

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office, at 10:00 A.M., March 5, 1984, it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Lynwood Norris, Chairman

Junior Dew, Vice Chairman

L. A. Hinson

Larry 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 Mr. Donnie Graham, a Columbus County Citizen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the February 20th meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING - APPROVAL FOR BOND APPLICATION FOR MYRTLE DESK COMPANY

The Public hearing was held at 10:00 A.M. at the Columbus County Administrative Building at 111 Washington Street in Whiteville, North Carolina with Chairman Lynwood Norris presiding. The following Commissioners were: Junior Dew, L. A. Hinson, Larry Buffkin and Caletta Faulk.

Also present: Jack Ervin, Economic Development Executive Director, Robert Burns, Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority Attorney, Clara Cartrette, News Reporter, Ben Hodges, Secretary/Treasurer Myrtle Desk Company, Jerry McIntosh, Vice President Myrtle Desk Company.

The Chairman stated that pursuant to Chapter 159C of the General Statutes of North Carolina and the regulations thereunder he had been advised that The Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority (the "Authority") intended to file an application with the Secretary of the Department of Commerce for approval of an industrial and manufacturing project in Columbus County, North Carolina, consisting of the acquisition of real property bounded on the west by County Road 1574 and the south by U.S. Highway 76 and located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 76 and County Road 1574 approximately one-tenth of a mile north of the City of Chadbourn, North Carolina, the construction of a manufacturing facility on such real property consisting of buildings and improvements located thereon and the acquisition and installation of machinery and equipment in the facility to be constructed on such real property for the operation of a manufacturing facility for the production of office and commercial furniture (the "Project") by Myrtle Desk Company, a North Carolina corporation (the "Company") to be financed for the Company by the issuance of approximately \$4,000,000 aggregate principal amount of bonds of the Authority. Since such application for approval cannot, under regulations of the Department of Commerce, be officially received until, among other things, the Board has, by resolution after having held a public

hearing, approved the issue of bonds for the proposed Project and approved the Project in principle, the Authority has recommended and requested that the Board pass such a resolution.

Mr. Jack Ervin indicated that the Company has expressed a desire that Helms, Mullis & Johnston, Charlotte, North Carolina act as bond counsel in connection with the proposed financing by the Authority for the Company. Mr. Ervin introduced information relating to the qualifications of Helms, Mulliss & Johnston to act as bond counsel. He noted that the Charlotte firm had acted as bond counsel in connection with numerous industrial development bond issues in North Carolina.

Chairman Norris then announced that action by the Board designating Helms, Mullis & Johnston, Charlotte, North Carolina, as bond counsel was appropriate.

Thereupon Commissioner Dew introduced the following resolution which was read:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT THE LAW FIRM OF HELMS, MULLISS & JOHNSTON BE AND HEREBY IS APPROVED AS BOND COUNSEL IN CONNECTION WITH THE FINANCING OF INDUSTRIAL AND MANUFACTURING PROJECTS BY THE COLUMBUS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AND POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY, INCLUDING A MANUFACTURING PROJECT FOR MYRTLE DESK COMPANY.

Thereupon, on the motion of Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Hinson, the foregoing resolution was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Five

NAYS: None

The Chairman then presented copies of the Authority's resolution approving the Project and the Memorandum of Agreement between the Authority and the Company to the Board. The Chairman stated that a notice had been published by the Clerk to the Board on February 16, 1984 stating that the Board would hold a public hearing on March 5, 1984 on the proposed revenue bond issue and the Project (the "Notice").

Commissioner Buffkin moved that the Board ratify the publication of the Notice and designate this meeting as the public hearing on the revenue bond issue and the Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Faulk and was unanimously adopted.

At 10:08 o'clock, A.M., the Chairman announced that the Board would hear anyone who wished to be heard on the advisability of issuing the revenue bonds and the Project.

There were no comments.

After the Board had heard all persons who requested to be heard, Commissioner Faulk moved that the public hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Dew introduced the following resolution which was read at length:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE COLUMBUS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL

FACILITIES AND POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY OF ITS \$4,000,000 INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS (MYRTLE DESK COMPANY PROJECT) TO FINANCE AN INDUSTRIAL AND MANUFACTURING PROJECT IN COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA FOR MYRTLE DESK COMPANY AND APPROVING SUCH PROJECT IN PRINCIPLE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has created a political subdivision and body corporate and politic of the State of North Carolina known as "The Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority" (the "Authority"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized under the Industrial and Pollution Control Facilities Financing Act, Chapter 159C of the General Statutes of North Carolina (the "Act") to issue revenue bonds for the purpose, among others, of paying all or any part of the cost of any industrial or pollution project for industry; to acquire, construct, improve and equip any such project; and to make and execute financing agreements, security documents and other contracts and instruments necessary or convenient in the exercise of such powers; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined to issue its revenue bonds to pay all or a portion of the costs of the acquisition and installation of an industrial facility in Columbus County to be operated by Myrtle Desk Company for the production of office and commercial furniture (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority intends to file an application for approval of the Project with the Secretary of the Department of Commerce (the "Department"), as required by the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Department has, by regulation, provided that no application for approval of a project will be officially received until the governing body of the County from which the application is made has, by resolution after having held a public hearing, approved the issue of revenue bonds and approved in principle the proposed project and a certified copy of such resolution has been provided to the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to public notice duly given, has held a public hearing on the proposed revenue bond issue and Project and has considered the comments of persons who requested to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to approve the issuance of revenue bonds and approve the Project in principle;

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

- (1) The issuance of revenue bonds by the Authority to finance the Project is hereby approved.
- (2) The Project is hereby approved in principle.
- (3) The Clerk of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Department.
- (4) This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Commissioner Dew moved the passage of the foregoing resolution and Commissioner Faulk seconded the motion, and the resolution was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Five

NAYS: None

The Company's representative advised the Board of Commissioners that at present the Company was unable to meet the manufacturing wage test contained in North Carolina General Statutes Section 159C-7 and Department of Commerce Rule 1E.0303, that it intended to apply for a waiver of such wage test, and that it was requesting that the Board of Commissioners approve the Project notwithstanding the fact that the Company was presently unable to pay an average weekly manufacturing wage which is above the average weekly manufacturing wage paid in the county.

