

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., December 1, 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
County Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order and Commissioner Britt gave the invocation.

APPOINTMENTS -GOVERNING BODY CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN

James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, presided as Acting Chairman to transact the appointments of Chairman and Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Acting Chairman Hill briefed the Board on the procedure for selecting officers and then opened the floor for nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Britt nominated Commissioner Dutton for Chairman and Commissioner Gray for Vice Chairman.

There being no further nominations, a motion was made by Commissioner

Norris to close the nominations.

The vote was unanimous to appoint Commissioner Dutton to serve as Chairman and Commissioner Gray to serve as Vice Chairman.

Acting Chairman Hill announced that Commissioner David L. Dutton, Jr. was appointed as Chairman and Commissioner A. Dial Gray, III, as Vice Chairman by acclamation.

Chairman Dutton and Vice Chairman Gray are authorized to sign all instruments on behalf of Columbus County. A Resolution is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

RESUMED BOARD MEETING - CHAIRMAN DUTTON PRESIDING

Immediately, after reorganization of the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Dutton assumed the duties as Chairman and the following business was transacted.

AWARD - PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED TO PAST CHAIRMAN

C.W. WILLIAMS

Chairman Dutton presented past Chairman, C.W. Williams the following "Plaque of Appreciation."

PRESENTED TO

C. W. WILLIAMS

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THIS THE 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER 1997

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION OF YOUR DEVOTED LEADERSHIP

AS CHAIRMAN TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AWARD - TRAVEL & TOURISM PAST BOARD MEMBER

George Boren, Travel & Tourism Board President, presented Jimmy Garrell

a framed map of Columbus County and a T-shirt in recognition of his service on the Travel and Tourism Board of Directors.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 17, 1997, Board Meeting, as recorded.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the following consent agenda items.

Tax Releases:

Release the August discount of 2% in the name of Michael Dewayne & Julia Hardwick, not absorbed by computer. Amount \$26.83, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #09-12783.

Release the special district fee in the name of Elton Bowen. Property is not located in North Whiteville District. Amount \$50.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-07500 .

Release the special district fee in the name of Thomas Evans. Property is not located in the North Whiteville District. Amount \$50.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-02170.

Release the user fee in the name of Irene Brown. Mobile Home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #16-01641.

Release the user fee in the name of James Davis. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #15-11681.

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Release two user fees in the name of Eugene & Agnes Catherine Dowless. Store and arcade vacant. Amount \$200.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #11-08080.

Release the user fee in the name of Linwood Tildon Edge. Mobile home used for storage. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-22721.

Release the user fee in the name of Albert Edwards Heirs. Home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #16-03840.

Release the user fee in the name of Mildred Hickman Gooden. Triplex apartment is vacant. Amount \$180.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-32740.

Release the user fee in the name of Herman & Linda Lewis. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #14-09180.

Release the user fee in the name of Jimmy Dale & Shirley Long. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #07-10700.

Release the user fee in the name of Linnell McNeil. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #15-25466.

Release the user fee in the name of Jack Donald Nobles. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #13-30023.

Release the user fee in the name of Sonja Green Norris. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #16-12037.

Release the user fee in the name of B.T. Peacock (Heirs). Building is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #14-11740.

Release the user fee in the name of Kenneth M. Shaw, Jr. There is only one house on this property. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-81602.

Release the user fee and a portion of the special district fee in the name of James Lee Smith Sr. & wife Drucilla. Property is vacant. Amount \$120.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-85380.

Release the user fee in the name of Jason Lee & Izetta Smith. Building used for storage. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #09-27249.

Release the user fee in the name of Kenneth Spaulding. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1996, Account #14-15688.

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Release seven (7) user fees in the name of Taurus (Inc.). Seven of the ten mobile homes on this property are vacant. Amount \$700.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997,

Account #01-91900.

Release the user fee in the name of Betty Todd. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #10-50093.

Release the user fee in the name of Richard and Hazel Walker. House is vacant. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1996, Account #01-99767.

Release the user fee in the name of Richard & Hazel S. Walker. Home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-99767.

Release the user fee in the name of Patricia Deane B. Warwick. Land is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #15-37518.

Release the user fee in the name of Patricia Deane B. Warwick. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #15-37518.

