

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., January 20, 1998, for the regularly scheduled Board Meeting, it being the third Monday.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

David L. Dutton, Jr., Chairman

A. Dial Gray, III, Vice Chairman

Spruell Randolph Britt

Sammie Jacobs

Lynwood Norris

C.W. Williams

C.E. Wilson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring
County Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

Chairman Dutton called the meeting to order and Commissioner Sammie Jacobs gave the invocation.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 5, 1998, Board Meeting, as recorded.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

Tax Refunds:

Request a refund in the name of Helen Butler % of H.L. Cox Jr., 2133 Howard Cox Rd., Tabor City, N.C. 28463. User fee was paid on her vacant house. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #07-01160.

Request a refund in the name of C. Elwyn & Virginia B. Harris, 416 E. 1st Ave., Chadbourn, N.C. 28431. Paid user fee on vacant house. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #13-17962.

Request a refund in the name of Venie H. Rouse, % Martha H. Williams, 7537 Highway 68, Kernersville, NC 27284. User fee paid on vacant house. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #16-12860.

Request a refund in the name of Yvonne T. Gold, Box 502, Whiteville, NC 28472. House located in city, paid county rate. Amount \$40.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #08-06810.

Request a refund in the name of Larry A. Knowles, 796 Pineland Dr., Riegelwood, NC 28456 Paid taxes on mobile located in Bladen County. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #15-22640.

Request a refund in the name of Larry A. Knowles, 769 Pineland Dr., Riegelwood, NC 28456. Paid taxes on mobile home located in Bladen County. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #15-22640.

Tax Releases:

Release a portion of the property value for the town of Cerro Gordo, in the name of Charles & Kay Bullard. Farm equipment located outside the city limits. Amount \$116.13, Value \$58,066, Year 1997, Account #16-02180.

Release a portion of the property in the name of Greg Cole, for the City of Cerro Gordo. Billed for mobile home sold to Kayle Jones in 1995. Amount \$19.32, Value \$8,050, Year 1996, Account #16-02848.

Release a portion of the value in the name of Greg Cole for the town of Cerro Gordo. Billed for a mobile home sold to Kyle Jones in 1995. Amount \$17.16, Value \$7,800, Year 1997, Account #16-02848.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Terry Floyd for the town

of Cerro Gordo. Home double listed to Terry Herbert Floyd. Amount \$10.94, Value \$4,560, Year 1996, Account #16-04481.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Terry Floyd, for the town of Cerro Gordo. Mobile home double listed to Terry Herbert Floyd. Amount \$9.48, Value \$4,310, Year 1997, Account #16-04481.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Iris Hampton for the town of Bolton. Mobile home listed outside the city limits of Bolton. Amount \$124.63, Value \$17,310, Year 1996, Account #04-06961.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Iris Hampton for the town of Bolton. Mobile home located outside the city limits. Amount \$103.21, Value \$17,060, Year 1997, Account #04-06961.

Release the special district fee in the name of H & T Investment Company Inc. Property not located in Whiteville Rescue District. Amount \$5.61, Value \$28,050, Year 1997, Account #13-17042.

Release the special district fee in the name of James Hammond. Property not located in Yam City Fire District. Amount \$21.06, Value \$21,060, Year 1997, Account #07-13422.

Release the user fee in the name of Barbara Barnes. No buildings on this property. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #09-00300.

Release the user fee in the name of G. Timothy & Barbara S. Barnes. No buildings on this property. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #06-00693.

Release the user fee in the name of Leah Williamson Barnes. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #13-01116.

Release the user fee in the name of Arthur Larry Barnhill. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #11-30017.

Release the user fee in the name of Anthony Bass. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #16-00228.

Release the user fee in the name of Marva C. Beard (ETAL). Property is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #11-02237.

Release the user fee in the name of Norman F. & Rita F. Beck. There are no buildings on this property. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #03-00857.

Release the user fee in the name of John & Christy Blake. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #15-02452.

Release the user fee in the name of Karen O. Bogan (ETAL). Store is not in operation. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #15-02703.

Release the user fee in the name of Brenda W. Bord. Home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-08126.

Release the user fee in the name of Thomas Eldred Boswell. Home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-07240.

Release the user fee in the name of John E. Brown. Home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #11-04020.

Release seven (7) user fees in the name of Macon O'Brawn Brown, Sr. Six (6) motel rooms and one building vacant. Amount \$280.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #15-05888.

