

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 A.M., March 7, 1983, it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

L. A. Hinson, Chairman

Junior Dew, Vice-Chairman

C. Waldo Marlowe

Lynwood Norris

Larry M. Buffkin

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Richard B. Self, Administrator/
Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by Mr. Ernest Jacobs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 21st meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously.

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

The Administrator briefed the Board on the response he had on two hearings (February 9th and 28th) concerning a Senior Citizens Center for the Elderly.

Mrs. Ruth Worley, spokesperson for the Senior Citizens, asked the Board to accept the grant from COG in the amount of \$39,240.00 for the establishment of the Senior Citizens Center. Also, representing the Senior Citizens were Sam Jordan, Bessie Cartrette and Sybil Geary.

Linda Bedo, representing Cape Fear Council of Governments, made a presentation to the Board on the importance of having a Senior Citizens Center in the County. Funds in the amount of \$39,240.00 will be offered to Pender County if Columbus County does not accept.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to accept the grant from COG in the amount of \$39,240.00, authorize the Administrator to pursue Community Development Funds, and the Board agreed to appoint Commissioner Dew to represent the Board on the site committee for the Senior Citizens Center.

SOCIAL SERVICES - PERSONNEL REQUEST

Jo Anne Vereen, Director of Social Services, presented a request to the Board for four additional personnel. Two each would be in the AFDC and AFDC Medicaid unit. Total cost for these four workers for the period April - June will cost \$11,696.00; the County's share of this cost will be approximately \$5,850.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to hire four additional personnel for Social Services and also adopt a Resolution to be sent to the State and Federal Legislature requesting that the volume of Social Service forms be revised/shortened; as it is not necessary to have an eight page form filled out on applicants which is time consuming and requires additional people. The budget amendment was passed in the amount of \$5,850.00 from Contingencies to the Accessory Budget for Social Services.

RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Susan Harmuth briefed the Board on the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and what it consists of. She discussed the accomplishments during the current year and the plans for the upcoming year.

CAPE FEAR WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY

Kurt Taube, Director of the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority, made a presentation to the Board on what the Water and Sewer Authority consist of and how it can be beneficial to the economic development of the County. He presented a status report on the progress of the construction of the Water and Sewer which will be available to serve Pender, Bladen and Columbus County when completed.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - COLUMBUS COUNTY SCHOOLS

The Administrator presented the Board with the Columbus County In-School Suspension Budget Amendment which consist of shifting funds from CBA funds in the amount of \$1,877.00 from Acme Delco High School to West Columbus High School.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to approve the transfer of funds.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REQUEST

Robert Crumpler, Department of Transportation Engineer, requested approval from the Board to spend the balance of \$23,000.00 of the County's Bond and Construction funds for FY 82-83 on the stabilization of unpaved secondary roads.

Ernest Jacobs requested that the Commissioners designate some of the funds toward the upgrading of Secondary roads 1800 and 1802. The Board requested that Mr. Crumpler use some of the funds to upgrade these roads as they are in poor condition.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Marlowe and passed unanimously to use the \$23,000.00 for the stabilization of unpaved secondary roads.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION - COMMISSIONER WALDO MARLOWE

The Chairman presented Commissioner Marlowe a plaque for his years of service as County Commissioner and a Resolution of Appreciation as follows:

WHEREAS, C. Waldo Marlowe has given enormously of his time and energy to serve the people of Columbus County; and,

WHEREAS, he has sought in his actions to represent the citizens of the County to the best of his ability, being always available to listen to their concerns or assist them with their problems; and

WHEREAS, he has provided substantial leadership in shaping the affairs of Columbus County Government for the future; and,

WHEREAS, has sought in his actions to encourage honesty and integrity in public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the people of Columbus County, extends its appreciation and high esteem to

C. Waldo Marlowe for his services as a County Commissioner from 1974 to 1983.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this Resolution be spread upon the permanent records of Columbus County, March 7, 1983.

/s/ L. A. Hinson, Chairman

/s/ Junior Dew, Vice-Chairman

/s/ Lynwood Norris

/s/ Larry Buffkin

ATTEST:

/s/ Richard B. Self
Administrator/Clerk

TAX RELEASES

The following tax releases recommended by the Tax Supervisor were approved upon motion made by Commissioner Marlowe, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously.

