

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 7:35 P.M., May 15, 2000 to hold their regularly scheduled Board Meeting, it being the third Monday. The regularly scheduled meeting began at 7:35 P.M. due to the Board holding a public hearing prior to the regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynwood Norris, Chairman

Spruell R. Britt, Vice Chairman

David L. Dutton, Jr.

A. Dial Gray, III

Amon E. McKenzie

C.E. Wilson

James E. Hill, Jr.
County Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring
County Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

ABSENT:

Sammie Jacobs

**PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND) - 2000 COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT INFRASTRUCTURE APPLICATION**

At 7:30 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to enter into the second Public Hearing regarding the proposed application for the 2000 Community Development Block Grant Infrastructure Application.

Chairman Norris stated the purpose of the hearing is to notify citizens of the proposed Application for 2000 Community Development Block Grant Funding contents and to receive comments relative to the proposed application.

Floyd Adams, representing The Adams Company, stated the proposed project will include water system improvements. These improvements are proposed in portions of the Evergreen Community (old 74 through Boardman). The CDBG application is requesting funds in the amount of \$850,000.00, which represents 89% of the total program cost with the County providing a match of \$60,000.00.

Chairman Norris requested comments from anyone present.

There were no comments.

At 7:35 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to close the Public Hearing.

REGULARLY BOARD MEETING COMMENCED

At 7:35 P.M., Chairman Norris called the regularly scheduled Board Meeting to order and Commissioner McKenzie gave the invocation.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the May 1 and 8, 2000 Board Minutes, as recorded.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

Tax Releases:

Release the property value in the name of Richard Devine Simmons. Failed to receive the senior citizens exemption. Amount \$123.09, Value \$3,020, Year 1999, Account #15-33945.

Release the user fee in the name of Bill Bently. House vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #16-00331.

Release the user fee in the name of Lee Vern Brown. House is vacant. Amount

\$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #12-03780.

Release the user fee in the name of Willard A. Creech. Mobile home is vacant.

Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #14-04087.

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Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #14-04087.

Release the user fee in the name of Sadie Moore Graham. There are no dwellings on this property. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #14-06142.

Release the user fee in the name of Dorothy B. Nance. House is vacant.

Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #12-19623.

Release the user fee in the name of Marvin Wayne Standifer. Boat was incorrectly listed as a mobile home. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #04-15320.

Release the user fee in the name of Jerry Wayne & Tina Ward. Never had a trash can for this mobile home. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #07-18830.

Release the user fee in the name of Oliver & Rhoda M. Young. There are no dwellings on this property. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #08-21540.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Kay Britt. Home is double listed in the name of Mary Kay Britt. Amount \$380.74, Value \$33,200, Year 1999, Account #01-08784.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Mary Lou Cribb Carroll. Home double listed in the name of Roland Jr. & Mary Lou Carroll. Amount \$61.42, Value \$1,000, Year 1998, Account #13-06911.

Release the deferred tax in the name of Donna Marie Collins. Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$110.50, Value \$13,900, Year 1999, Account #16-03213, Bill #52964.

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Release the deferred tax in the name of Donna Marie Collins. Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$76.56, Value \$9,764, Year 1999, Account #16-03213, Bill #52967.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Wayland Hamilton. Home double listed in the name of Kayle Hall. Amount \$130.43, Value \$3,486, Year 1999, Account #16-06940.

Release the deferred tax in the name of Lonnie Foster Hinson. Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$55.65, Value \$7,000, Year 1999, Account #06-19100, Bill #53004.

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Release the deferred tax in the name of Lonnie Foster Hinson. Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$55.65, Value \$7,000, Year 1999, Account #06-19100, Bill #53006.

Release the deferred tax in the name of Lonnie Foster Hinson. Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$38.72, Value \$4,938, Year 1999, Account #06-19100, Bill #53007.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Cogene Hyatt. Home double listed in the name of William N. & Jackie Smith. Amount \$316.66, Value \$27,600, Year 1999, Account #03-04857.

Release the property value in the name of Alton Lennon. Property double listed in the name of Marva & Minnie Watlington. Amount \$61.20, Value \$9,000, Year 1990, Account #12-14780.