Release the user fee in the name of Santeargo V. & Linda L. Brown. Home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #15-06280.

Release the user fee in the name of W.O. Burns (Heirs). Old house is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #15-07980.

Release the user fee in the name of Giles & Eloise Byrd for three (3) units that are vacant. Amount \$300.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #11-04800.

Release the user fee in the name of Giles & Eloise Byrd. House vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #11-04800.

Release the user fee in the name of Giles and Eloise Byrd. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #11-04800.

Release the user fee in the name of Roy Carroll. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #15-08943.

Release the user fee in the name of Alene H. Carter. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #09-02600.

Release the user fee in the name of Nolton Hubert Cox. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #07-02801.

Release the user fee in the name of Thomas & Carleen Creech. Mobile home used for storage. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #11-07300.

Release the user fee in the name of Candy Crouch. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #03-04303.

Release the user fee in the name of Homer & Ruby Daniels. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #15-11483.

Release two (2) user fees in the name of Homer Jr. and Ruby Daniels. Mobile homes vacant for 1997. Amount \$200.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #04-03062.

Release the user fee in the name of Shirley Mae Dawson. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-20423.

Release the user fee in the name of Toy & Frances Carol B. Duncan. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #09-07440.

Release the user fee in the name of Sammy Kay & Sammy Edwards. Home vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #16-03960.

Release the user fee in the name of S.J. Fisher (Mrs). House is vacant. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-27020.

Release the user fee in the name of Kermit G. & Leona Formyduval. House vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #03-07760.

Release the user fee in the name of Gleon & Lillie Ruth Fowler (Heirs). House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #06-11260.

Release the user fee in the name of Larry Gene & Gloria Fowler. Uses a commercial hauler for garbage. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #07-04860.

Release the user fee in the name of Jatha Freeman. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #14-05220.

Release two (2) user fees in the name of Sybil S. Geary. Duplex apartment vacant and used for storage. Amount \$200.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-31040.

Release the user fee in the name of Dora Batten Gore. House is vacant.
Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #03-09024.

Release the user fee in the name of P.O. & Mortie S. Gore (Heirs) Land is
vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #07-07040.

Release the user fee in the name of P.O. & Mortie S. Gore (Heirs). Land is
vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #07-07040.

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vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #07-07040.

Release the user fee in the name of W. Clyde Gore. House vacant. Amount
\$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #11-11380.

Release the user fee in the name of William O. & Naomi Graham. House
vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #15-16580.

Release the user fee in the name of Clempson & Uldine Green. House vacant.
Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #16-05940.

Release user fee in the name of William M. Griffin, Sr. Land is vacant.
Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #12-10443.

Release the user fee in the name of Rossie Dale & Donna C. Haynes. Mobile
home vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #10-08180.

Release user fee in the name of Jerry T. & Rachel J. High. Club house vacant.
Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #14-06717.

Release the user fee in the name of G. R. & Nancy M. Hinson. House vacant.
Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #09-14140.

Release the user fee in the name of Bonnie Burney Ivey. House vacant.
Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #05-03100.

Release the user fee in the name of Archie Jacobs. Property is vacant. Amount
\$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #04-07900.

Release the user fee in the name of Elton Ray & Ellon Jacobs. House is
vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #04-07983.

Release the user fee in the name of Harriett Johnson. Mobile home vacant for 1996 & 1997. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1996, Account #01-47851.

Release the user fee in the name of Harriett Johnson. House vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-47851.

Release one user fee in the name of Rickly L. Jones. There are only three dwellings on this property. Billed with four. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #12-13743.

Release user fee in the name of Mary Jane Lea. Property is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #09-16640.

Release the user fee in the name of Betty Williams McDuffie for two years. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1996, Account #13-25544.

Release the user fee in the name of John Robert McLamb. One of two mobile homes vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #07-11620.

Release the user fee in the name of Brenda McPherson. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #09-18066.

Release the user fee in the name of John Phillip (II) & Carol McPherson. There are no dwellings on this property. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #13-26383.

Release the user fee in the name of James H., Jr. and Becky Meares. House vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #12-18826.

Release the user fee in the name of J.D. & Dorothy L. Nealey. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #07-12320.

Release the user fee in the name of Mitchell & Sharon Penny. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-69140.

Release the user fee in the name of Kathy Leverne Pinero. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #13-32655.

Release the user fee in the name of Jerry E. & David Gainey Powell. No dwellings on this property. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-71663.

