

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 7:00 P.M., May 17, 2001 to hold a Special/Emergency Meeting called by Chairman Spruell R. Britt for the purpose of consideration of the appointment of an Interim County Administrator until a new County Administrator can be selected.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

Sammie Jacobs, Vice Chairman

David L. Dutton, Jr. (Arrived at 7:05 P.M.)

Amon E. McKenzie

Bill Memory

Lynwood Norris

C.E. Wilson

James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney

Ida L. Smith
Clerk to Board

Chairman Britt called the Special/Emergency Meeting to order.

Chairman Britt stated that Robert Hester, field representative with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, was present to advise the Board on the Interim Managers that are available for a short term situation.

Mr. Hester advised the following Interim Managers are available for the Board's consideration:

1. **Richard Self:** Mr. Self a former Columbus County Administrator for four (4) years and a former Johnston County Manager for twelve (12) years. Mr. Self is completing a short stint as Interim Manager in the Town of Beaufort

and can assist Columbus County on a short time basis of two and one-half (2 ½) days per week.

2. **John Ed Whitehurst:** Mr. Whitehurst has served many years as Finance Office and Manager of Bertie County and recently retired after completing five (5) years as Stanly County Manager and is willing to assist Columbus County on a short-term basis.
3. **Robert Murphy:** Mr. Murphy recently resigned as Carteret County Manager and is hoping to move to the Raleigh Durham area and is a candidate as Manager in Franklin County. Mr. Murphy has indicated he is available for short-term interim work.

Mr. Hester also mentioned Phil Hinley, a former Gaston County Manager, and Felix Cooper, a former New Hanover County Manager, are available on interim basis but these gentlemen have not been contacted to see if they are interested in serving as an Interim Administrator in Columbus County.


After a lengthy discussion among Board Members, a motion was made by Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to contact Richard B. Self, a former Columbus County Administrator, and request that he meet with the Board on May 21, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. for an interview with the Board of Commissioners regarding the Columbus County Interim Administrator position.

Ayes: Commissioners Jacobs, Norris, Britt, Memory, Wilson and Dutton.

Noes: Commissioner McKenzie.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to adjourn the Meeting at 7:35 P.M.


Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:

Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

ATTACHMENT TO MAY 17, 2001 EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES -
INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR INTERVIEW SCHEDULED

As directed by the Board of Commissioners, on May 18, 2001, Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board, contacted Richard B. Self regarding an interview with the Columbus County Board of Commissioners at the May 21, 2001 Board Meeting to consider the Interim Administrator's position.

Upon speaking with Richard B. Self, he informed Ida L. Smith he would not be available for an interview on May 21, 2001 and would not be available to serve as an Interim Administrator for three (3) weeks as he was presently employed under contract as Interim Manager with the Town of Beaufort.

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board, contacted all Board Members, and it was a general consensus among the Board Members, to direct Ida L. Smith to contact John Edward Whitehurst to meet with the Board on May 21, 2001 regarding the Interim Administrator's position with Columbus County.

John Edward Whitehurst was contacted regarding the Interim Administrator's position with Columbus County and agreed to meet with the Board on May 21, 2001 at 7:30 P.M.

/s/ Ida L. Smith

Clerk to the Board