Ordered: that the 1982 tax listing of Peter and Esther Mae Simmons, Lees Township, be released on the valuation of \$650.00 due to a Toyota Corolla listed at the value of \$7,000.00; should have been listed value \$6,350.00.

Ordered: that the 1982 tax listing of Rossie Hilburn, Tatum Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,000.00 due to lot valued at \$1,000.00 does not exist. The same land is listed to James Gause.

Ordered: that the 1982 tax listing of Duncan Brothers, Incorporated, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$7,500.00 due to lot and house was sold to Disabled American Veterans on May 12, 1981, which is tax exempt.

Ordered: that the 1981 and 1982 tax listings of Bolton Community Development Club, Bolton Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,000.00 due land being tax exempt as it is used for a cemetery.

Ordered: that the 1976-1981 tax listings of Daniel Edgar and Eugenia G. Meadows, Western Prong Township, be cancelled due to name change from Daniel Edgar Meadows to Elizabeth Jones. Mrs. Jones bought 1 lot and 1½ acres along with 1 76/100 acres in 1976. The only transfer was for 1 76/100 acres. 1976 valuation \$3,380.00, 1977 valuation \$3,380.00, 1978 valuation \$3,380.00, 1979 valuation \$3,380.00, 1980 valuation \$3,380.00, 1981 valuation \$1,000.00 (Lot), 1981 valuation \$1,750.00 (1½ acres).

Ordered: that the 1982 tax listing of Contractors Service and Rental, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$19,908.00 due to incorrect billing of valuation for \$58,400.00; should have been billed for \$38,492.00.

Ordered: that the 1982 tax listing of H & S Properties, Incorporated, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$53,910.00 due to building burned (Nelson's Warehouse) in February, 1981.

Ordered: that the 1982 tax listing of Boyd Hendley and Theola B. Barnhill Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$12,000.00 due to the bulk barns were leased from Borg-Warner Acceptance Corporation and should have been billed to them.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Boyd Hendley and Theola B. Barnhill, Tatum Township, Route 3, Box 316, Chadbourn, NC 28431, in the amount of \$181.20 for the years 1980 and 1981 due to bulk barns being leased from Borg-Warner Acceptance Corporation and should have been billed to them.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to William Cecil and Patricia Barnhill, Tatum Township, Route 3, Chadbourn, NC 28431, in the amount of \$336.40 for the years 1980, 1981 and 1982 due to bulk barns being leased from Borg-Warner Acceptance Corporation and should have been billed to them.

ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute Chapter 105-322 allows the Board of County Commissioners to appoint a Special Board of Equalization and Review to carry out the duties imposed by that section by Resolution which shall be adopted no later than the first Monday in March of the year for which it is to be effective; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, have been petitioned by some citizens of Columbus County to appoint a Special Board of Equalization and Review; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have after reviewing the said requests deem it just and proper and in the best interest of seeking ultimate equality in the examination and review of the tax list of Columbus County, North Carolina, for the current year of the taxable property according with the standard requirements by North Carolina General Statute 104-283;

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Columbus County, North Carolina, as follows:

(1) That a Special Board of Equalization and Review is hereby appointed by this Resolution to consist of the Board of County Commissioners as of April 1, 1983 and the following Citizens at Large, Anne Williamson and Vance Maultsby. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 105-322, the Board of County Commissioners designates Commissioner L. A. Hinson as Chairman of the Special Board of Equalization and Review.

(2) That each member of the Special Board of Equalization and Review shall serve gratuitously except for actual expenses incurred which shall include mileage where necessary and other lawful allowances.

(3) Each Special Board of Equalization and Review member shall prior to entering upon their responsibilities and duties must take the oath as prescribed by the General Statutes of North Carolina, and shall not be influenced by personal or political friendships or obligations.

(4) Each member of the Special Board of Equalization and Review shall be a lawful citizen and resident of Columbus County, North Carolina.

(5) The term of service for each member of the Special Board of Equalization and Review is two years in duration and each member is subject to reappointment at the expiration of his respective term.

(6) That the filling of vacancy shall be made by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, and the person who fills any vacancy shall complete the term of his or her predecessor.

(7) That all meetings shall be conducted and shall be no earlier than the first Monday in April, and no later than the first Monday in May and shall be called by the Chairman of the Special Board of Equalization and Review and shall be continued by adjournment as the Board deem necessary to perform their respective duties.

(8) That the meetings shall be in compliance with North Carolina General Statute 105-322(f).