Release the property value in the name of Alton Lennon. Property double listed in the name of Marva & Minnie Watlington. Amount \$62.10, Value \$9,000, Year

1991, Account #12-14780.

Release the property value in the name of Alton Lennon. Property double listed in the name of Marva & Minnie Watlington. Amount \$62.10, Value \$9,000, Year 1992, Account #12-14780.

Release the property value in the name of Alton Lennon. Property double listed in the name of Marva & Minnie Watlington. Amount \$64.80, Value \$9,000, Year 1993, Account #12-14780.

Release the property value in the name of Alton Lennon. Property double listed in the name of Marva & Minnie Watlington. Amount \$68.40, Value \$9,000, Year 1994, Account #12-14780.

Release the property value in the name of Alton Lennon. Property double listed in the name of Marva & Minnie Watlington. Amount \$70.20, Value \$9,000, Year 1995, Account #12-14780.

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Release the property value in the name of Alton Lennon. Property double listed in the name of Marva & Minnie Watlington. Amount \$67.42, Value \$9,700, Year 1997, Account #12-14780.

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Release the value of a single wide home in the name of Judy A. Baldwin Moore. Home double listed as real and personal property. Amount \$148.91, Value \$6,230, Year 1997, Account #01-63359.

Release the value of a double wide home in the name of Judy A. Baldwin

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Release a portion of the boat value in the name of Gary B. Nobles. Boat valued too high. Amount \$40.45, Value \$5,142, Year 1999, Account #01-02521.

Release the value of a single wide home in the name of Wayne Patty. Home traded for a double wide and listed. Amount \$193.82, Value \$13,500, Year 1999, Account #12-21420.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Tommy Morgan Reeves. Home double listed in the name of Virgil Barefoot. Amount \$149.69, Value \$7,150, Year 1999, Account #03-18689.

Release the deferred tax in the name of Earl & Mildred S. Robbins. Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$63.97, Value \$8,150, Year 1999, Account #01-76680.

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Release the deferred tax in the name of Earl & Mildred S. Robbins. Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$63.97, Value \$8,150, Year 1999, Account #01-76680, Bill #53036.

Release the deferred tax in the name of Earl & Mildred S. Robbins. Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$35.67, Value \$4,100, Year 1999, Account #01-76680, Bill #53037.

Release the deferred tax in the name of Mary Lou Sellers. Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$135.90, Value \$18,000, Year 1999, Account #09-25740.

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#53038.

Release the deferred tax in the name of Mary Lou Sellers. Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$135.90, Value \$18,000, Year 1999, Account #09-25740, Bill #53045.

Release the deferred tax in the name of Mary Lou Sellers. Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$69.72, Value \$9,315, Year 1999, Account #09-25740, Bill #53046.

Release the deferred tax in the name of Merlene Spivey. Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$126.84, Value \$16,800, Year 1999, Account #06-35415, Bill #53047.

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Release the deferred tax in the name of Merlene Spivey. Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$126.84, Value \$16,800, Year 1999, Account #06-35415, Bill #53060.

Release the deferred tax in the name of Merlene Spivey. Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$202.44, Value \$21,047, Year 1999, Account #06-35415, Bill #53061.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of Nancy Ward. Billed with incorrect acres. Amount \$127.96, Value \$16,300, Year 1999, Account #02-01691, Bill #53062.

Release the deferred tax in the name of Nettie Williamson. Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$65.33, Value \$9,400, Year 1999, Account #12-31560, #53063, Bill #53092.

Release the deferred tax in the name of Nettie Williamson. Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$65.33, Value \$9,400, Year 1999, Account #12-31560, Bill #53093.

Release the deferred tax in the name of Nettie Williamson. Property transferred

to a family member. Amount \$65.33, Value \$9,400, Year 1999, Account #12-31560, Bill #53093.

Release the deferred tax in the name of Nettie Williamson. Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$59.28, Value \$8,530, Year 1999, Account #12-31560, Bill #53094.