Release the user fee and value of a double wide mobile home in the name of Patricia C. Andrews. Home is double listed as real and personal property. Amount \$198.15, Value \$13,000, Year 1997, Account #08-00229.

Release the value of a double wide mobile home in the name of George W. & Shirley Bryant for the Town of Sandyfield. Home is no longer on this property. Amount \$100.45, Value \$28,700, Year 1997, Account #15-06850.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Irvin Enzor. Mobile home sold in 1995. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #10-04701.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Irvin Enzor. Mobile home sold in 1995. Amount \$7.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #10-04701.

Release the total value of parcel (L 10 - 20A) in the name of Georgia Pacific Corp. Parcel double listed with parcel (L 9 - 62), also in the name of Georgia Pacific Corp. Amount \$74.40, Value \$9,600, Year 1997, Account #03-08280.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of Linzy McKensie Jacobs. Customer billed with a double wide home they do not own. Amount \$285.57, Value \$26,700, Year 1997, Account #15-19947.

Release the value of a building in the name of Horace G. & Mae Belle Powell. Building double listed to Elton Singletary. Amount \$57.30, Value \$6,000, Year 1997,

Account #01-71560.

Release a portion of the property value and the user fee in the name of Jerry & Patricia Powell. Billed with incorrect number of mobile home hook-ups. Amount \$164.64, Value \$9,300, Year 1997, Account #12-22161.

Release the value of a double wide in the name of Joseph & Ida A. Young. Home double listed to Loraine Bray. Amount \$368.95, Value \$33,000, Year 1997, Account #15-40500.

Refunds:

Request a refund in the name of Jerry Deams & Deborah Godwin, 4055 Williams Rd. Clarendon, N.C. 28432. Property (20 acres.) double listed to Annie Pearl C. Norris. Amount \$94.30, Value \$11,500, Year 1994, Account #09-10440.

Request a refund in the name of Jerry Deams & Deborah Godwin, 4055 Williams Rd. Clarendon, N.C. 28432. Property (20 acres) double listed to Annie Pearl C. Norris. Amount \$96.60, Value \$11,500, Year 1995, Account #09-10440.

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Request a refund in the name of Jerry Deams & Deborah Godwin, 4055 Williams Rd., Clarendon, N.C. 28432. Property (20 acres) double listed to Annie Pearl C. Norris. Amount \$58.14, Value \$7,700, Year 1997, Account #09-10440.

Request a refund for the user fee in the name of Michael Dewayne & Julia Hardwick, 935 Minos Meares Rd., Tabor City, N.C., 28463. Home only 50% complete for 1997. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #09-12783.

Request a refund in the name of Rosa M. Kirksey (Heirs) c/o Frank A. Kramer, P.O. Box 185, Bolton, N.C. 28423. Billed through error for a mobile home in the name of Frank Kramer. Amount \$272.91, Value \$28,200, Year 1997, Account #04-09820.

Request a refund for five (5) years for the deferred taxes in the name of Mrs. Burdon Norris, 1659 Willoughby Rd., Tabor City, N.C. 28463. Property double listed to Annie Pearl Norris. Amount \$64.74, Value \$N/A, Year 1993, Account #09-22440.

Request a refund for the deferred taxes in the name of Mrs. Burdon Norris, 1659 Willoughby Rd., Tabor City, N.C. 28463. Property double listed to Annie Pearl Norris. Amount \$24.96, Value \$N/A, Year 1994, Account #09-22440.

Request a refund for the deferred taxes in the name of Mrs. Burdon Norris, 1659 Willoughby Rd., Tabor City, N.C. 28463. Property double listed to Annie Pearl Norris. Amount \$24.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1995, Account #09-22440.

Request a refund for the deferred taxes in the name of Mrs. Burdon Norris, 1659 Willoughby Rd., Tabor City, N.C. 29463. Property double listed to Annie Pearl Norris. Amount \$24.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1996, Account #09-22440.

Request a refund for the deferred taxes in the name of Mrs. Burdon Norris, 1659 Willoughby Rd., Tabor City, N.C. 29463. Property double listed to Annie Pearl Norris. Amount \$23.68, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #09-22440.