Release user fee in the name of Elizabeth Powers. House vacant. Amount

\$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #13-33348.

Release the user fee in the name of Elizabeth Powers. One of two houses vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-72557.

Release the user fee in the name of C. J. Price. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #11-21460.

Release the user fee in the name of Donald Jerry & Margie Pridgen, John Munroe & Sylva. This business inside the city limits and exempt. Amount \$3,180.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-73424.

Release the user fee in the name of Robert L. Ransom. House has been vacant for years. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #05-05640.

Release the user fee in the name of Melvin T. & Hilda Ray. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-75060.

Release the user fee in the name of Willie A. Robbins. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #15-31945.

Release the user fee in the name of Pearline Frink Rozier. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #13-14367.

Release the user fee in the name of J.D. & Albertina Sarvis. One of two houses vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #03-20500.

Release user fee in the name of Douglas M. & Betty W. Skipper. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #11-24580.

Release the user fee in the name of Lloyd McDuffie Skipper. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #03-22081.

Release the user fee in the name of James Smith (Heirs). House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #13-36840.

Release the user fee in the name of John Paul Smith. No dwellings on this property. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #14-14525.

Release the user fee in the name of William Smith (Heirs) House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #15-35080.

Release user fee in the name of Stanley Auto Sales. Mobile home vacant.

Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #09-28645.

Release user fee in the name of Mary Ellen Stanley. Mobile home vacant.

Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #09-29111.

Release the user fee in the name of Charles David Strickland. House is vacant.

Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #16-13978.

Release the user fee in the name of Jessie Ruth Strickland. House vacant.

Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #10-16293.

Release the user fee in the name of Edna Hazel Taylor. House vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #06-39320.

Release the user fee in the name of Ronald R. & Sue G. Tyson. Only one of the two houses occupied. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-97787.

Release two user fees in the name of Richard K. & Ethel Ward. Both mobile homes vacant. Amount \$200.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #14-17340.

Release two user fees in the name of Roger D. & Rhonda W. Ward. Both houses are vacant. Amount \$200.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #06-41288.

Release one of two user fees in the name of Roger Dale & Rhonda W. Ward. Only one house on property. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #09-32610.

Release user fee in the name of Sylvia D. Ward. House is incomplete. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #15-37512.

Release the user fee in the name of Thomas Allen & Elsie Brooks Ward. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #11-29320.

Release the user fee in the name of Norman Lee & Joann Watkins. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #13-42644.

Release the user fee in the name of Clio Watts for two years. House is vacant. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1996, Account #13-42860.

Release the user fee in the name of Clio Watts. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #13-42860.

Release the user fee in the name of Charles & Brenda Williamson. This property is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #12-30023.

Release the August discount of 2% in the name of Wilbur & Louise Richardson not absorbed by computer. Amount \$8.38, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #09-24910.

Release the value of the property in the name of Louise Bullard. Failed to receive senior citizens exemption. Amount \$112.32, Value \$5590, Year 1996, Account #01-10366.

Release full value of property in the name of Louise Bullard. Failed to receive senior citizen exemption. Amount \$140.82, Value \$5340, Year 1997, Account #01-10366.

Release full value of property in the name of Orbie Lee Duboise. Failed to receive senior citizens exemption. Amount \$101.96, Value \$5379, Year 1995, Account #03-04829.

Release full value of property in the name of Orbie Lee Duboise. Failed to receive senior citizens exemption. Amount \$98.14, Value \$4890, Year 1996, Account #03-04829.

Release the full value of property in the name of Minnie B. Gore. Failed to receive senior citizens exemption. Amount \$105.42, Value \$4770, Year 1996, Account #07-06900.

Release full value of property in the name of Minnie B. Gore. Failed to receive senior citizens exemption. Amount \$143.91, Value \$4520, Year 1997, Account #07-06900.

Release the full value of property in the name of Marvin Waddell. Failed to receive full exemption on property. Amount \$104.64, Value \$570, Year 1997, Account #15-36980.

Release the value of the mobile home hook ups in the name of Arthur Larry Barnhill. Property belongs to A.W. Barnhill. Amount \$37.53, Value \$5400, Year 1997, Account #11-01230.

Release value of mobile home in the name of Albert Layton & Linda Brown. Property was billed as real and personal. Amount \$122.37, Value \$3219, Year 1997, Account #07-00700.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Monty K. & Mary F. Buffkin. Home double billed as real and personal. Amount \$176.91, Value \$6790, Year

1997, Account #01-10137.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Carter Pridgen Enterprises. Home is double listed to Herschel Walsh. Amount \$401.42, Value \$38,800, Year 1997, Account #11-05475.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of Linda Lee Duboise. Mobile home billed with wrong value. Amount \$137.90, Value \$4890, Year 1997, Account #03-04826.