Release the deferred tax in the name of Nettie Williamson. Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$28.91, Value \$4,160, Year 1999, Account #12-31560, Bill #53095.

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Release the deferred tax in the name of Nettie Williamson. Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$28.91, Value \$4,160, Year 1999, Account #12-31560, Bill #53098.

Release the deferred tax in the name of Nettie Williamson. Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$17.16, Value \$2,469, Year 1999, Account #12-31560, Bill #53100.

Release the deferred tax in the name of C E and Eloise J. Wilson. Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$31.20, Value \$4,489, Year 1999, Account #05-07613, Bill #53102.

Release the deferred tax in the name of C. E. and Eloise J. Wilson. Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$31.20, Value \$4,489, Year 1999, Account #05-07613, Bill #53103.

Release the deferred tax in the name of C E and Eloise J. Wilson. Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$31.20, Value \$4,489, Year 1999, Account #05-07613, Bill #53104.

Release the deferred tax in the name of C. E. and Eloise J. Wilson. Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$22.23, Value \$3,199, Year 1999, Account #05-07613, Bill #53105.

Budget Amendments:

Accept 72-302-0000	Wireless E-911 Funds	\$16,000.00
Expend 72-526-7400	Capital Outlay	\$16,000.00
Accept 10-348-1502	Public Water Supply Funds	\$ 6,000.00
Expend 10-575-5701	Public Water Supply Project	\$ 6,000.00
Accept 10-354-0700	Health Assessment	\$15,000.00
Expend as follows:		
10-585-0200	Salaries	\$ 12,547.00
10-585-1101	Postage	100.00
10-585-1400	Travel	1,000.00
10-585-3200	Office Supplies	1,353.00
Accept 10-348-1400	WIC - Outreach funds	\$ 9,892.00
Expend as follows:		
10-598-3304	Miscellaneous Supplies	\$ 5,657.00
10-598-4504	Contracted Services	3,200.00
10-598-4604	Medical Supplies	1,035.00

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF WHITEVILLE - PRESENTATION

Tonya Pait, Communities in Schools of Whiteville Executive Director, provided the Board with a brochure and reviewed the information on what services they provide in the Communities in Schools of Whiteville Program.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES - PARAMEDIC SYSTEM FOR COUNTY PRESENTATION

Dr. William W. Elsasser, Medical Director for the Emergency Department at Columbus County Hospital, described what is now a fragmented system of emergency medical care in Columbus County.

Dr. Fred Obrecht, Medical Director for the Advanced Life Support in Columbus County reported Whiteville Rescue offers the only paramedic-level care in the County, other rescue squads in the County either offer basic or some advanced care depending on where you are. In many cases of severe injury or illness, time is of the essence and having medical care available quickly.

David Nobles, former acting Director of New Hanover County EMS in Wilmington, described a \$526,000 a year system to bring paramedic care to all areas of Columbus County. Whiteville Rescue District would handle its own calls. The remainder

of the County would be divided into four (4) areas, each with a quick response vehicle to cover that area. The vehicle would be equipped with everything paramedics need to offer emergency medical care. Existing rescue squads also would be dispatched providing additional medical care and the means of transporting patients to the hospital.

Mr. Nobles requested the Board to consider the proposal that was presented.

The Board reached a general consensus to direct Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator to meet with David Nobles and the Columbus County Rescue Departments to determine a suitable arrangement for everyone involved and present to the Board for consideration.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT APPLICATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve allowing the Adams Company, Incorporated to submit an application to the State for the Columbus County Community Development Block Grant Infrastructure Project in the amount of \$850,000.00 and allow the Chairman to sign all necessary documents regarding the application and approved a local commitment from the County of \$60,000.00 when the Grant is awarded.