(9) That the duties and powers of the Special Board of Equalization and Review are the same as conferred by North Carolina General Statute 105-322(g) and any additional powers as may be conferred by Statute.

(10) That the Special Board of Equalization and Review shall always act in compliance with Article 21 of Chapter 105 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

Attested by:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Richard B. Self

/s/ L. A. Hinson, Chairman

ORDINANCE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Attorney James Hill, Jr. presented the Board with an ordinance for adoption on the position of County Administrator.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adopt the following ordinance.

Be it ordained by The Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County:

Section 1

PURPOSE

The intent and purpose of this ordinance is to formally adopt for Columbus County the method of County Administration provided in Part 2 or Article 5 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes of North Carolina and to ratify and confirm all actions taken pursuant thereto from November 1, 1982, the effective date of the contract of employment of the current County Administrator.

Section 2

ADOPTION OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PLAN

The County Administrator plan of administration as provided for in G.S. 153A-82 is hereby adopted and the authorities contained therein shall apply to the County Administrator in Columbus County to the same extent as if set forth fully herein.

Section 3

EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be in full force, and effect from and after March 7, 1983,

NACO CONFERENCE REPORT - COMMISSIONER BUFFKIN

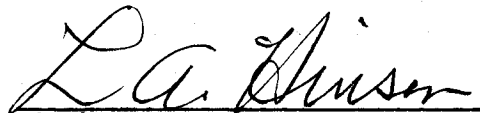
Commissioner Buffkin who attended the NACO Conference in Washington, D. C. on February 28th and March 1st gave a report on the meeting. Commissioner Buffkin stated that the main issues that will benefit the County were Revenue Sharing and Block grants.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

APPROVED:



Administrator/Clerk



Chairman

COMMISSIONER CALETTA FAULK - OATH OF OFFICE

At 8:30 A.M., March 14, 1983, Caletta Faulk, a new elected County Commissioner, was sworn in at the Columbus Commissioners Board Room at 111 Washington Street. The oath was administered by Judge William C. Gore, Jr. as follows:

"I, Caletta Faulk, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as County Commissioner, so help me God."

/s/ Caletta Faulk
County Commissioner

/s/ William C. Gore, Jr.
Judge

Attest:

/s/ Richard B. Self, Clerk

MINUTES

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 A.M., March 28, 1983, it being fourth Monday as approved by the board on February 21, 1983.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT

L. A. Hinson, Chairman

Junior Dew, Vice-Chairman

Lynwood Norris

Larry M. Buffkin

Caletta Faulk

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Richard B. Self, Administrator
Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by Reverend Nelson Rima, Seventh Day Adventist Church.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 7th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed.

PRESENTATIONS

The Administrator advised the Board that presentations from all County Departments will be presented at each ensuing meeting until all departments have been represented. These presentations are to inform new Commissioners and reemphasize the mission to other commissioners as to the responsibilities of each department.

Commissioner Dew requested that the Administrator review each proposed budget and eliminate any excess prior to the Board considering the budget.

PRESENTATION BY SOCIAL SERVICES

Jo Anne Vereen, Director of Social Services, and assistants, Catherine Worrell, Margaret Dennis and Sally Marks gave a presentation on what Social Services consists of and the amount of paper work involved in working with cases.

Commissioner Dew requested that the Administrator read a Resolution for Social Services paper work requirements which was adopted by the Commissioners on March 7th and will be mailed to the State and Federal Legislature and also all other counties in North Carolina urging them to adopt a similar Resolution. The Resolution is as follows:

R E S O L U T I O N

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, unanimously adopted the following Resolution at their regularly scheduled meeting of March 7, 1983.

WHEREAS, the paperwork requirements placed upon the Department of Social Services by the State and Federal Governments has been increasing; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services is currently required to complete 206 different forms in their various programs; and

WHEREAS, the multitude of State and Federal forms which are completed by the Department of Social Services do not prevent fraud and abuse; rather by emphasizing paperwork, the effectiveness of Social Service employees in dealing with the individual clients is reduced and the chance of abuse by the client increases.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, as follows:

(1) That the number of forms which must be completed by the Department of Social Services be reduced.

(2) That a single, multipage form be designed which would apply to all Social Service programs. This would allow a single point of entry to Social Service and create a mini-case management system.

(3) That a single entry point form would allow better utilization of eligibility specialists and better balance the workloads.

(4) That the State and Federal Government coordinate the eligibility requirements for the various programs which would allow each Social Service eligibility specialist to handle a clients total needs.

