

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, April 15, 2002****7:30 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina for their regular scheduled meeting on the third Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**
 C.E. "Gene" Wilson, **Vice Chairman**
 Spruell R. Britt
 David L. Dutton, Jr.
 Bill Memory
 Lynwood Norris

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Billy Joe Farmer, **County Administrator**
 James E. Hill, Jr., **County Attorney**
 Darren L. Currie, **Assistant County Administrator**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Sammie Jacobs

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:30 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Clarence Williams, Columbus County's Local CHAF Director. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Memory to approve the April 1, 2002 and April 4, 2002 Board Minutes as recorded. The motion so carried.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton to approve the following Consent Agenda Items. The motion so carried.

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to Administration from the Tax Office):
April 15, 2002**

Request a refund in the name of Corbett, David C., P.O. Box 732, Tabor City, NC 28463. Refund a portion of the user fee. Property is located inside the city limits of Tabor City. Amount \$90.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-04985, Bill # 87005.

Request a refund in the name of McCullen, Felix & Maria, 11309 James B. White Hwy. Lot # 29, Clarkton, NC 28433. Refund deposit on user fee. Did not get approved to buy home. Will not need a trash can. Amount \$137.50, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # , Bill # .

The following is based on recommendations from the Tax Administrator's Office.

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to Administration from the Tax Office):
April 15, 2002**

Release the Property Value in the name of Barnes, Sandra. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus County Rescue Fee. Home is double listed in the name of Genice Barnes. Amount \$257.31, Value \$10,490.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-00442, Bill # 80709.

Release the Property Value in the name of Barnes, Sandra. Release value of mobile home that is double listed in the name of Genice Barnes. Amount \$85.86, Value \$10,840.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-00442, Bill # 80713.

Account # 14-14165, Bill # 32708.

Release the Property Value in the name of Standifer, Kevin. Release the value of a mobile home and the Bolton Fire fee. Home is double listed in the same name with a different account number. Amount \$268.09, Value \$20,240.00, Year 1998, Account # 04-15321, Bill # 29974.

Release the Property Value in the name of Standifer, Kevin. Release the value of a mobile home and the Bolton Fire fee. Home is double listed in the same name with a different account number. Amount \$254.47, Value \$18,600.00, Year 1999, Account # 04-15321, Bill # 31824.

Release the Property Value in the name of Barnes, Sandra. Release value of mobile home that is double listed in the name of Genice Barnes. Amount \$88.22, Value \$11,540.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-00442, Bill # 99925.

Release the Property Value in the name of Godwin, Sheila M.. Release a portion of the property value and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee. Property billed with incorrect road frontage. Amount \$195.20, Value \$24,400.00, Year 2001, Account # 10-02756, Bill # 93020.

Release the User Fee in the name of Nance, Dorothy B.. Release user fee on house that is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-19623, Bill # 5597.

Release the User Fee in the name of Moss, James O. Sr.. Release user fee. Trash can stolen. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-11420, Bill # 4740.

Release the User Fee in the name of McBride, James. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-16717, Bill # 2759.

Release the User Fee in the name of Haley, Roy J.. Release user fee. There is no trash can here. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 05-03354, Bill # 94937.

Release the User Fee in the name of Blanks, Dorothy M.. There is no trash can here. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-02540, Bill # 82229.

Release the User Fee in the name of Nichols, Shirley. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have trash can for a full year. Amount \$121.01, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 04-01032, Bill # 6011.

Release the User Fee in the name of Black, Marie H.. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$39.85, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 10-01037, Bill # 81900.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stanley, Jeffrey D.. Release user fee. Mobile home never hooked up. Owner in prison. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 07-16044, Bill # 31943.

Release the User Fee in the name of Graham, Ethel Freeman. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$80.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-06165, Bill # 93663.

Release the User Fee in the name of Penny, Thurman Y.. Release one of two user fees. Only one mobile home here. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 14-11880, Bill # 7323.

Release the User Fee in the name of Rogers, James C.. No trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-31480, Bill # 10126.

Release the User Fee in the name of Sellers, Douglas V.. Release one of two user fees. There is only one trash can here. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-80320, Bill # 11148.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stanley, Jeffrey D.. Release user fee. Mobile home never hooked up. Owner in prison. Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1996, Account # 07-16044, Bill # 68472.

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Release the User Fee in the name of Stanley, Jeffrey D.. Release user fee. Mobile home never hooked up. Owner in prison. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-16044, Bill # 13559.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stanley, Jeffrey D.. Release user fee. Mobile home never hooked up. Owner in prison. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 07-16044, Bill # 14455.

