The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office, January 23, 1984, at 10:00 A.M., according to adjournment for public hearings.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Lynwood Norris, Chairman Junior W. Dew, Vice Chairman L. A. Hinson Larry Buffkin Caletta Faulk

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney Richard B. Self, Administrator/ <u>PUBLIC HEARING</u> Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and he stated the purpose of the public hearing was to receive comments on applying for a Community Development Block Grant.

The Chairman allowed any person present who wished to be heard express their concerns or ask questions.

Upon motion by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously, the public hearing adjourned.

The meeting reconvened in regular session at 10:10 A.M. with the same members present.

The following business was transacted:

RESOLUTION - LAW ENFORCEMENT RETIREMENT TAX SHELTER

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to adopt a Resolution to elect a tax shelter for the Law Enforcement Center's Employees Contributions as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the 1984 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly, by a duly ratified bill, enacted North Carolina General Statute 143-166(il) which, under the conditions specified therein, permits an employer participating in the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System or who administers some other trust qualified under Sections 401(a),403(a) or 405(a) of the Internal Revenue code

of 1954 as amended to tax shelter the contributions payable to this System by its

employees who are members of this System to the same extent as an employer has

elected to tax shelter contributions for all other employees who are members of

another qualified trust; and,

WHEREAS, this employer is an employer participating in the North Carolina

Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System with respect to its eligible

employees or who administers some other trust qualified under Sections 401(a), 403(a)

or 405(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended; and,

WHEREAS, this employer has tax sheltered the contributions payable by its

employees who are members of the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees'

Retirement System or some other qualified trust and deems it desirable to tax shelter the contributions payable by its employees as members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Retirement System of the State of North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Columbus County Board of Commissioners in regular session, that effective the first of January, 1984 the County of Columbus elects pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 143-166(i1) to pick up and pay to the Law Enforcement Officers' Retirement System of the State of North Carolina the contributions which would be otherwise payable to this System by its employees who are members of this System and to treat in all respects such contributions in the manner specified in said North Carolina Statute 143-166(i1).

Upon motion of Commissioner Dew and seconded by Commissioner Buffkin the above resolution was introduced and adopted on January 23, 1984. The number voting in the affirmative was five and the number voting in the negative was none.

/s/ Richard B. Self Clerk to the Board

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - VENDING MACHINES CHECKING ACCOUNT

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to allow the Health Department open a checking account with vending machine funds and authorize Marion Duncan and Betty Forrester sign checks. SOIL CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed unanimously to employ DeLane Shelly as Soil Conservation Technician.

MERIT INCREASES - COMMISSIONER FAULK

Commissioner Faulk commented, for the record, merit increases can be given or deleted to employees. Merit increases must be given equally and fairly to employees whose work status is commendable.

AUDIT CONTRACT AWARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed to award the audit contract for fiscal year 1984-85 to Moore and Price, CPA, at a cost of \$110.00 per accountant day. Also, write a letter of appreciation

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to Oppenheim, Appel and Dixon for their presentation. Ayes: Commissioners Hinson, Dew and Norris Noes: Commissioners Faulk and Buffkin <u>MEETING RECESSED</u> At 10:20 A.M., the meeting recessed. <u>MEETING RESUMED</u> At 10:30 A.M., the meeting resumed. <u>TAX EXTENSIONS</u> The following tax extensions recommended by the Tax Supervisor was approved upon motion by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed unanimously.

EXTENSIONS FOR PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY 1984	
L. B. Smith, Inc.	March 1, 1984
Exxon Company, U.S.A. (Exxon Corporation, Exxon Enterprises, Inc., Butterworth Systems, Inc.)	March 31, 1984
General Motors Corporation	April 15, 1984
United States Leasing Corporation	April 15, 1984
Property Tax Service Company (Electronic Data Systems)	April 15, 1984
Glasrock Medical Services	April 15, 1984
Mayo Brown	March 1, 1984
United Carolina Bank	March 1, 1984
Xerox Corporation	March 15, 1984
James C. Greene Company	April 15, 1984
W. Crowell Black (W.C. Black)	March 1, 1984
Audrey Black	March 1, 1984
Donald Black	March 1, 1984
Black's Tire Service	March 1, 1984
International Tire Market	March 1, 1984
Paul Sellers and W.C. Black	March 1, 1984
Whiteville Oil Company	March 1, 1984
W. F. Sledge	March 1, 1984
Sledge Industries, Inc.	March 1, 1984
Katharine S. Fort	March 1, 1984
Katharine C. Sledge	March 1, 1984
Stephen R. Fort	March 1, 1984
John Thompson	February 15, 1984
Council Tool Company	February 15, 1984
Canal Land Company	March 1, 1984
Canal Industries, Inc.	March 1, 1984
Canal Development Corporation	March 1, 1984
Gibson-Wall Company	March 1, 1984
State Employees' Credit Union	April 15, 1984
Frances N. Fowler (Hucks)	February 15, 1984
Roscoe & Marie Jacobs, Sr.	April 1, 1984
Rose's Store #249	April 15, 1984

PUBLIC HEARING

The Chairman stated the purpose of the public hearing was to review and approve applications for the Community Development Block Grant.

Dewey Hill, Owner of Hill's Food Stores, applied for a \$750,000 grant to build a Hill's Distribution Center on U.S. 130 South.

The Chairman allowed any person present who wished to express their

concerns or ask any questions. There were no unfavorable comments.

Commissioner Dew commented, for the record, the County assumes no

liability for funds for loans.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVED FOR HILL'S FOOD STORES

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Dew

and passed unanimously to approve the Community Development Block Grant application

in the amount of \$750,000 for Hill's Food Stores, Incorporated for the construction

of a distribution center on NC 130 South and authorize the Chairman and Administrator

to execute all documents concerning the application.

COMMISSIONER DEW - FARM STUDY

Commissioner Dew stated that he does not want to forget the farmers as they are faced with continued economic pressure and suggested the Commissioners consider appointing a committee to discuss farm problems with the County's Congressional delegation.

The Chairman requested each Board member to consider Commissioner Dew's request.

WITHHOLD CITY SCHOOLS APPROPRIATED FUNDS

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin and seconded by Commissioner Faulk to withhold City School funds (appropriated from Revenue Sharing) in the amount of \$93,410 until the City School Board and the Board of Commissioners can meet and decide how the funds are to be spent.

Ayes: Commissioners Faulk and Buffkin

Noes: Commissioners Hinson, Dew and Norris

HOLD CITY SCHOOL FUNDS FOR REIMBURSEMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to hold City School funds in the amount of \$93,410 in the General Fund and reimburse City Schools for expenditures when bills are presented. <u>MEETING ADJOURNED</u>

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 A.M.

Administrator

APPROVED:

narod none

