

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., January 4, 1999, for the regularly scheduled Board Meeting, it being the first Monday.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

C.E. Wilson, Chairman

Spruell R. Britt

David L. Dutton, Jr.

A. Dial Gray, III

Amon E. McKenzie

Lynwood Norris

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring
County Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:

Sammie Jacobs, Vice Chairman

PUBLIC HEARING

At 8:00 A.M., Chairman Wilson called the Public Hearing to order on the closing of a portion of Third Street of the Newberlin Townsite in Ransom Township. The Chairman requested anyone present to speak regarding the closing of a portion of Third Street of the Newberlin Townsite in Ransom Township.

James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, advised the Board of the exact location of the portion of Third Street that is being considered to be closed.

There were no other comments.

At 8:03 A.M., Chairman Wilson declared the public hearing closed.

RESUMED REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

Chairman Wilson called the Board Meeting to order and Ed Worley, Aging Director, 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 December 7, 1998, Board Meeting, as recorded.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

Tax Refunds:

Request a refund in the name of Clinton Grainger, P.O. Box 1087, Whiteville, N.C. 28472. Paid user fee on lot that never received a trash cart. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #01-34387.

Request a refund in the name of James David & Sandra Keith, 3838 Old Stage Hwy., Riegelwood, N.C. 28456. Old building torn down in 1997. Amount \$318.42, Value \$26,800, Year 1998, Account #15-21937.

Request a refund in the name of Sarah Maultsby (Heirs) c/o of Thomas C. Maultsby, 7147 Clarendon-Chadbourn Road, Chadbourn. Billed with incorrect lot size. Mail check to Betty Maultsby at the same address. Amount \$140.86, Value \$19,700, Year 1997, Account #01-60380.

Request a refund for the user fee in the name of John Paul Smith, 1902 Baldwin Road, Whiteville, N.C. 28472. Mobile home sold to Earl Grainger in Bladen Co. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #14-14525.

Tax Releases:

Release the special district fee in the name of Christopher B. & Pamela S. Robbins. Property not located in Acme Delco District. Amount \$14.10, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #15-31811.

Release the special district fee in the name of Henry D. Strickland. Property

not located in Yam City District. Amount \$36.80, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #07-17187.

Release the special district fee in the name of Henry Strickland. Property not located in the Yam City District. Amount \$2.20, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #07-17182.

Release the special district fee in the name of Henry D. Strickland. Property not located in Yam City District. Amount \$20.87, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #07-17180, bill #70313.

Release the special district fee in the name of Henry D. Strickland. Property not located in the Yam City District. Amount \$42.40, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #07-17180, bill #70314.

Release the special district fee in the name of Henry D. Strickland. Property not in Yam City District. Amount \$10.70, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #07-17180, bill #70315.

Release the user fee in the name of Norman Babson. No trash cart here. House burned. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #03-00423.

Release the user fee in the name of James Larry & Betty Cooke Baxter. Mobile home vacant and trash cart picked up. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #01-03906.

Release the user fee in the name of J.D. & Betty Faye Beck. Billed with two (2) mobile homes, only one home on property Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #03-00790.

Release the user fee in the name of George & Ida Bozeman. House vacant and no trash cart here. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #04-01300.

Release the user fee in the name of Danny Russell Buffkin. House vacant and no trash cart here. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #16-01920.

Release two user fees in the name of John A. Byrd. Two of the mobile homes are vacant. Amount \$200.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #01-11597.

Release the user fee in the name of Capital Investments of Fair Bluff. There

are no dwellings or trash carts on this property. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #10-09309.

Release the user fee in the name of Christopher & Sandra Daniels. Billed with double wide home they did not have in 1997 and a single wide home that has been turned in. Amount \$140.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #04-02973.

Release two user fees in the name of Homer (Jr.) & Ruby Daniels. Both mobile homes are vacant. Amount \$200.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #04-03062.

Release the user fee in the name of Dallas O. & (wife) Ford. House is vacant and no trash cart left here. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #16-04580.

Release the user fee in the name of Jerry T. & Ila Vee Fowler. House vacant and no trash cart here. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #07-04840.

Release the user fee in the name of John Earlin & Teresa J. Freeman. House vacant and no trash cart here. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #04-04918.

Release the user fee in the name of M.M. & Velma Gilliland. House vacant in 1997. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #11-10800.

Release the user fee in the name of Mildred Hickman Gooden. Duplex unlivable. Amount \$180.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #01-32740.

Release the user fee in the name of Mildred Hickman Gooden. House is vacant. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #01-32740.

