

COLUMBUS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, NC at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, January 18, 2000 to hold their regularly scheduled Board Meeting, it being the third Tuesday, following the third Monday, an observed Holiday (Martin Luther King's Birthday).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynwood Norris, Chairman

Spruell Randolph Britt, Vice Chairman

David L. Dutton, Jr.

A. Dial Gray, III

Sammie Jacobs

Amon E. McKenzie

C.E. Wilson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring
County Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

Chairman Norris called the Board Meeting to order and Commissioner A. Dial Gray, III, gave the invocation.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Britt, and passed unanimously to approve the Board Minutes for January 3 and 10, 2000, with an amendment to include the following Deed transferring Southeast Regional Park property from Columbus County to Columbus County Water and Sewer District II.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

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THIS DEED, made this 19th of January, 2000, by **COLUMBUS COUNTY** (hereinafter sometimes called the "Grantor," party of the first part, to **COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT II** (hereinafter called the "Grantee"), party of the second part;

WITNESSETH:

That, in consideration of the sum of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars and other sufficient good and valuable consideration to the Grantor, paid by the Grantee, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Grantor has granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and convey to the said Grantee, in fee simple, the following described tract, lot or parcel of land situated in Whiteville Township, Columbus County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

TRACT ONE:

BEING all of that 1.12 acre tract and lot of land and shown and delineated on that certain plat entitled "Survey for County of Columbus Proposed Water Tank Lot" by William E. Craven, RLS, dated October, 1998 and recorded in Plat Book 65 at Page 18, Columbus County Registry. Reference is hereby made to said plat for more certainty, clarity and particularity of description. This is a well site within the Southeast Regional Park off Highway 130 between Whiteville and Chadbourn.

TRACT TWO:

BEING also all of that 0.23 acre tract and lot of land as described in a deed from Betty B. Gray et al to Columbus County dated March 13, 1997 and recorded in Book 525 at Page 569, Columbus County Registry. Reference is hereby made to said deed for more clarity and particularity of description. This is part of the well and tank site in the Southeast Regional Park off Highway 130 between Chadbourn and Whiteville.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described tract, lot or parcel of land, together with all privileges appertaining, to the said Grantee, in fee simple, to its only use and behoof forever.

And the said Grantor, and its successors and assigns covenant with the said Grantee and the successors and assigns of the Grantee that it is seized of said premises in fee simple and have right to convey the same in fee; that same is free and clear from any encumbrance; and that it does hereby and will forever warrant and defend the title to the same against the claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Columbus County has caused this instrument to be executed in its corporate name by the Chairman of its Board of County Commissioners and attested by the Secretary of said Board, pursuant to the motion duly and regularly adopted at the January 10, 2000 meeting of said Board of County Commissioners.

COLUMBUS COUNTY

(SEAL)

BY: /s/ Lynwood Norris

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Britt, and passed unanimously to approve the following consent agenda items:

Tax Refunds:

Request a refund in the name of Novell Anderson, P.O. Box 43, Fair Bluff, N.C. 28439. Mobile home double listed in the same name with a different account number. Amount \$108.75, Value \$1000, Year 1998, Account #10-00480.

Request a refund in the name of Novell Anderson, P.O. Box 43, Fair Bluff, N.C. 28439. Mobile home double listed in the same name with a different account number. Amount \$107.95, Value \$1000, Year 1999, Account #10-00480.

Request a refund in the name of James W. Gore, 19575 Seven Creeks Hwy., Tabor City, N.C. 28463. Value on boat was too high. Amount \$23.32, Value \$3064, Year 1999, Account #06-00742.

Request a refund in the name of Paul Franklin Page, 1768 Bird Cage Rd., Chadbourn, N.C. 28431. Paid user fees on 35 mobile homes. He uses a commercial hauler. Amount \$3,500.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #13-31733.

Request a refund in the name of James Monroe Powell, P.O. Box 187, Cerro Gordo, NC 28430. Make check payable to James Marshall Powell at same address. Over pd. on user fees. Amount \$140.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #16-12322.

Request a refund in the name of Earnest Roosevelt Spaulding, c/o Nathaniel Freeman, 1939 Longgreen Ln. Hampton, Va. 23663. Paid user fee on vacant house. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #14-15120.