Request a refund in the name of Jerry & Patricia Powell, 1833 Shade Fisher Rd., Chadbourn, N.C. 28431. Paid in error for two double wide homes, two user fees and special district fees for property that is double listed to Eva Shaw & Harvey McKenzie. Amount \$735.81, Value \$69,900, Year 1997, Account #12-22157.

Request a refund in the name of Marcus Sharpe Turner (Heirs) c/o of Edith Cox Turner, P.O. Box 1145, Lake Junaluska, N.C., 28745. Paid thru error on a mobile home that is double listed to Meryle Rogers. Amount \$385.41, Value \$35,900, Year 1997, Account #10-17380.

Request a refund for the town of Bolton taxes in the name of John Wesley Wilson, Heirs. Property double listed to Richard Wilson and a portion was paid thru error. Amount \$200.00, Value \$36,364, Year 1997, Account #04-17140.

Budget Amendments:

Transfer	35-397-0000 General Fund	\$50,000
Decrease	10-690-9200 Reserve for Capital Projects	(\$50,000)
Increase	10-900-3500 Transfer to Solid Waste	\$50,000
Expend	35-580-7400 Solid Waste Capital Outlay	\$50,000
Reserve	10-399-0000 Fund Balance (unexpended Travel & Tourism Funds for FY 1996-97)	\$121,937

Expend	10-496-5700 Miscellaneous Projects	\$121,937
Decrease	10-348-0802 Immunization Outreach (State Grant not funded)	(\$ 4,308)
Decrease	10-577-0200 Salaries	(\$ 4,001)
Decrease	10-577-0500 FICA	(\$ 307)
Increase	10-348-0702 State Immunization Action	\$ 8,125

Expend as follows:

Increase	10-579-0200 Salaries	\$ 8,125
Increase	10-579-0500 FICA	1,600
Increase	10-579-0600 Insurance	832
Increase	10-579-0700 Retirement	1,000
Decrease	10-579-1400 Travel	(600)
Decrease	10-579-3300 Departmental Supplies	(2,832)
Decrease	10-348-0801 State Child Health Funds	(\$8,625)

Increase/Decrease Expenditures as follows:

Increase	10-589-0200 Salaries	\$7,000
Increase	10-589-0500 FICA	2,000
Increase	10-589-0600 Insurance	700
Increase	10-589-0700 Retirement	575
Decrease	10-589-4600 Drugs and Supplies	(14,695)
Decrease	10-589-7400 Equipment	(4,205)
Decrease	10-335-0100 State Local Miscellaneous	(2,190)
Decrease	10-590-0200 Salaries	(2,190)
Increase	10-348-0700 State Grant (Temporary)	\$16,343
Increase	10-591-0200 Salaries	\$16,343
Increase	10-348-0700 Family Planning (State Funds)	\$65,221
Increase	10-348-0609 Family Planning (Medicaid)	14,183

Expend as follows:

10-591-0200 Salaries	\$60,000
10-591-0500 FICA	4,000
10-591-0600 Insurance	2,000
10-591-0700 Retirement	4,000
10-591-4600 Drugs and Supplies	9,404
Decrease 10-348-0800 State Maternal Health	(\$49,443)

Decrease expenditures as follows:

10-591-0200 Salaries	(\$45,000)
10-592-0500 FICA	(2,000)
10-592-0700 Retirement	(2,443)

Increase 10-348-1209	Children Special Health	\$ 1,040
Expend 10-597-4600	Drugs and Supplies	\$ 1,040

APPOINTMENT - COUNTY ATTORNEY

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to appoint James E. Hill, Jr., representing Hill and High Attorneys, as County Attorney for the ensuing year.

BONDS (SURETY) - EXAMINATION AND APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the Surety Bonds for 1997-98 on the following employees as listed:

Gayle Godwin, Finance Officer	-	\$100,000
W.D. Brooks, Tax Administrator	-	75,000
Jimmy Ferguson, Sheriff	-	50,000
Brenda Strickland, HUD Director	-	25,000
Linwood Cartrette, Coroner	-	15,000
William Hannah, Assistant Coroner	-	15,000
Ila Penny, Register of Deeds	-	10,000

PAYROLL - APPROVAL FOR DISTRIBUTION OF DECEMBER PAY CHECKS AND CHRISTMAS BONUSES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the distribution of the December payroll checks and Christmas bonuses on December 19, 1997.