Release a portion of the user fee in the name of Keith Gore. Property inside the City of Whiteville. Amount \$40.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #01-33480.

Release the user fee in the name of Cecil & Roberta Harris. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #09-13160.

Release the user fee in the name of Roberta Gore & Cecil Harris. Billed with two mobile homes and there is only one home on this parcel of land. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #09-13189.

Release the user fee in the name of Clyde & Betty Haynes. House vacant and no trash cart at this home. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #10-08020.

Release two user fees in the name of Nancy Hill. Property located inside the City limits of Brunswick. Amount \$80.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #01-40583.

Release the user fee in the name of Randy Gayle Hill. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #01-40640.

Release the user fee in the name of Billy F. & Janice King. Home unlivable. No trash cart. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #16-09763.

Release the user fee in the name of Paul M. & Robert Leder. They use a commercial hauler. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #01-51810.

Release the user fee in the name of Bessie Eunice P. Long. Shop uses waste management for trash service. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #13-24020.

Release the user fee in the name of Alton & Emma Mitchell. Mobile home is vacant and they do not have a trash cart here. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #14-10393.

Release the user fee in the name of Doris Stephens Penny. Owns one mobile home only. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #14-11820.

Release the user fee in the name of Allen Prevatte. House is vacant and there is no trash cart here. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #10-13833.

Release the user fee in the name of Ishmael A. & Hilda W. Pridgen. Business not in use, no trash cart. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #01-62642.

Release the user fee in the name of Lloyd McDuffie Skipper. House vacant and no trash cart. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #03-22081.

Release the user fee in the name of Travis, Lloyd, and Shirley Skipper. Land is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #03-22122.

Release the user fee in the name of Jason Lee & Izetta Smith. There is only one dwelling on this parcel of land. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #09-27249.

Release the user fee in the name of Donald B. & Barbara Spivey. Old store vacant. No trash cart here. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #09-27820.

Release two user fees in the name of Stanley Auto Sales. Two mobile homes are vacant. Amount \$200.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #09-28645.

Release the user fee in the name of Donald Stanley. Billed with one mobile home that he does not own. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #06-35811.

Release the user fee in the name of Selmon Stanley. Home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #09-29180.

Release the user fee in the name of Levy Wayne Strickland. Old building unlivable. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #06-38512.

Release the user fee in the name of Leroy & Martha Thompson. House vacant. No trash cart here. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #13-39820.

Release both user fees in the name of Richard K. & Ethel Ward. Both mobile homes are vacant with no trash carts. Amount \$200.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #14-17340.

Release the user fee in the name of Norman Lee & Joann Watkins. House is vacant with no trash cart. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #13-42644.

Release the user fee in the name of Wright Chemical Co. Uses commercial hauler. Amount \$500.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #15-40200.

Release the user fee in the name of Wright Chemical Co. Uses a commercial hauler. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #15-40200.

Release the user fee in the name of Wright Chemical Co. Uses a commercial hauler. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #15-40206.

Release the user fee in the name of Jack Guy & Jo Ann Vereen. House vacant and no trash cart. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #11-28220.

Release the user fee in the name of Cecil R. (III) & Jennifer Yoder. Building used for storage and no trash cart here. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #02-09717.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of Zaddie Bryant. Billed with double wide that is double listed in the name of Jerome Flowers. Amount \$363.25, Value \$32,300, Year 1998, Account #15-07155.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Doris Corbett. Double listed in the name of David C. Corbett. Amount \$200.08, Value \$14,400, Year 1998, Account #06-06266.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Christopher & Sandra Daniels. They no longer own this home. Amount \$170.09, Value \$8440, Year 1998, Account #04-02973.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Gregory & Kendra Hammond. Home double listed in the name of Roger Ray. Amount \$224.18, Value \$14,200, Year 1998, Account #06-09621.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Sharon B. Hayward. Home double listed in the name of Douglas R. & Sharon Hayward. Amount \$138.69, Value \$5060, Year 1998, Account #01-38642.

Release the value of a building in the name of M. H. Supply. Building torn down prior to 1-1-98. Amount \$105.11, Value \$14,700, Year 1998, Account #01-58434.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of Sarah Maultsby (Heirs). Billed with incorrect lot size. Amount \$140.86, Value \$19,700, Year 1998, Account #01-60380.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Frederick Allen Cherry Murphy. Home burned prior to 1-1-98. Amount \$293.18, Value \$23,260, Year 1998, Account #11-18222.