Tax Releases:

Release the special district fee in the name of Junior Winford Dew. Property not in the Whiteville Rescue area. Amount \$.10, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #11-07740.

Release the special district fee in the name of Junior Winford Dew. Property not located in the Whiteville Rescue area. Amount \$.04, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #11-07740.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of Joseph & Johnson D. Clewis. Failed to receive full senior citizens exemption. Amount \$42.39, Value \$6,099, Year 1999, Account #03-03323.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of A.J. & Thelma G. Eason. Failed to receive senior citizens exemption. Amount \$139.00, Value \$20,000, Year 1999, Account #15-12700.

Release a portion of the value of a boat for the Town of Sandyfield in the name of Marvin Graham. Boat value is too high. Amount \$5.59, Value \$1,450, Year 1999, Account #15-16420.

Release the user fee in the name of Charles R. & Janice B. Ray. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #03-01561.

Release one of the user fees in the name of Giles & Eloise Byrd. One house is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #11-04800.

Release three user fees in the name of Giles Byrd. All three houses are vacant. Amount \$300.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #11-04823.

Release the user fee in the name of Carl Edward Caines. Uses a commercial hauler. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #13-06280.

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Release two user fees in the name of Charles & Iris Caines. Uses a commercial hauler. Amount \$200.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #13-06300.

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hauler. Amount \$200.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #13-06300.

Release the user fee in the name of Gene Ray & Carleen Creech. There is no trash cart here. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #11-07219.

Release one of the user fees in the name of Ila P. Cribb. Mobile home sold a year ago. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #09-05664.

Budget Amendments:

Accept Health Inspections Food & Lodging Grant	\$ 1,416
Expend Health Departmental Supplies	1,416
Transfer funds from Health Assessment to Health Check	\$ 24,512

Expend as follows:

10-577-0200 Salaries	\$ 13,172
10-577-0201 Longevity	44
10-577-0500 FICA	998
10-577-0600 Insurance	1,937
10-577-0700 Retirement	661
10-577-1400 Travel	3,200
10-577-3200 Office Supplies	4,000
10-577-3300 Departmental Supplies	500

Correct Health Assessment Revenue (Smart Start Funds)	(\$ 2,359)
Correct Health Assessment Expenditures as follows:	

10-585-0200 Salaries	\$ 3,797
10-585-0201 Longevity	70
10-585-0500 FICA	125
10-585-0600 Insurance	(707)
10-585-0700 Retirement	106
10-585-1101 Postage	(400)
10-585-1400 Travel	(1,500)
10-585-3200 Office Supplies	(1,820)
10-585-3300 Departmental Supplies	(1,450)
10-585-5700 Miscellaneous Supplies	(580)

Accept 10-348-0709 Maternity Care Coordination Funds	\$ 3,750
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Expend 10-592-020 Salaries	3,750
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Increase 10-335-0000 Insurance Claim (Misc. Revenue)	\$ 5,600
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Expend 10-510-7400 Capital Outlay	5,600
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AWARD - RETIREMENT PLAQUE

Chairman Norris presented Linda C. Shaw with the following "Retirement Plaque."

PRESENT TO

LINDA C. SHAW

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION OF YOUR SERVICE

AS ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

WITH THE N.C. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

07-01-65 - 12-31-99

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AWARD - RETIREMENT PLAQUE

Chairman Norris and Marian Duncan, Health Director, presented Lois J. McCullen with the following "Retirement Plaque."

PRESENTED TO

LOIS J. McCULLEN

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION OF YOUR SERVICE

AS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I

WITH THE COLUMBUS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

11-01-73 - 04-30-99

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PROCLAMATION - SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

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

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, school boards create a vision for what students should know and be able to do;

WHEREAS, school boards establish clear standards for student performance;

WHEREAS, school boards ensure that student assessments are tied to established standards;

WHEREAS, school boards are accountable to the community for operating schools that support student achievement;

WHEREAS, school boards create a climate that supports the philosophy that all children can learn at high levels;

WHEREAS, school boards build collaborative relationships based on trust, teamwork and shared accountability; and

WHEREAS, school boards are committed to continuous education and training on issues related to student achievement.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, hereby declare our appreciation to the members of the Columbus County/Whiteville City School Boards and proclaim the month of January, 2000 to be

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH.

