

**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 6:00 P.M., July 18, 2001 to resume a Board Meeting that was recessed on July 16, 2001.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

Sammie Jacobs, Vice Chairman

David L. Dutton, Jr.

Amon E. McKenzie

Bill Memory

Lynwood Norris

C.E. Wilson

James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney

John E. Whitehurst  
Interim County Administrator

Ida L. Smith  
Clerk to Board

**BOARD MEETING RESUMED**

Chairman Britt called the Board Meeting that was recessed on July 16, 2001 back to order.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE REGARDING STATE FUNDING**

John E. Whitehurst, Interim County Administrator, updated the Board regarding the proposed funding from the State as follows:

1. If a one-half cents sales tax is imposed by the legislature, it will generate approximately \$1,950,570 for Columbus County.
2. Columbus County received Inventory Tax that was withheld for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 in the amount of \$600,517.30, after excluding the Fire District Tax,

approximately \$585,000.00 will be available for County use.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:05 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to enter into Closed Session in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes §143-318.11(a)(6).

**RESUME REGULAR SESSION**

At 6:50 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session.

**No official action was taken.**

**RECREATION - RIEGELWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER TO BE PADLOCKED**

John E. Whitehurst, Interim County Administrator, advised the Board that he and Darren Currie, Recreation Director, had visited and inspected the Riegelwood Community Center, which is owned by the County, and the roof is in deplorable condition and is not safe for Community functions.

Mr. Whitehurst further advised the Board that he has directed Darren Currie, Recreation Director, to padlock the building and to advertise for bids to repair the roof.

The Board concurred with Mr. Whitehurst's action regarding the Riegelwood Community Center.

**CONTRACTS - CONTENTS CERTIFIED BY COUNTY ATTORNEY AND  
PREAUDIT CERTIFICATION BY FINANCE OFFICER**

Commissioner Memory stated there are a lot of contracts County Departments have entered into without the contents being certified by the County Attorney and the preaudit certification being signed by the Finance Officer.

The Board concurred immediately to direct all department heads to have all future County contracts certified by the County Attorney and the Finance Officer and then approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Also, the Board concurred to direct the Finance Officer to request all department heads to provide the Finance Office with a copy of all current contracts that are now in force.

**RIEGEL RIDGE (LLC) - ALLOW INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR TO NEGOTIATE  
FOR ADDITIONAL PROFITS**

The Board concurred to allow John E. Whitehurst, Interim County Administrator, to contact Greg Peverall, Riegel Ridge, L.L.C., and negotiate the seconding reading of the proposed Riegel Ridge Regional Landfill Contract for additional profits for Columbus County.

**MEETING RECESSED**

At 7:07 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to recess the Board Meeting until July 23, 2001 at 6:00 P.M.

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