Release the User Fee in the name of Batten, Daniel O. Jr.. Release one of two user fees. They have only one trash can. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-01559, Bill # 81013.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stanley, Jeffrey D.. Release user fee. Mobile home never hooked up. Owner in prison. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1997, Account # 07-16044, Bill # 68473.

The following is based on recommendations from the Tax Administrator's Office.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Expenditure	10-Various Depts:	See Attached List	(\$921,882)
	410-Governing Body	Decrease: \$5,005	
	420-Administration	-0-	
	425-Personnel	\$1,211	
	430-Elections	\$12,295	
	440-Finance	\$5,875	
	450-Tax	\$5,154	
	470-Legal/Prof	-0-	
	480-Register of Deeds	\$19,000	
	495-Economic Dev	\$25,000	
	500/507-Maintenance	\$70,000	
	510-Sheriff	\$36,150	
	515-District Court	\$841	
	520-Law Enfor. Center	\$20,300	
	530-Fire Marshall	\$37,258	
	535-Emergency Serv	\$37,859	
	540-Building Inspec.	\$3,342	
	590-Health	\$4,075	
	599-Animal Control	\$7,300	
	600-Coroner	\$2,472	
	605-Coop Extension	\$10,000	
	606-Soil Conservation	\$5,734	

	607-Veterans	\$783	
	610-DSS	\$164,140	
	611-Public Asst	-0-	
	620-Recreation	\$17,100	
	630-Library	\$19,475	
	650-Airport	\$1,090	
	660-Non-Departmental	\$69,693	
	680-Education	\$336,730	
	690-Spec Approp	\$4,000	
Revenue:	10-329-0000	Interest on Investments	(\$350,000)
	10-345-0000	1¢ Sales Tax	(\$200,000)
	10-345-0100	1 st ½ ¢ Sales Tax	(\$40,000)
	10-345-0200	2 nd ½ ¢ Sales Tax	(\$20,000)
	10-366-0000	Inventory Tax	(\$589,595)
	10-366-0100	Senior Citizens Exemption	(\$80,000)
	10-399-0000	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$357,713
Expenditure	12-Aging Department	See Attached List	(\$235,000)
	607-Personal Care Serv	Decrease: \$101,900	
	608-Bug Hill Senior Ctr	\$2,800	
	609-Chore Title IIIB	\$41,300	
	610-Community Alterna	\$65,300	
	611-Infor/Case Asst	\$2,000	
	612-TC Senior Center	\$3,800	
	613-Whiteville Sen Ctr	\$5,400	
	614-Nutrition	\$2,600	
	616-Transportation	\$800	
	617-Home Del Meals	\$5,600	
	618-Fair Bluff Sen Ctr	\$1,800	
	619-East Col Sen Ctr	\$1,700	
Revenue	12-399-0000	Fund Balance Appropriated	(\$235,000)
Expenditure	10-613-7548	Capital from NCDOT	\$10,348
Revenue	10-399-0000	Reserve Fund	\$10,348

CHAF PROGRAM UPDATE

Floyd Adams, The Adams Company, Incorporated, presented the following update on the Columbus County CHAF Program.

COLUMBUS COUNTY SUMMARY SHEET

CHAF Program

TOTAL HOUSES			491
Houses Inspected			489
Replacement		279	
Repair		210	
Repair Work			210
Work Write-up/Lawyer Processing	13		
Bids Complete, Not Awarded	2		
Board Awarded, No Construction	130		
Under Construction	27		
Complete	38		
Replacement Work			279
Work Write-up/Lawyer Processing	1		
Board Awarded, No Construction	140		
N.O.E. Sent, Under Construction	87		
Complete	51		
Not Visited			2
Legal Work			
Total Titles Requested	440		
Titles Requested, Not Complete		173	
Preliminary Title Complete		106	
Prom. Note/Deed of Trust Requested, Not Signed		45	
Prom. Note/Deed of Trust Recorded		116	

APPROVAL of RESOLUTION to ABANDON SR 1372

Robert Crumpler, North Carolina Department of Transportation, requested approval from the Board for a Resolution to abandon SR 1372, Powell Loop Road from the State System based on all abutting property owners agreeing to this abandonment and the Division of Highways having no objection. The following Resolution was presented for approval.

**North Carolina Department of Transportation
Division of Highways
Request for Abandonment of State Maintained Secondary Road System**

**North Carolina
County of Columbus**

Road Description SR 1372 from SR 1005 to dead end -0.2 mile

WHEREAS, the attached petition has been filed with the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Columbus requesting that the above described road, the location of which has been indicated in red on the attached map, 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 Road System, if the road meets minimum standards and criteria established by the Division of Highways of 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 for maintenance if it meets established standards and criteria.