CHRISTMAS BONUSES - AMOUNT APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to set the amount for the employees' Christmas Bonuses at \$35.00 each.

RESOLUTION - BOARD MEETING CANCELLATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner

Williams and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution.

NOTICE and RESOLUTION to CANCEL MEETING

of the BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

of COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

The Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, unanimously approved on the 1st day of December 1997, to adopt the following Resolution.

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, has presently scheduled meetings at 8:00 A.M. on the first Monday and at 7:30 P.M. on the third Monday of each month; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, is desirous of canceling the meeting scheduled for the third Monday in December, only.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, North Carolina, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-40, they shall cancel the regular meeting of the said Board scheduled for December 15, 1997, be, and the same is hereby canceled, and the next regularly scheduled meeting of the said Board shall be in the Columbus County Commissioners' Chambers, 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, on Monday, January 5, 1998, at 8:00 A.M.

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that a copy of this Resolution and Notice shall be placed on the Courthouse Bulletin Board, as well as mailed to all of the news media who has requested notice.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ David L. Dutton, Jr., Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

FINANCE - DIRECT DEPOSIT APPROVAL

Gayle Godwin, Finance Officer, requested the Board to consider approving

Direct Deposit service for all County Employees which would facilitate operations in the Finance Office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to approve the Direct Deposit service option for all County Employees who choose to participate in the program.

SHERIFF - PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to schedule a public hearing on January 5, 1998, at 8:00 A.M. regarding a proposed application for receiving funds under the Law Enforcement Block Grants Program and the issuance of a Grant Adjustment Notice by the Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$35,909.00.

APPOINTMENT - NURSING/ADULT HOME JOINT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TABLED

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to table to appointment to the Nursing/Adult Home Joint Community Advisory Committee until the next Board Meeting.

FIRE & RESCUE SQUADS -INQUIRE REGARDING PAID VOLUNTEERS

Commissioner Gray advised the Board that the N.C. Department of Labor is now stating that some fire and rescue volunteers are owed back pay due to the number of hours volunteered.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to direct Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, to contact the State Legislators and request an exemption for the Fire & Rescue Squads from labor laws whose members are primarily volunteer.

TOBACCO SALES MERGERS

J.T. Smith, a tobacco warehouseman, reported that the Loris market quietly filed a letter with the N. C. Department of Agriculture requesting to merge with the Tabor

City-Whiteville Markets and requested the Board to adopt a resolution opposing the merger.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed to direct Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, to contact the N. C. Department of Agriculture regarding the procedures to follow in tobacco market mergers.

AYES: Commissioners Britt, Dutton, Jacobs Norris, Williams, and Wilson.

NOES: None.

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Gray.

OATH OF OFFICE - AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER

On November 26, 1997, William C. Cox, III, an appointment to the Columbus County Airport Authority, to represent Zone 5, came by the Administration Office and the "Oath of Office" was administered by Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board, as follows:

NORTH CAROLINA

COLUMBUS COUNTY

OATH OF OFFICE

"I, William C. Cox, III, do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as a member of the Columbus County Airport Authority, so help me God."

/s/ William C. Cox, III

Sworn to before me this 26th day of November 1997.

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

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:38 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to enter into a Closed Session in accordance

with N.C.G.S. 318.11(a)(6) Personnel.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 9:20 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to adjourn closed session and resume regular session.

No action was taken.

FINANCE - DIRECT DEPOSIT MANDATORY FOR NEW EMPLOYEES

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to adopt a policy, effective immediately, all newly hired employees will have their earnings automatically deposited by electronic transfer for the duration of their employment.

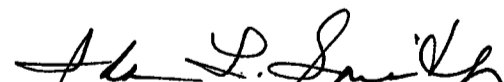
GOVERNING BODY - COMMISSIONER DELEGATE TO THE GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER SUMMIT

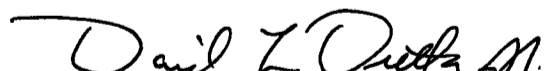
A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to appoint C.E. "Gene" Wilson to serve as the County Commissioner Delegate to the Governor's Volunteer Summit from Columbus County, January 21-22, 1998 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 A.M.

APPROVED:


Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board


David L. Dutton, Jr., Chairman