Release the value of a house in the name of Billy F. Penny. Home burned 1-12-97. Amount \$269.12, Value \$22,400, Year 1998, Account #01-68995.

Release the deferred taxes in the name of C.J. Price. Property sold to a family member. Amount \$136.65, Value \$18,099, Year 1997, Account #11-21460.

Release the deferred taxes in the name of C. J. Price. Property sold to a family member. Amount \$64.68, Value \$8,642, Year 1997, Account #11-21460, bill #95694.

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Release the deferred taxes in the name of C. J. Price. Property sold to a family

member. Amount \$63.14, Value \$8,420, Year 1997, Account #11-21460.

Release the deferred taxes in the name of C. J. Price. Property sold to a family

member. Amount \$84.56, Value \$11,200, Year 1997, Account #11-21460.

Release the deferred taxes in the name of C. J. Price. Property sold to a family

member. Amount \$46.20, Value \$6,173, Year 1997, Account #11-21460, bill #95698.

Release the deferred taxes in the name of C. J. Price. Property sold to a family

member. Amount \$46.20, Value \$6,173, Year 1997, Account #11-21460, bill #95699.

Release the deferred taxes in the name of C. J. Price. Property sold to a family

member. Amount \$45.10, Value \$6,014, Year 1997, Account #11-21460.

Release the property value in the name of Charles Roberts. Property double

listed in the names of Felix Dominquez, Tim Ezzell, and Melissa Duncan. Amount \$811.50,

Value \$66,000, Year 1998, Account #14-12673.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Terry James Thomas.

Home double listed in the name of Terry Thomas under another account number. Amount

\$117.86, Value \$2,570, Year 1998, Account #06-39809.

Release the property value in the name of Robert & Annie Wright. Property

double listed in the name of Believers Home Fellowship Inc. Amount \$35.49, Value \$4,700,

Year 1998, Account #09-36300.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of William R. & Melissa

R. Young. A portion of this property (2.3 acres) was listed and paid in Bladen Co. by Gene

Wilson. Amount \$19.18, Value \$2,760, Year 1998, Account #05-08111.

Budget Amendments:

Accept 10-336-0000	Committee of 100 - Amerimark, Inc.	\$ 47,500.00
Accept 10-348-0410	NC Commerce - Amerimark, Inc.	142,500.00
Expend 10-700-9800	Amerimark - Electrical Project	\$190,000.00
Accept 10-348-2300	State Funds - Smart Start Transportation	\$ 15,000.00

Expend as follows:

10-612-1101	Postage	\$ 150.00
10-612-1400	Travel/Employee Training	750.00
10-612-2600	Advertising	250.00
10-612-3200	Office Supplies/Printing	850.00
10-612-4500	Contract Service	12,500.00

10-612-5700

Miscellaneous Expense

500.00

AGING - APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL 1366 FUNDING

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to authorize the Department of Aging to accept a state appropriation from the General Assembly, in accordance with Senate Bill 1366, Section 12.18A in the amount of \$13,425.00 to include a 10% local match of \$1,472.00 for a total funding of \$14,717.00 for each of the five (5) Columbus County Senior Centers, the combined appropriation (state \$66,225.00 and local \$7,360.00) totaling \$73,585.00. The local appropriation in the amount of \$7,360.00 is to be absorbed within the 1998-99 Department of Aging's Budget.

AGING - APPROVAL OF TITLE III-F HEALTH PROMOTION CONTRACT**ADDENDUM**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the 1996-97 Title III-F Carry Forward funding through the Cape Fear Council of Governments in the amount of \$186.00 with the county providing a 15% match in the amount of \$22.00 to be absorbed within the 1998-99 Department of Aging's Budget.

**RESOLUTION - SUPPORTING UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO
HIGHWAY 130**

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

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

WHEREAS, Southeast Regional Park is being developed as an industrial park along Highway 130 between Whiteville and Chadbourn; and

WHEREAS, three (3) companies are currently building new facilities in Southeast Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, these companies will create a total of approximately 200 jobs by Fall, 1999; and

WHEREAS, more prospective companies have expressed strong interest in

locating facilities in the park; and

WHEREAS, Highway 130 needs to be upgraded to accommodate increased traffic due to these new facilities and future facilities; and

WHEREAS, Highway 130 from Whiteville to Chadbourn through Southeast Regional Park has become an important industrial corridor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners requests that the North Carolina Department of Transportation upgrade Highway 130 by repaving it and adding appropriate turn-lanes.

ADOPTED the 4th day of January 1999.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ C.E. Wilson, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

RESOLUTION - ABANDON A PORTION OF SR 1558

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to adopt the following Resolution.