(5) That the requirements to terminate the medically needy at the end of each six months be eliminated since this requires unnecessary duplication of forms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any additional workload requirements by the State or Federal Governments be accompanied by one hundred percent funding to employ the additional employees needed to meet the requirements.

/s/ Richard B. Self
Administrator/Clerk

/s/ L. A. Hinson
Chairman

TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Dave Robinson, spokesperson, and Linda Bedo presented the Transportation Development Program to the Board requesting the adoption of the Five Year Transportation Program for Columbus County (a continuation of the same program adopted in 1977) with no additional cost to the county.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adopt the five (5) year Transportation Plan (1983-88).

PRESENTATION BY AGRICULTURE EXTENSION AGENCY

Garland McCullen, Agriculture Extension Director, made a verbal and slide presentation on the Agriculture Extension Services for the County.

PRESENTATION BY DIVISION OF FOREST RESOURCES

Melvin Brown, Columbus County Forest Ranger, and Larry Davidson, District Forester, made a presentation to the Board giving an overall view of what services the Forest Resources have available to the County.

Larry Davidson stated that Columbus County Forestry Service is available for call 24 hours a day and are spending many hours by the telephone and requests that the Board consider purchasing pagers for the rangers.

FOCAL POINT DESIGNATION FOR THE AGENCY ON AGING

Linda Bedo, Aging Advisory Council Administrator, from Cape Fear Council of Governments, requested that the Board approve a Focal Point for the Agency on Aging for FY 83-84.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and approved unanimously that the Columbus County Retired Service Volunteer Program (RSVP) be designated as the Focal Point for FY 83-84.

PRESENTATION BY RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Dempsey Herring, Recreation Department Director, made a verbal and slide presentation on what the Recreation Department is doing in the County.

APPOINTMENTS - FIRE COMMISSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to appoint the following to the Columbus County Fire Commission Board with terms expiring on December 7, 1983:

L. A. Hinson, Chairman
 Johnnie Cook, Chief of Hallsboro VFD
 Edward Carter, Citizen at Large

APPOINTMENT - SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to appoint Commissioner Buffkin to serve on the Mental Health Board with term expiring at end of his term as a public official.

APPOINTMENT - BOARD OF HEALTH

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to appoint Commissioner Faulk to serve on the Columbus County Board of Health with term expiring at end of her term as a public official.

BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BOUNDARY APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and approved unanimously to approve the Brunswick Fire District 4-Mile boundaries as follows:

BRUNSWICK FIRE DISTRICT

Insurance District

Beginning at point (1) on Road 1920, at its intersection with the City Limits of Whiteville; thence southeasterly to point (2) on N.C. Highway 130, 0.4 mile southeast of its intersection with N.C. Highway 905, including property on Roads 1920, 1966, 1958 and N.C. Highway 130 between this and the preceding point; thence southwesterly to point (3) on N.C. Highway 905, 0.4 mile south of its intersection with N.C. Highway 130; thence northwesterly to point (4) on Road 1157, 0.6 mile southwest of its intersection with Road 1166; thence westerly to point (5) on Road 1165, 1.3 miles south of its intersection with Road 1166; thence northwesterly to point (6) at the intersection of Roads 1162 and 1164, including property on Road 1165 between this and the preceding point; thence northwesterly to point (7) on U.S. Highway 701, 0.5 mile southwest of its intersection with Road 1167; thence northwesterly to point (8) on Road 1334, 1.1 miles south of its intersection with Road 1004; thence northwesterly to point (9) on Road 1336, 0.6 mile south of its intersection with Road 1004; thence northwesterly to point (10) on Road 1004, 0.6 mile west of its intersection with Road 1336; thence northeasterly to point (11) on Road 1430, 0.9 mile north of its intersection with Road 1004; thence northerly to point (12) at the intersection of Road 1428 and 1451, excluding property on Road 1451; thence northerly to point (13) at the intersection of Roads 1429 and 1434; thence easterly to point (14) on Road 1433 at its intersection with the Whiteville City Limits; thence southwesterly and then northeasterly along the City Limits of Whiteville to point (1), the beginning. This description excludes all property within the City of Whiteville. This description includes all property within the Town of Brunswick for insurance grading purposes.

NOTE: This description describes an area of Columbus County pursuant to General Statute 153A-233 for insurance grading purposes only.

WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BOUNDARY APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and approved unanimously to approve the Williams Township Fire District 4-Mile boundaries as follows:

WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

Revision to 4-Mile

Beginning at point (1) on Road 1324, 0.4 mile northwest of its intersection with Road 1327; thence northeasterly to point (2) on Road 1332, 0.1 mile west of its intersection with Road 1335; thence northeasterly to point (3) on Road 1335, 0.1 mile north of its intersection with Road 1332; thence northeasterly to point (4) on

Road 1333, 0.1 mile northwest of its intersection with U.S. Highway 701; thence northeasterly to point (5) on U.S. Highway 701; 0.1 mile north of its intersection with Road 1333; thence southeasterly to point (6) on Road 1164, 0.1 mile southeast of its intersection with U.S. Highway 701; thence southeasterly to point (7) on Road 1162, 0.4 mile north of its intersection with Road 1157, excluding property on Roads 1164 and 1163 between this and the preceding point; thence southeasterly to point (8) on Road 1157, 0.4 mile northeast of its intersection with 1162; thence southerly to point (9) on Road 1159, 0.5 mile southeast of its intersection with Road 1157;

thence southeasterly to point (10) on Road 1159, 0.1 mile northwest of its intersection with Road 1160, excluding property on Road 1159 between this and the preceding point; thence southeasterly to point (11) on Road 1159, 0.1 mile southeast of its intersection with Road 1160, including property on Road 1159 between this and the preceding point; thence southwesterly to point (12) on Road 1141, 1.2 miles southeast of its intersection with Road 1177; thence southwesterly to point (13) on Road 1149, 0.7 mile southeast of its intersection with Road 1150; thence southwesterly to point (14) on Road 1150, 0.7 mile south of its intersection with Road 1149; thence northwesterly to point (15) on Road 1117, 0.1 mile southeast of its intersection with Road 1145, excluding property on Road 1117 between this and the preceding point; thence westerly to point (16) on Road 1145, 0.1 mile south of its intersection with Road 1117; thence southwesterly to point (17) on Road 1005, 0.8 mile south of its intersection with Road 1153; thence northwesterly to point (18) on Road 1153, 0.8 mile southwest of its intersection with Road 1005; thence northwesterly to point (19) on Road 1154, 0.9 mile west of its intersection with Road 1005; thence northwesterly to point (20) on U.S. Highway 701, 1.2 miles southwest of its intersection with Road 1314; thence northeasterly to point (21) on Road 1314, 0.8 mile northwest of its intersection with U.S. Highway 701; thence northeasterly to point (22) on Road 1315, 0.6 mile west of its intersection with Road 1005; thence northwesterly to point (23) on Road 1319, 0.7 mile west of its intersection with Road 1005; thence northeasterly to point (24) on Road 1005, 0.1 mile south of its intersection with Road 1328; thence northerly to point (25) on Road 1005, 0.1 mile south of its intersection with Road 1326, excluding property on Road 1005 between this and the preceding point; thence northerly to point (26) on Road 1005, 0.1 mile north of its intersection with Road 1326, including property on Road 1005 between this and the preceding point; thence northeasterly to point (1), the beginning.

NOTE: Point 5 is an adjoining point with Brunswick Fire District. Points 1, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26 are adjoining points with Roseland Fire District.

NOTE: This description describes an area of Columbus County pursuant to General Statute 153A-233 for insurance grading purposes only.

RESOLUTION - REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adopt the General Revenue Sharing Program Resolution as follows:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the State and Local Government Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972, as amended (General Revenue Sharing Act) will expire on September 30, 1983; and

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board that there is much debate in Congress as to whether to continue this appropriation in its present form beyond its current authorization; and

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus has received approximately \$1,000,000.00 annually in General Revenue Sharing funds; and

WHEREAS, in the County of Columbus these funds have been expended to the benefit of the citizens through such programs as: School Construction, Solid Waste and Law Enforcement Activities; and

WHEREAS, if the County of Columbus had to raise this amount of money in support of these services the ad valorem tax rate would have to be increased by fifteen cents; and

WHEREAS, the General Revenue Sharing Program has the lowest administrative costs of any of the federal assistance programs, and provides counties much needed flexibility in delivering locally-determined services and programs; and

WHEREAS, this Board feels that the General Revenue Sharing Program should be continued in its present form,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus as follows:

(1) That this Board hereby endorses the continuation of the State and Local Government Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972;

(2) That copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jesse Helms and the Honorable John P. East, United States Senators; and to all North Carolina members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

(3) That this Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this 28th day of March, 1983.