Release value of mobile home in the name of Troy & Brenda Faye Goss. Sold single wide home and bought double wide. Amount \$113.92, Value \$1440, Year 1997, Account #01-33945.

Release the value of a double wide mobile home in the name of Addie Mae Haley. Billed and paid as personal property in the name of Willie Freeman. Amount \$310.57, Value \$26,700, Year 1997, Account #12-10491.

Release a portion of the value in the name of Edward Hooks. Billed with wrong value on mobile home. Amount \$116.38, Value \$9084, Year 1997, Account #03-11499.

Release a portion of the value in the name of Ferrell Jones, Jr. Billed with wrong value on mobile home for two years. Amount \$104.54, Value \$9680, Year 1996, Account #07-48816.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of Ferrell Jones, Jr. Billed with wrong value on mobile home. Amount \$91.20, Value \$10,190, Year 1997, Account #07-48816.

Release value of a mobile home in the name of William K. Jones. Home double listed to William Jones. Amount \$226.45, Value \$14,450, Year 1997, Account #03-12419.

Release the value of a double wide in the name of James Aaron & Sadie Long. Home double listed to Curtis Ward. Amount \$376.18, Value \$33,170, Year 1997, Account #03-14100.

Release the value of a double wide home in the name of George McDuffie

(Heirs). Home double listed to Isacc Williams. Amount \$294.81, Value \$31,100, Year 1997, Account #04-10820.

Release the value of outbuildings in the name of Rosa H. McPherson. The property is vacant. Amount \$104.53, Value \$600, Year 1997, Account #09-19740.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Clayton & Marie Mincey. Home was double billed to them on the same account. Amount \$100.97, Value \$12,700, Year 1997, Account #09-21000.

Release the value of a house in the name of Furney Glenn Nobles, Sr. House double listed to Arthur Grainger. Amount \$174.68, Value \$16,500, Year 1997, Account #13-29728.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Ivy Freeman Peyton for two years. Home sold to James C. & Nettie M. Freeman. Amount \$58.43, Value \$4120, Year 1991, Account #04-13104.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Ivy Freeman Peyton. Home double listed to James C. & Nettie M. Freeman. Amount \$56.91, Value \$3900, Year 1992, Account #04-13104.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Sandy C. Strickland. Home sold prior to 1996. Amount \$206.02, Value \$15,600, Year 1997, Account #16-15372.

Release the user fee and special district fee in the name of Lenwood & Minerva Williams. One of two mobile homes vacant and property in not located in North Whiteville district. Amount \$150.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #02-06820.

Budget Amendments:

Decrease 10-348-0703 Community Traffic Safety Grant (\$2,869.00)

Decrease Expenditures as follows:

10-578-02	Salaries	(\$2,519.00)
10-578-05	FICA	(100.00)
10-578-06	Insurance	(200.00)
10-578-07	Retirement	(50.00)

Increase 10-348-0602 CVD Screening-Wise Woman \$ 3,000.00

Expend as follows:

10-573-02	Salaries	\$2,500.00
10-573-05	FICA	500.00
Appropriate 10-660-9999 Contingency		(\$25,000.00)
Expend 10-690-9600 Fair Bluff-Amerimark Project		\$25,000.00

AWARD - PRESENTATION OF A "RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM" OF MR. L.A. HINSON (FORMER COUNTY COMMISSIONER)

Chairman Dutton presented Mrs. Maxine Hinson, with a "Resolution in Memoriam" of Mr. L. A. Hinson, a former member of the Columbus County Commissioners, adopted by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Association as follows:

RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners has learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. L.A. Hinson, a former member of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Mr. L. A. Hinson, did give untiring public service to his County, State and Nation during his lifetime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that his name be entered on the rolls of those who have gone from our midst in the Association year so that he may be remembered at the next Annual Conference thereof; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the family of L.A. Hinson with the expressed sympathy of the members of this Association.

ADOPTED this 19th day of December 1997, Raleigh, North Carolina.