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION REQUEST FOR DELETION FROM
THE STATE MAINTAINED SECONDARY ROAD SYSTEM**

North Carolina
County of Columbus

Road Description: A portion of SR 1558 from SR 1586 to dead end--.06 mile

WHEREAS, a request has been filed with the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Columbus requesting that the above described road be deleted from the Secondary Road System; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is of the opinion that the above described road should be deleted from the Secondary System, if the road meets the criteria established by the Division of Highways for the Department of Transportation for the deletion of roads to the System.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners

of the County of Columbus that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the above described road, and to delete the road from the State Secondary Road System.

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus at a meeting on the 4th day of January 1999.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this the 4th day of January 1999.

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

AYES: Commissioners Wilson, Britt, Dutton, McKenzie and Norris

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Gray due to a possible conflict of interest.

**RESOLUTION - PARTICIPATION IN A JOINT REGIONAL GROUND WATER
STUDY EFFORT WITH THE LUMBER RIVER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

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

**RESOLUTION of INTENT to PARTICIPATE in the
LUMBER RIVER COUNCIL of GOVERNMENTS**

REGIONAL GROUND WATER STUDY

WHEREAS, the LRCOG has been in the process of studying the ground water system in this region of the State; **and**

WHEREAS, the LRCOG study has shown the importance of the ground water supply system in southeastern North Carolina; **and**

WHEREAS, the LRCOG Board of Directors has adopted a regional ground water management plan that begins a more comprehensive approach to ground water resource planning; **and**

WHEREAS, the LRCOG is preparing to begin Phase 1 of Regional Ground Water Program that will look at such issues as water quality, supply and demand, monitoring of water levels and planning assistance; **and**

WHEREAS, the LRCOG Board of Directors has sought out its regional

neighbors that utilize ground water, including the County of Columbus to become partners in future study efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County of Columbus to participate in a joint ground water study effort.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Columbus does express interest to the LRCOG that it wishes to participate in the regional ground water study as presented; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the County of Columbus understands that a final study program and budget will be presented for consideration prior to any local obligation of funds.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of January, 1999.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ C.E. WILSON, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - UPDATE BY HASKELL

RHETT

Mr. Haskell Rhett, representing the Cape Fear Council of Governments, updated the Board with a progress report on the 1996 Columbus County Community Development Block Grant Program.

Mr. Rhett advised the Board that Mr. Marvin Beatty is included in the County's CDBG program and was originally proposed to receive rehabilitation benefits under the program. Upon startup of the construction, the contractor found the house has been severely infested by termites and is not feasible to repair. Mr. Rhett requested authorization for payment for relocation to Mr. Beatty in the amount of \$28,850.00 which will include the replacement home, set up, steps, handrails, electrical hookup, utility connections and the moving allowance of \$850.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to authorize Mr. Haskell Rhett's request to relocate Mr.

Marvin Beatty's family at the same cost of \$28,850.00 for rehabilitation as was approved in the CDBG scattered housing application for Columbus County.

AIRPORT - APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF STORAGE TANK AND JET FUEL

Phil Edwards, Airport Authority Secretary, representing the Airport Authority, requested the Board to purchase a jet fuel storage tank pumping system and 2,500 gallons of jet fuel at an estimated cost of \$20,000.00 which will allow the Columbus County Airport to sell jet fuel again.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve Mr. Edwards' request to purchase a jet fuel storage tank pumping system and 2,500 gallons of jet fuel at an estimated cost of \$20,000.00.

SOCIAL SERVICES - 1998-99 WORK FIRST TRANSITIONAL/EMPLOYMENT TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FUNDS AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the following Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

**APPLICANT SEEKING PERMISSION TO APPLY AND ACCEPT SFY 1998-99
WORK FIRST TRANSITIONAL/EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE FUNDS**

WHEREAS, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation as the agency responsible for administering federal and state public transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these transportation funds is to support transitional transportation needs of Work First participants after eligibility for cash assistance has concluded and/or other employment transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, the SFY 1998-99 funds are available for eligible program costs for the period specified by the North Carolina Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners has approved the local entity(s) designated to receive the operating allocation for Work First and employment transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners hereby assures and certifies that it will comply with state statutes, executive orders and all administrative requirements which relate to applications, made to and assistance received from the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the Work First Transitional/Employment Transportation Assistance program.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners hereby submits an application for SFY 1998-99 Work First transitional/Employment Transportation Assistance funds for use by the designated local entity(s) and assures that it will provide to the North Carolina Department of Transportation information regarding the use of the funds at such time and in such manner as the Department may require.

