered: That a refund check be issued to Dwayne Cartrette, 2167 Old Stake Road, Chadbourne, NC 28431, in the amount of \$59.93, for year 1994. Mobile home double-listed to Robert D. Cartrette on #13-07723. Amount \$59.93, valuation \$2,970, year 1994, account #13-0711.

Budget Amendment:

Advance 10-399-0000 Fund Balance	\$179,000
Transfer 10-900-6000 Water & Sewer District I	\$179,000
Advance 63-335-0100 General Fund	\$179,000
Expend 63-690-7500 Water & Sewer District I Construction	\$179,000
Transfer 63-335-0000 Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 44,253
Expend 63-690-9100 Water & Sewer District I (Sales Tax)	\$ 44,253

SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE - FUNDING APPROVED

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

and passed unanimously to approve appropriating \$20,000 from Non-Departmental - Contingency (account #10-660-9999) to be appropriated to Southeastern Community College to cover additional expenses created by the new Nursing Building (account #10-680-9300).

RETIRE SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM - TAKE UNDER ADVISEMENT

Sharon Jarvis, Retired Senior Volunteer Program Director, requested the Board to appropriate funds for the 1997-98 Budget in the amount of \$34,500. The appropriation for 1996-97 was \$23,000. Ms. Jarvis stated that the reason for the request for additional funding is due to the growth of 250 persons participating in the RSVP.

Chairman Williams advised Ms. Jarvis that the Board will be holding a 1997-98 Budget Workshop May 21, 1997 and will consider the request at that time.

The Board concurred to take Ms. Jarvis' request under advisement.

APPOINTMENT - VEHICLE ACCIDENT REVIEW BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Vehicle Accident Review Board for an indefinite term.

Joan Stephens	-	Department of Social Services
Neil Floyd	-	Health Department
Alex Singletary	-	Sheriff's Department
Julie Strickland	-	Parks & Recreation

APPOINTMENT - LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Library Board of Trustees for a four (4) year term commencing July 1, 1997 and expiring June 30, 2001.

District 7 - J.D. Gore to replace Mary Cartrette

Member at Large - Paul Pope to replace Tom Nicholson

APPOINTMENT - YOUTH TASK FORCE TABLED

Chairman Williams stated that a member of the Youth Task Force Board has requested that Laura Brooks be appointed to serve on the Youth Task Force Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner

Norris and passed unanimously to table the request until the next Board Meeting and contact Pat Ray, Youth Task Force Chairperson, for more information.

TAX - APPROVAL TO COLLECT TAXES FOR TOWN OF BOLTON

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to permit William D. Brooks, Jr., Tax Administrator, collect taxes for the Town of Bolton.

SOLID WASTE - METHOD OF COLLECTION

Dempsey B. Herring, Administrator, requested the Board to select the method of Solid Waste Collection for Columbus County. Mr. Herring reported that for the 1997-98 Preliminary Budget preparation that convenience centers have been used.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to select convenience centers as the method of Solid Waste Collection for Columbus County.

RESCUE - REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL

Mr. E. D. "Butch" Meares, Rescue Chief for Fair Bluff Rescue Department, spokesperson for all Columbus County Rescue Departments, requested the Board to fund an additional paid EMT in each County Rescue Department due to the following reasons:

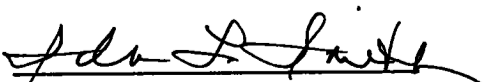
1. One EMT cannot run a call. To operate legally, following state guidelines, the ambulance must have at least two (2) certified people on board on each run.
2. Response time is delayed waiting on the second crew member who must come from the volunteer pool.
3. Departments are having to share the daytime paid personnel in order to meet the legal requirements for operating an ambulance.


The Board reached a general consensus to take Mr. Meares' request under advisement at the May 21, 1997, 1997-98 Preliminary Budget Work Session.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

APPROVED:


J. L. Smith, Clerk to Board


C.W. Williams, Chairman