We urge all citizens to join us in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members in preparing today's students for tomorrow's world.

ADOPTED this the 18th day of January, 2000.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ LYNWOOD NORRIS, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

HURRICANE FLOYD RECOVERY - STATE GRANTS UPDATE

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, updated the Board regarding State Grants for homeowners approved for SBA Disaster Home Loans. Mr. Herring reported on the following items:

1. 241 SBA Loans have been approved and 174 SBA Disaster Home Loans have been approved.
2. The Department of Social Services will complete the certification for verification of eligibility for SBA Loans.
3. The Housing Recovery Assistance Center is located at Cooperative

Extension Building, 45 Government Complex Road, Whiteville, NC and Robin Reaves is the Housing Counselor.

4. The SBA disaster home loan applications have been extended until February 17, 2000.

CENSUS 2000 - REPORT

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, reported on the United States Census 2000 Meeting he attended in Wilmington, NC, January 12, 2000. Mr. Herring reported we will need the help of community leaders, towns, churches and clubs to participate in the Census 2000 as it is imperative that we have an accurate count as there is no appeal process and these figures will affect our funding for state and federal programs.

SOLID WASTE - RIEGEL RIDGE LANDFILL LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to place the following Legal Advertisement in the newspaper, and place as a news release with one (1) television station and one (1) radio station.

The Columbus County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Meeting to discuss the Site Study prepared for Columbus County's Riegel Ridge Landfill. The meeting will be held on February 21, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. at the Courthouse Annex Commissioners' Chambers, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, NC. The Site Study is available for review at the Carolyn T. High Memorial Library in Whiteville, NC. This Public Notice is provided under the requirements of the North Carolina Solid Waste Management Rules, Rule .1618(c)(5)(A).

Publication Date: January 20, 2000.

LEASE (RAILROAD DEPOT) - APPROVAL TO SUB-LEASE TO THE GREATER WHITEVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to approve James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, to proceed with preparing a sub-lease Agreement for the Railroad Depot Property from Columbus County to the Greater Whiteville Chamber of Commerce and present to the Board for their

final approval.

ADMINISTRATION - INFORMATION

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, reported on the following items:

1. The Riegelwood Community Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization incorporated, under the laws of the State of North Carolina, located in Riegelwood, NC, has transferred by Deed to Columbus County for a sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) a parcel of land (17-18 acres), in which a portion of the property will be used to relocate the Riegelwood Library. Recorded at the Register of Deeds January 4, 2000, Instrument #47, Deed Book 609, Page 953
2. The Animal Control Advisory Committee will hold their first meeting January 20, 2000 at 7:00 P.M., in the Columbus County Administration Building Conference Room.

APPOINTMENT-LAKE WACCAMAW BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to appoint Ms. Verna Williamson to serve as the extra-territorial member of the Lake Waccamaw Board of Adjustment to replace Ms. Ruth Brandt, for a three (3) year term, expiring January 18, 2003.

HURRICANE FLOYD FLOOD VICTIMS - MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Clarence Williams, representing Hope After Floyd, reported on the services their organization provides regarding help for rebuilding communities and the mental condition on Hurricanes Floyd and Irene victims for Columbus, Bladen and Robeson County. This program is being supported by a State Grant.

AUDIT REPORT - TABLED

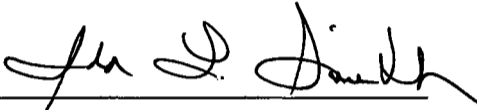
A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to table the June 30, 1999 Columbus County Audit Report until the next Board Meeting.

WATER & SEWER DISTRICT II - DOUGLAS SASSER PROPERTY PURCHASE**APPROVAL**

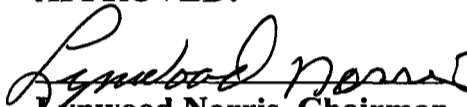
A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the purchase of the Douglas Sasser Property (1.26 acres +/-) for the Water and Sewer District II well site located on Highway 242 (Haynes Lennon Road) in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be expended from Legal (10-470-0402) and to be reimbursed by Water and Sewer District II funds.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:20 P.M.


Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:


Lynwood Norris, Chairman