The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 7:30 A. M., on July 27, 1987.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Ed Worley, Chairman Junior Dew, Vice-Chairman Lynwood Norris Samuel G. Koonce

ABSENT: Giles E. "Buddy" Byrd

Ida L. Smith, Deputy Clerk

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Roy L. Lowe, Adm./Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, who stated that the purpose of the special called meeting was to hold a public hearing as per advertisement for public input on a Community Development Block Grant for Waccamaw Lumber Company.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew, and passed unanimously to open the public hearing.

Chairman Worley recognized Mr. Fred Hobbs, of Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates of Southern Pines (Consulting Engineers), who stated that the proposed application to request a grant between \$250,000.00 and \$300,000.00 from the Community Development Grant Program to install some 2600 feet of 12 inch water lines that would connect at the Tabor City water tank and run to the recently burned Waccamaw Lumber Company sawmill property and to develop a new well for Tabor City along with automatic controls that would include and control the pumping needs from each well. Waccamaw Lumber Company has agreed to invest an estimated \$1,450,000.00 in new sawmill equipment that will retain at least 35 jobs, of which at least 26 (77%) will come from families with low to moderate income. Fred Hobbs also made reference to the Health Services Regulations that will increase the proposed project cost.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioners Koonce, and passed unanimously to close the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew, and passed unanimously to authorize the filing of the proposed project application by Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates, of Southern Pines, N. C. on behalf of the Columbus

County Board of Commissioners and that Chairman Worley be authorized to sign all ne-

cessary documents.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Dew, and

passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned 7:45 A. M.