/s/ Danny W. Wright, President

/s/ C. Ronald Aycock, Executive Director

(SEAL)

STATE ROAD 1700 (RED HILL ROAD) - COMPLAINT

Jerry Batten, a resident on State Road 1700 (Red Hill Road), presented the Board with a letter regarding the road condition.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner

Britt and passed unanimously to record the letter in the minutes and adopt a Resolution requesting the Department of Transportation Officials and State Legislators representing Columbus County to consider road maintenance and repairs.

Jerry W. Batten
3891 Farmers Union Road
Clarkton, NC 28433

Columbus County Commissioners
111 Washington Street
Whiteville, NC 28472

SUBJECT: Highway Conditions of State Road 1700, also known as Red Hill Road

1. This road was paved in 1947 by the County. No easements were obtained and the maintenance was accepted by the state.
2. The average width of the road is seventeen (17) feet from the outside of the white lines. If two eight (8) foot vehicles meet, not including side mirrors, someone must take the shoulder. Today's minimum standard is twenty (20) feet.
3. The "turtle shell" shape of the road has contributed to the break down of the edges of the road, creating dangerous conditions with standing water on the shoulders and pot holes on narrow shoulders.
4. In some areas the shoulders are hardly 2 to 3 feet. Today's equipment is much wider than in 1947, such as a four (4) row tobacco bedder which is nearly eighteen (18) feet wide.
5. The loads carried today by 40 foot log trailers or on hog trucks, which are routine on the north end of the road are much heavier and are causing break down in areas.
6. There are least five (5) "Blind Curves" where meeting a hog truck or a wide piece of machinery can be a dangerous situation. A highway patrolman lost control of a car and overturned, in September of 1997, on the Van High curve, that even to date has several pot holes on the edge of the road from the lack of drainage. Also, in the fall of 1996, a Browns of the Carolina hog truck overturned releasing the load of hogs it carried.
7. The bridges are continually separating from the pavement and the pavement is caving from the lack of drainage or outdated and separated joints of pipe.

I spoke with the District Supervisor and the District Engineer. Both say that there are no funds to help remedy this situation. I understand that more time and money may be necessary to update these deficiencies.

Respectfully, I ask that you intervene if possible, and that you request our Representative Mr. Hill and Senator Soles to ask the Secretary of the Department of Transportation for an inspection and to consider the possibility for better drainage of the road and to improve vision on the blind curves.

RESOLUTION**BY****THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**

WHEREAS, State Road 1700, known as the Red Hill Road, was paved in 1947 and the average width of the road is seventeen (17) feet and the minimum standard today is twenty (20) feet; and

WHEREAS, State Road 1700 has five (5) blind curves contributing to numerous accidents; and

WHEREAS, State Road 1700 is in need of maintenance as the road has broken down edges, creating dangerous conditions for vehicles, especially log trucks, hog trucks and farm machinery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners unanimously requests the North Carolina Department of Transportation Board Members, Michael Mills and Major David Green, and the Columbus County Legislative Delegation, Senator R. C. Soles, Jr. and Representatives, Dewey Hill, David Redwine and Thomas Wright to inspect the condition of State Road 1700 and consider the possibility of funding for road repairs and better drainage that is causing the pavement to cave and bridges to continually separate from the pavement.

ADOPTED this the 20th day of January 1998.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ David L. Dutton, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPOINTMENT - WHITEVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris, and passed unanimously to appoint Wayne Overcash to serve on the Whiteville Planning and Zoning Board to fill the unexpired term of Stancil Davis, with term expiring August 1, 2001.

APPOINTMENTS - CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Williams, and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Criminal Justice Advisory Board:

Marian Duncan to serve the remainder of her two (2) year term, expiring July 1, 1999.

Vickie Pait to serve the remainder of her two (2) year term, expiring July 1, 1999.

Don W. Viets, Jr., to serve the remainder of his one (1) year term, expiring July 1, 1998.

C.E. "Gene" Wilson to serve the length of his term as County Commissioner.

APPOINTMENT - NURSING ADULT CARE ADVISORY BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Williams, and passed unanimously to appoint Maxine Hinson to serve on the Nursing Adult Care Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term that is vacant due to her resignation November 10, 1997, due to a conflict of interest, with term expiring August 31, 1998.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Williams, and passed unanimously to hold a public hearing regarding the closeout of Fiscal Year 1993 Community Development Block Grant - Economic Development (Georgia Pacific) Project for Monday, February 2, 1998 at 8:00 A.M.

CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE - STATE SCHOOL BONDS

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Norris, and passed unanimously to approve the following Capital Project Ordinance.