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus at a meeting on the 15th day of April, 2002

WITNESS my hand and official seal this the 15th day of April, 2002

Official Seal

Clerk, Board of Commissioners
County of Columbus

/s/ June B. Hall

Commissioner Britt made a motion to approve this Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

COLUMBUS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION VANS UTILIZED AS SOURCE OF REVENUE (PERMISSION)

Charles Patton, Transportation Director, requested permission to pursue advertising on our vans as a source of revenue. Commissioner Norris made a motion to grant permission, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

ADVERTISE FOR NUTRITION BIDS

Ed Worley, Aging Director, requested approval from the Board to advertise for Nutrition bids for the Budget Year 2002-2003 for the six (6) locations and home-delivered meals. Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

In addition, Ed Worley informed the Board the COG Audit had been completed and there were no errors and no recommendations.

REAPPOINTMENT TO COLUMBUS COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

Larry Moore, Social Services Director, requested the Board to reappoint David L. Dutton, Jr. to the Columbus County Social Services Board for another term. Commissioner Norris made a motion to reappoint David L. Dutton, Jr. to the Columbus County Social Services Board for a three (3) year term with term expiring on June 30, 2005, seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried.

RESOLUTION APPROVAL FOR COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT II

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, requested the Board to approve the following Resolution which will give Columbus County Water and Sewer District II permission to act as administrator of the fund for the Rural Center Project.

RESOLUTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT II, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, The 1998 Critical Needs Bond Act has authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of wastewater treatment works, wastewater collection systems, and water supply systems and

WHEREAS, The Columbus County Water and Sewer District II has need for an engineering study to evaluate regional sewer alternatives.

WHEREAS, The Columbus County Water and Sewer District II has requested state grant

assistance for the sewer project through the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT II:

That the local match for the Capacity Development Project will be provided by the participating entities as follows:

Town of Fair Bluff \$1,500.00
 Town of Boardman \$1,500.00
 Town of Cerro Gordo \$1,500.00

That the funds for the local match will be paid to the District and the District will act as administrator for the Rural Center project.

That the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system. The fees shall meet the high-unit cost criteria of 1.5% of the median household income for water and sewer systems, or 0.75% for a water or sewer system alone.

That the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That Billy Farmer, County Administrator, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II with any potential funding agencies for a grant to aid in the construction of the project described above.

That Billy Farmer, County Administrator, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate agency may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 15th day of April 2002, Columbus County, North Carolina

/s/ Amon E. McKenzie
 Chairman of Columbus County Board of
 Commissioners

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned duly qualified and acting as Clerk to the Board of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II does hereby certify:

That the above/attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Commissioners duly held on the 15th day of April 2002; and, further, that such resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of April, 2002.

/s/ June B. Hall
 Clerk to Board of County Commissioners

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

BORDER BELT RESEARCH STATION

Ty Marshall, Border Belt Association, requested the Board to submit a letter of recommendation stating the significance of the Border Belt Research Station, the useful purpose it served, the economic impact it would have on Columbus County and a request for it to remain open and active. Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

REINSTATEMENT of NETTING in WACCAMAW RIVER

Commissioner Dutton informed the Board a ban had been placed on netting in Waccamaw River which has resulted in the over population of blackfish and catfish. This, in turn, has resulted in these larger fish feeding off of the smaller fish. Commissioner Dutton emphasized the great need for this ban to be lifted to eliminate this over population so the people who enjoy fishing these waters would have more of a variety.

James E. Hill, Jr., Columbus County Attorney, advised the only way the ban could be lifted was by a local bill being placed in the State Legislation. Commissioner Norris made a motion for a letter to be submitted to Senator R.C. Soles, Jr. for the introduction of local legislation to exempt Columbus County from current wildlife regulations, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and ENTER into CLOSED SESSION

At 7:53 P.M., Commissioner Britt made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:00 P.M., Closed Session was entered according to N.C.G.S. 143-318-11. No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 9:15 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

NEW WATER RATE for COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT II

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, requested the Board to approve an increase in the water rates for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II. This increase is needed due to projected revenues being less than the expenditures that have been incurred. The increase is listed below:

DETAILS	ORIGINAL AMOUNT	NEW AMOUNT	INCREASE
Minimum Monthly Rate for First 2,000 Gallons	\$16.00	\$20.00	\$4.00
Rate per Additional 1,000 Gallons	\$3.25	\$4.00	\$.75

The average monthly bill is projected to be thirty-two and 00/100 (\$32.00) dollars. This is based on the consumption of five thousand (5,000) gallons usage per household monthly.

NUTRITION/DETENTION ADDITION

Glen Ware, Freeman White Architects, explained to the Board why an additional invoice in the amount of fifty-nine thousand and 00/100 (\$59,000.00) dollars had been submitted. He stated the engineering services were based on the total construction costs.