RESOLUTION - ELIZABETH BRINKLEY MEMORIAL PARK

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

**RESOLUTION in SUPPORT of LAND and WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS
for the DEVELOPMENT and EXPANSION of
ELIZABETH BRINKLEY MEMORIAL PARK**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation, is requesting proposals from local governments for Land and Conservation Funds to assist in the development of high visibility, high quality outdoor recreation facilities; **and**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Lake Waccamaw and Columbus County deserve quality outdoor facilities to accommodate the large number of increasing residents and need for such facilities; **and**

WHEREAS, the current facility lacks the resources and facility to accommodate the demanding need for soccer fields, increased baseball and softball events, and desperate request for a walking/fitness tract and bike trail from town and county residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners strongly endorses and supports the Town of Lake Waccamaw to pursue matching funds through the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund for expanding and developing a high quality outdoor recreation area.

ADOPTED unanimously by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners this 15th day of May, 2000.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **LYNWOOD NORRIS, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ **IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board**

RESOLUTION - SUPPORT OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY HOSTING GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON TRAVEL AND TOURISM IN 2003

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

RESOLUTION in SUPPORT of HOSTING the GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE on TRAVEL and TOURISM in BRUNSWICK COUNTY in 2003

WHEREAS, travel and tourism have long played a role in the land of the longleaf pine, contributing to the economy of North Carolina an estimated \$12 billion in 1999; **and**

WHEREAS, an estimated one hundred seventy-one thousand (171,000) jobs are directly supported by travel and tourism business with an estimated \$2.9 billion in wages and salaries in North Carolina; **and**

WHEREAS, spending by travelers and tourists in North Carolina last year

generated \$1.6 billion in tax receipts (\$811 million federal, \$526 million state, and \$293 million local), which supplemented the economy of the state and Brunswick County; **and**

WHEREAS, forty-three (43) million visitors came to North Carolina last year, and Brunswick County shared in the economic impact that those tourists had on this state; **and**

WHEREAS, the Governor of North Carolina holds an annual conference relating to travel and tourism in this state and the impact that the business has on North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session, is hereby resolved to share with the rest of the State the allure and attractiveness of this County, and to boast of the beauty of this earthly destination, and insist that the Governor's Conference on Travel and Tourism be held in Brunswick County, sister county of Columbus, in the Year 2003.

ADOPTED the 15th day of May, 2000.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **LYNWOOD NORRIS, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ **IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board**

INTERAGENCY TRANSPORTATION - PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve holding a public hearing regarding the proposed funding of the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 for 8:00 A.M., June 5, 2000.

APPOINTMENTS - LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Commissioner Britt reappointed Anne Powell to serve on the Library Board of Trustees for a four (4) year term, expiring June 30, 2004 to represent Zone VI.

Commissioner Jacobs advised Dempsey Herring, County Administrator, prior to the Board Meeting, to reappoint Emma Moore to serve on the Library Board of Trustees for a four (4) year term, expiring June 30, 2004 to represent District III.

ORDINANCE (SOLID WASTE) - ATTACHMENT I, AMENDMENT VII

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to amend the Solid Waste Ordinance, Attachment I, Amendment VII, Commercial and Residential Tipping Fee from \$40.64/Ton to \$42.23/Ton, due to the fuel price adjustment, retroactive to March 9, 2000.

ATTACHMENT I**AMENDMENT VII****SOLID WASTE USER FEES:**

Commercial and Residential Tipping Fee	\$ 42.23/Ton
LCID and C & D Materials Tipping Fee	30.00/Ton
Collection and Landfill Fee for County Residents	100.00/Annually
Landfill Fee for Municipal Residents	60.00/Annually

The above Solid Waste User Fee Ordinance Amendment was passed by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County on May 15, 2000 to become effective March 9, 2000 upon motion by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Lynwood Norris, Chairman

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

WATER & SEWER DISTRICT III - CANCEL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to approve the following items regarding Water & Sewer District III:

1. Cancel the Notice of Public Hearing that was scheduled at 7:30 P.M., May 17, 2000 but was not published in the News Reporter; and
2. Cancel the Bond Referendum for July 11, 2000 and reset the Bond Referendum date for August 15, 2000.

RESOLUTION - APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A WAGE WAIVER FOR THE INDUSTRIAL BONDS FOR INTERKORDSA, INC.

