

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, December 18, 2002

8:00 A.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 a Special/Emergency Meeting which was duly advertised and notices mailed to all applicable parties.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Amon E. McKenzie
 C.E. "Gene" Wilson, **Chairman**
 David L. Dutton, Jr.
 Kipling Godwin
 Sammie Jacobs
 Bill Memory, Vice Chairman
 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**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 8:05 A.M., Chairman Wilson called the Special/Emergency Meeting was called to order and delivered the invocation. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

FARMER'S MARKET (Grant Agreement Between the N.C. Tobacco Trust Fund Commission and Columbus County for a Community Farmer's Market):

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, is requesting Board approval of this agreement due to funds not being available until executed paperwork has been received back in their office. Chairman Wilson requested Milton Parker to present the Board with factual information regarding this agreement.

Milton Parker, Cooperative Extension, stated the committee chosen a 2.41 acre tract to erect their permanent building. There is a 2.7 acre tract next to this and another lot with 1.88 acres woodlands.

Commissioner Memory asked Mr. Parker how the sales were this year compared to last year? Mr. Parker replied stating he did not have any figures but the sales were considerably better.

Chairman Wilson asked Mr. Parker how many vendors could be accommodated at the new Farmer's Market? Mr. Parker replied stating it would accommodate twenty(20) vendors.

Mr. Lindy Shuman, Columbus County Farmer's Market Board of Directors, informed the Board the sales and satisfaction were much better at the new site. The customers park and enter and tend to stay much longer.

Milton Parker stated there was an available grant for sixty-five thousand and 00/100 (\$65,000.00) dollars which they had planned to apply for.

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve this grant agreement, contingent on James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, reviewing, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:15 A.M., Commissioner Dutton made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. §143-318.11, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and RESUME REGULAR SESSION:

At 9:15 A.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

ADMINISTRATOR - SALARY INCREASE:

Chairman Wilson presented Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, with a salary increase of two thousand and 00/100 (\$2,000.00) dollars annually, effective January 1, 2003 as a token of appreciation for his diligent efforts.


PUBLIC HEARING - REQUEST for a VARIANCE by RIEGEL RIDGE LANDFILL:

After lengthy discussion by the Board regarding the Public Hearing that had originally been announced as January 20, 2003, but due to this being a legal holiday was scheduled for January 21, 2003, Commissioner Memory made a motion to postpone the Public Hearing until after the FEMA flood maps were released. This motion was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:25 A.M., there being no further business, Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.

APPROVED:



JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board



C. E. Wilson, Chairman