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I, Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners duly held on the 4th day of January 1999.

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

Subscribed and sworn to me on January 4, 1999.

/s/ June B. Hall, Notary Public
1162 Martin Gourd Road
Clarkton, NC 28433

My Commission Expires: 9-25-2003

APPOINTMENT - AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL (COG)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to appoint Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie to fill the Commissioner appointment on the Region O Aging Advisory Council to replace the former Commissioner C.W. Williams whose term expired December 7, 1998.

APPOINTMENT - PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN (SMART START)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to appoint Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie to fill the Commissioner appointment on the Partnership for Children Committee to replace the former Commissioner C.W. Williams whose term expired December 7, 1998.

**RESOLUTION - DESIGNATION OF DEMPSEY B. HERRING AS COUNTY
AGENT FOR DISASTER RELIEF FOR HURRICANE BONNIE**

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

DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County that Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, is hereby authorized to execute for and in behalf of Columbus County, a public entity established under the laws of the State of North Carolina, this application and to file it in the appropriate State office for the purpose of obtaining certain Federal financial assistance under the Disaster Relief Act (Public Law 288, 93rd Congress) or otherwise available from the President's Disaster Relief Fund.

THAT Columbus County, a public entity established under the laws of the State of North Carolina, hereby authorizes its agent to provide to the State and to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for all matters pertaining to such Federal disaster assistance the assurances and agreements printed on the reverse side hereof.

Passed and approved this 4th day of January 1999.

C.E. Wilson, Chairman

Sammie Jacobs, Vice Chairman

CERTIFICATION

I, Ida L. Smith, duly appointed and Clerk to the Board of the Columbus County Commissioners, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County on the 4th day of January 1999.

Date: January 4, 1999

Clerk to the Board

/s/ Ida L. Smith

AUDIT REPORT (1997-98) - BOARD ACCEPTANCE

Alan Thompson, CPA with Thompson, Price & Company, presented the Board with the highlights of the 1997-98 Columbus County Audit Report and requested the Board's acceptance.

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

and passed unanimously to accept the 1997-98 Columbus County Audit Report as presented.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:50 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to enter into closed session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(6).

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 9:30 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to adjourn closed session and resume regular session.

No action was taken.

RESOLUTION - APPROVAL TO CLOSE A PORTION OF NEWBERLIN STREET

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution to close a portion of Third Street in Ransom Township.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

**IN THE MATTER OF CLOSING
PORTION OF THIRD STREET
RANSOM TOWNSHIP**

At a Proposed Secondary Road Public Hearing of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners held on January 4, 1999 at 8:00 A.M. in the Columbus County Commissioners' Office in the City of Whiteville, which meeting was held for the purpose of adopting an Order pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 153A-241 on the question of permanently closing a portion of Third Street in Ransom Township described in the Resolution adopted by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners on November 16, 1998, which Resolution was published in the News Reporter pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-241 for four (4) consecutive weeks, beginning December 14, 1998, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners finds as a fact: That at the public hearing held on January 4, 1999 at 8:00 A.M. in the Columbus County Commissioners' Office in the County Administrative Building in the city of Whiteville, there was no opposition to the closing of a portion of Third Street in Ransom Township described below; that the Columbus County Board of

Commissioners is satisfied that closing a portion of Third Street in Ransom Township is not contrary in the public interest and that no individual owning property in the vicinity of the road would thereby be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property and that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners by unanimous vote is of the opinion that the following Order is proper and should be made and that the same is made by it in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Columbus County, and the closing is not contrary to the public interest.

IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, ORDERED that a portion of Third Street in Ransom Township described below be and the same is hereby ordered closed permanently pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 153A-241 and the area permanently closed is described as follows: A portion of Third Street which measures 50 feet by 332 feet and being the area in front of Lots 1 and 11 of Block N and Lots 10 and 20 of Block H of the Newberlin Townsite as shown on map recorded in Map Book N-1, page 242, Columbus County Registry, said property being located in Ransom Township, Columbus County, North Carolina.

Unanimously adopted the 4th day of January 1999.

/s/ C.E. Wilson, Chairperson
Columbus County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk

The above document is properly certified and notarized.

ADMINISTRATION - REVIEW SALARY OF ADMINISTRATOR

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to review and consider a salary adjustment for Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, prior to his performance evaluation and contract renewal which is due March 1999.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:42 A.M.

APPROVED


Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board


C.E. Wilson, Chairman