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner

Wilson and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF COLUMBUS COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA
APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A WAGE WAIVER FOR THE INDUSTRIAL
REVENUE BONDS FOR INTERKORDSA, INCORPORATED**

The Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina met in a regular session in the Columbus County Courthouse Annex, Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472 at 7:30 P.M. on the 15th day of May, 2000.

Members Present: Chairman Lynwood Norris, Commissioners: David L. Dutton, Jr., C. E. "Gene" Wilson, A. Dial Gray III, Spruell R. Britt, Amon McKenzie.

Member Absent: Sammie Jacobs.

The Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, at a May 8, 2000 meeting, adopted a resolution approving the issuance of industrial revenue bonds for InterKordSA, Incorporated in an amount not to exceed eight million five hundred thousand and 00/100 (\$8,500,000.00) dollars.

Commissioner Britt presented the following resolution to the Board of Commissioners for their consideration. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Britt, which was duly seconded by Commissioner Wilson, the Resolution was carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A WAGE WAIVER
FOR THE APPLICATION OF INTERKORDSA, INC. TO THE NORTH
CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF UP
TO \$8,500,000 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS BY THE
COLUMBUS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AND POLLUTION
CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY**

RECITALS:

The Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority (the "Authority") has approve the submission of application materials to the North Carolina Department of Commerce for the issuance of up to \$8,500,000 in industrial development revenue bonds for InterKordSA, Incorporated (the "Company").

As part of that application, the company was required to submit an employment profile showing proposed employment levels and wage information. The average weekly wage reported on the Employment Profile does not meet or exceed the projected average

weekly wage for manufacturing in Columbus County as set forth by the North Carolina Department of Commerce and which is not less than ten (10%) percent above the average weekly manufacturing wage paid in the State of North Carolina.

The application of the Company to the North Carolina Department of Commerce cannot be approved without the authorization of the Board of Commissioners to waive the requirement that the average weekly wages, as proposed by the Company, meet or exceed the average weekly wages for manufacturing as set forth by the North Carolina Department of Commerce.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, that the requirement, as set forth in North Carolina General Statute §159C-7, that the proposed wages to be paid by the Company meet or exceed the average weekly wage in Columbus County for manufacturing, as set forth by the North Carolina Department of Commerce, or is not less than ten (10%) percent above the average weekly manufacturing wage paid in the State of North Carolina, is hereby waived and that the Board approves the application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce in its current form and requests the North Carolina Department of Commerce to approve said application; **and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this waiver of the wage requirement is designated to be the Board's approval that is required pursuant to the North Carolina Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Act and the regulations of the North Carolina Department of commerce; **and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, (a) that all other actions of County officials in conformity with the purpose and intent of this resolution and in furtherance of the issuance of the bonds are hereby ratified, approved, and confirmed, (b) that all other Board proceedings, or parts thereof, in conflict with this resolution, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed, and (c) that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

DULY ADOPTED this the 15th day of May, 2000.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ LYNWOOD NORRIS, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

NORTH CAROLINA
COLUMBUS COUNTY

I, Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of so much of the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners for said County at a meeting held on May 15, 2000, as related in any way to the resolution herein above set forth, and that said proceedings are recorded in Minute Book Number 25, beginning at Page 637 and ending at Page 639.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that a schedule of regular meetings of the Board, stating that regular meetings of said Board are held on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Columbus County Courthouse Annex, Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, has been on file in my office pursuant to G.S. 143-318.12 as of a date not less than (7) days before said meeting.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of the County of Columbus, this 15th day of May, 2000.

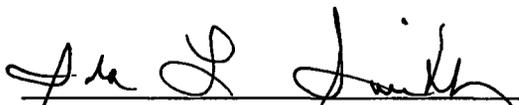
/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

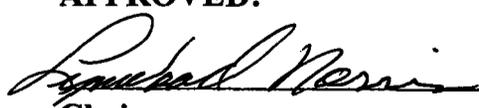
FORESTRY SERVICE - SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS 1998-99

Walter B. Lewis, Columbus County Ranger, presented the Board with a summary of the accomplishments of the Columbus County Staff of the North Carolina Forest Service for the 1998-99 Fiscal Year.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:40 P.M.


Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:

Chairman