RESOLUTION: RELATING to the AUTHORIZATION of the FINANCING the EXPANSION of the COLUMBUS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECT INCLUDING the PURCHASING of ADDITIONAL LAND

James E. Hill, Jr., Columbus County Attorney, stated the following Resolution was approved and adopted on September 17, 2001 but was not duly recorded in the Board Minutes for that meeting. He requested the Board to approve and adopt the following Resolution by correcting the September 17, 2001 Minutes nunc pro tunc. The Resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION: RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE FINANCING THE EXPANSION OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECT INCLUDING THE PURCHASING OF ADDITIONAL LAND

A motion was made by Commissioner William E. Memory seconded by Commissioner L. Lynwood Norris and passed unanimously to approve the following Resolution:

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina was held in the Columbus County Commissioner's Chambers, 112 W. Smith Street, 2nd Floor, Whiteville, NC 28472 at 7:30 pm on the 17th day of September, 2001.

Present were: Commissioners Memory, Norris, Dutton, Wilson, McKenzie and Britt.

Absent: Commissioner Jacobs.

Commissioner Memory introduced the following Resolution, a copy of which had been made available to each Commissioner and which was read by its title:

RESOLUTION: RELATING TO AUTHORIZATION OF THE FINANCING OF THE EXPANSION OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECT INCLUDING THE PURCHASING OF ADDITIONAL LAND

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the Governing Body of Columbus County is considering authorizing the expenditure of public funds through the various financial arrangements for the purchase of land and the expansion of the Columbus County Law Enforcement Center, Chadbourn Highway (Highway 130), Whiteville, NC. This project includes the purchase of land, right of way acquisitions, and the construction and installation of detention facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DETERMINED AND RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina as the Governing Board of Columbus County, which is the legal owner of the property, and the supervisor of this project as follows:

Section 1. Said Board hereby finds and determines in connection with the authorizing of the financing of this project that Columbus County intends to reimburse Columbus County from the proceeds of the financing arrangement for the Expenditures made on and after July 20, 2001, which date is no more that sixty (60) days prior to the date hereof. Columbus County reasonably expects on the date hereof that it will reimburse the Expenditures from the proceeds of the financing of the said project.

Section 2. Each Expenditure was or will be (a) of a type properly chargeable to a capital account under general federal income tax principles (determined in each case as of the date of the

Expenditures), (b) a cost of securing the financing of the project, regardless of the manner of financing, (c) a nonrecurring item that is not customarily payable from current revenue, (d) a grant to a party that is not related to or as agent of Columbus County so long as such grant does not impose any obligation or condition (directly or indirectly) to repay any amount to or for the benefit of Columbus County.

Section 3. The maximum principal amount of the indebtedness expected for the project is \$ _____

Section 4. The said Columbus County will make a reimbursement allocation, which is a written allocation by Columbus County that evidences the said County's use of the proceeds of the financing to reimburse an Expenditure, no later than 19 months after the later of the date on which the Expenditures is paid or the Project is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three (3) years after the date on which the Expenditure is paid. Columbus County recognizes the exceptions are available for certain "preliminary expenditures", cost of financing, cost of acquiring land, certain *de minimis* amounts, expenditures by "small issuers" (based on the year of issuance and not the year of expenditure) and expenditures for construction of the project of at least four (4) years.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Therefore, upon Motion of Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner Norris the foregoing resolution was passed by the following vote.

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

Noes: Commissioners: None.

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

I, June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the Governing Board of the said County, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of so much of the proceedings of the said Board at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of September, 2001, as relates in any way to the passage of the Resolutions described therein and that said proceedings are recorded in Minute Book 26 of the minutes of the said Board, beginning on page 557 and ending on page 593.

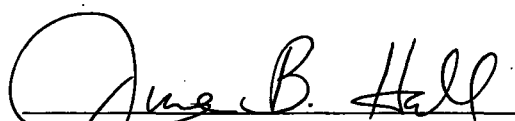
I **HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY** that a schedule of the regular meetings of the said Board, stating that regular meetings of the said Board are held in the Columbus County Courthouse Annex, 2nd Floor, 112 W. Smith Street, Whiteville, NC 28472 on the first and third Mondays of each month at 8:00 AM and 7:30 PM, respectively, has been on file in my office as of a date not less that seven (7) days before the date of this meeting in accordance with NCGS 143-318.12.

WITNESS my hand and corporate seal of Columbus County, this the 17th day of September, 2001.


/s/ June B. Hall, Clerk to
Board of Commissioners

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:31 P.M., there being no further business, Commissioner Memory made a motion for the meeting to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.



JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:


AMON E. MCKENZIE, Chairman