COLUMBUS COUNTY/WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOL BONDS**CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, that pursuant to Section 159-13.2 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following Capital Project Ordinance is HEREBY ADOPTED:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is for State School Bonds for additions/renovations/new construction for Columbus County and Whiteville City Schools.

SECTION 2. The project director is hereby directed to proceed with the additions/renovations/new construction of the projects within the terms of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement entered into between the County and Columbus County and Whiteville City Schools pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-158.1(c) and N.C.G.S. 160A-460.

SECTION 3. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to the County to complete the projects from the State School Bonds:

69-346-0000 County Schools-State Bonds	\$16,901,881.00
69-347-0000 City Schools-State Bonds	<u>6,180,463.00</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$23,082,344.00

SECTION 4. The following amounts are appropriated for the projects:

69-670-0000 County Schools-State Bonds	\$16,901,881.00
69-680-0000 City Schools-State Bonds	<u>6,180,463.00</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$23,082,344.00

SECTION 5. The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly on the financial status of the projects. She shall also keep the Governing Body informed at each regular meeting of any unusual occurrence.

SECTION 6. Copies of the Capital Project Ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out the project.

ADOPTED this 20th day of January 1998.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

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

SOCIAL SERVICES - WORK FIRST PLAN APPROVAL

Larry Moore, Social Services Director, presented the Board with the Welfare to Work Plan for their consideration of adoption.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to adopt the Department of Social Services Welfare to Work Plan as presented by Larry Moore, Social Services Director.

A copy of the Welfare Work Plan is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

AUDIT REPORT (1996-97) - BOARD ACCEPTANCE

Alan W. Thompson, CPA with Thompson, Price & Company, presented the Board with the highlights of the 1996-97 Columbus County Audit Report and requested the Board's acceptance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray, and passed unanimously to accept the 1996-97 Columbus County Audit Report as presented.

ORDINANCE (MANUFACTURED/MOBILE HOME PARK) - DISCUSSION AND AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 RESCINDED

Several mobile home park owners in Columbus County addressed the Board regarding the Manufactured/Mobile Home Park Ordinance and requested the Board rescind the amendment that was adopted November 17, 1997 that requires existing roads to be maintained to state Department of Transportation standards. The mobile home park developers also requested the Board to make a distinction between mobile home parks, where lots are rented, and subdivisions that allow mobile homes, where lots are sold.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to rescind the Amendment Number 1 to the Manufactured/Mobile Home Park Ordinance that was adopted November 17, 1997.

Ordinance Book 1, Page 245, Amendment Number 1, rescind as follows:

8. Maintenance of streets in existing parks to minimum Department of Transportation (DOT) standards.

ORDINANCE (MANUFACTURED/MOBILE HOME PARK) - REVIEW

ORDINANCE WITH DEVELOPERS

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to direct Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, to meet with developers and other interested parties to review the entire Manufactured/Mobile Home Park Ordinance and make a recommendation to the Board.

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT III - REQUEST TO BE INCLUDED IN USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Gray, and passed unanimously to include the North Whiteville Water & Sewer District III in the most current United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Economic & Community Development Grant Application.

RESOLUTION - OVERTIME ON FIRE & RESCUE VOLUNTEERS

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., has declared 1998 as the year of the volunteer for the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, volunteers are truly one of America's greatest resources. Our country, state and county have a proud heritage with community volunteers that have for years helped to solve many of the serious problems of our society; and

WHEREAS, a basic ingredient in the foundation of this state and nation is the voluntary acceptance of initiative and responsibility by private citizens, and voluntary organizations; and

WHEREAS, our local Volunteer Fire and Rescue Departments bring together those, who are willing to serve for the well-being of fellow residents and the welfare of all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, each volunteer has some special contribution to offer for the benefit of others, and their services are urgently needed to meet human needs; and

WHEREAS, current definitions for volunteers set down by Federal Labor Standards, will greatly impair local communities' abilities to have volunteer help in providing for the emergency

needs of the communities by requiring payment to individuals who wish to volunteer their time for public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners requests that their Federal and State Legislative Delegation diligently work toward creating standards and changes regarding volunteerism that will not hinder local and private citizens from volunteering their time without reprisals from the Department of Labor for compensation by local organizations.

ADOPTED this the 20th day of January 1998.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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


ATTESTED BY:


/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Britt, and passed unanimously to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:15 P.M.

APPROVED:


Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board


David L. Dutton, Jr., Chairman