/s/ Richard B. Self
Administrator/Clerk

/s/ L. A. Hinson, Chairman

TAX RELEASES

The following tax releases and refunds recommended by the Tax Supervisor were approved upon motion made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously.

Ordered: That the 1981 and 1982 tax listings of William W. Gamble, Chadbourn Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$5,950.00 due to double listing with C. O. Gore.

Ordered: That the 1982 tax listing of Willie Rufus Nance, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$750.00. Lot should have been billed to John Milton Blake.

Ordered: That the 1982 tax listing of Roy and Doris D. Smith, on the Late List, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$3,790.00 due to double listing of 10.30 acres. These acres are included in the 19.10 acres valued at \$19,170.00.

Ordered: That the 1979 tax listing of Brady and Pearlle M. McMillan, Tatum Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$11,410.00 due to personal property double listed to them in Chadbourn Township.

Ordered: That the 1976, 1977, and 1978 tax listings of Carolina Model Homes on the valuation of \$400.00 be cancelled due to lot being consumed by Highway.

Ordered: That a refund check be issued to D. Gordon & Ava G. Bollinger, Route 1, Box 43, Riegelwood, North Carolina 28456, Ransom Township, in the amount of \$28.65, for the years 1980, 1981 and 1982 due to acreage correction by Plat from 10.25 acres to 4.14 acres.

Ordered: That a refund check be issued to Walter Mitchell McPherson, Route 1, Box 279, Clarendon, NC 28432, Williams Township, in the amount of \$134.50, for the years 1981 and 1982 due to an acre building site and his house was double listed to him.

Ordered: That a refund check be issued to B. P. Oil Corporation, % Ervin Duncan, P. O. Box 429, Whiteville, NC 28472, Whiteville Township, in the amount of \$131.50, for the years 1980, 1981, 1982 due to the lot listed to him does not exist.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - CONFERENCE ROOM

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and approved unanimously to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$6,124.00 for furniture for the conference room. The funds will be transferred from fund balance (10-399-00) to Capital Outlay (10-503-74).

GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Administrator updated the Board on the following items:

1. Federal Paper Board taxes.
2. Seaboard Coastline Railroad Lawsuit on 73 counties. The Commissioners tentatively agreed that the counties unite as a group to defend the case.
3. "Legislative Briefing" for Thursday, April 28, 1983, at the Radisson Plaza in Raleigh. All County Commissioners are urged to attend.
4. Public Officials Conference - Emergency Management April 18th at 8:30 A.M.
5. National Home Caring Council and N. C. Department of Human Resources Seminar on April 13, 1983 at Holiday Inn, Goldsboro, N. C.
6. Board of Equalization and Review on April 19th and 20th at 9:00 A.M.
7. Whiteville Zoning Board of Adjustment on March 31, 1983 at 11:00 A.M. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall.
8. USDA's new recommendations on distribution of cheese and butter to eligible county residents.

9. Reception on April 17th at 4:00 P.M. at Sandy Plains Baptist Church for County and School officials. Representative Wright and Senator Soles have been invited.
10. Lumber River Basin Committee's second annual banquet will be held on April 28th at 7:00 P.M. at the Lumberton Ramada Inn. The Honorable Charlie Rose will be the featured speaker.
11. The Second Annual Memorial Day Festival Parade in Bladenboro will be held Saturday, May 28, 1983 at 11:00 A.M. Please advise if you would like to ride in the parade.
12. The Columbus County Involvement Committee meetings will be held on the following dates: May 2, September 12, November 7, 1983 and February 6, 1984.
13. Governor's One-on-One Program.
14. Public Hearing scheduled for April 15, 1983 at 10:00 A.M. for CD funds.
15. Waccamaw Shores road is under water and has been damaged extensively. Road will be repaired as soon as possible.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


At 2:45 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending law-suits against the County.

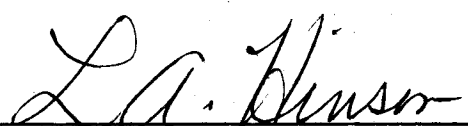
James Hill, Jr., County Attorney, brought the Board up to date on the complaints against the County. No action was taken.

At 4:00 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to resume their regular meeting.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 P.M.

APPROVED:


 Administrator/Clerk


 Chairman