Mr. Ervin advised the Commissioners that unemployment in Columbus County is "especially severe" as that term is defined by Department of Commerce Rule 1E.0303(d) (2) in that unemployment in the county during 1982 was 12.7% and for 1983 was projected to be close to that figure and requested that the Project be approved. The Commissioners concluded that unemployment in the county was especially severe and that the proposed project would benefit employment in the county by creating jobs in Columbus County.

Commissioner Dew introduced the following resolution which was read at length:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO APPROVE AN INDUSTRIAL PROJECT FOR MYRTLE DESK COMPANY TO BE FINANCED BY THE ISSUANCE BY THE COLUMBUS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AND POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY OF ITS INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS (MYRTLE DESK COMPANY PROJECT), IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$4,000,000.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus:

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners has determined and does hereby declare as follows:

(a) The Board of Commissioners has been advised that, according to information supplied by the Company, the Company does not and will not pay an average weekly wage which is above the average weekly manufacturing wage paid in Columbus County and that the North Carolina Department of Commerce may approve the issuance of the bonds for the Company only if requested to do so by the Board of Commissioners, notwithstanding failure of said Company to pay such above average wage.

(b) In order to facilitate the issuance of the above described industrial revenue bonds of the Authority, the Board of Commissioners has been requested to file with the Secretary of the Department of Commerce its resolution requesting that the proposed Project to be financed with the proceeds of said bonds be approved notwithstanding that the Company will not pay an average weekly manufacturing wage above the average weekly manufacturing wage in Columbus County.

Section 2. Pursuant to and in satisfaction of the requirements of Section 159C-7 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus hereby requests that the Secretary of the Department of Commerce of the State of North Carolina approve the Project to be financed with the proceeds of the above-described industrial revenue bonds of the Authority notwithstanding that the Company will not pay an average weekly

manufacturing wage above the average weekly manufacturing wage in Columbus County.

Section 3. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners be, and he here is, authorized and directed to deliver this resolution to the Secretary of the Department of Commerce in satisfaction of the requirements of Section 159C-7 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, and to execute such other and further documents and instruments, and to take such other action, as may be requested by the said Secretary in order to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Commissioner Dew moved the passage of the foregoing resolution and Commissioner Faulk seconded the motion and the resolution was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Five

NAYS: None

SENIOR CENTER - REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Several senior citizens were present concerning funding for a Senior Center.

The Chairman expressed to the Senior Citizens that the entire Board is in favor of the Senior Center and specifications are being modified for a 3,600 square foot turn key facility. We will attempt to advertise for bids by March 8, 1984. After bids are received, a decision will be made by the Board and the Senior Citizens will be advised at the next Board Meeting.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS - PER DIEM INCREASE REQUEST

Jesse Graham and Mack Todd, members of the Board of Elections, requested a per diem increase for each Board of Elections meeting. Their request is as follows:

\$55.00 Per Diem/each Board Meeting - Chairman
\$50.00 Per Diem/each Board Meeting - Members

The Board discussed the issue with them and read N.C.G.S. 162-32 Law on Compensation of Members of County Boards of Elections.

The Board instructed the Administrator to mail copies of the N.C.G.S. 162-32 law and a listing of North Carolina counties per diem expense allowances. The Board of Election members agreed to review and study these materials and report back to the Board.

PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL SURVEYORS WEEK

Robert Inman, a Columbus County Surveyor, requested the Board adopt a Proclamation proclaiming the week of March 11-17, 1983 as "National Surveyors Week" in Columbus County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to adopt the following Proclamation:

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the people of Columbus County, North Carolina recognizes the valuable contributions of the surveying profession to history, development, and quality of life in Columbus County, North Carolina and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the surveying profession requires special education, training experience, and knowledge of the principles of mathematics, the related physical and applied sciences, and requirements of law for adequate evidence; and

WHEREAS, surveyors are uniquely qualified and licensed to determine and describe land and water boundaries for the management of our natural resources and protection of private property rights; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan has signed into law a Resolution of the Congress of the United States authorizing the Proclamation of the week beginning on March 11, 1984 as "National Surveyors Week."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of March 11-17, 1984 as "National Surveyors Week" in Columbus County, North Carolina, and call upon all our citizens to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities paying tribute to professional surveyors and their contribution to the people of Columbus County, North Carolina.

Adopted this 5th day of March, 1984.

Attest:

/s/ Richard B. Self, Adm./Clerk

/s/ Lynwood Norris, Chairman
Columbus County Board of
Commissioners

PROCLAMATION - FOCUS ON THE FAMILY WEEK

Yvonne Ray, Home Economics Extension Agent, requested the Board adopt a Proclamation proclaiming the week of March 25-31, 1984 as "Focus on the Family Week."

Ms. Ray also extended an invitation to the Board and Administrator to a luncheon on March 29, 1984 from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at the Agriculture Extension Service.

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

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the family is the most fundamental and important institution in this society, forging values underlying national stability and continuity; and

WHEREAS, its well-being and stability in this technological rapidly changing age is of increasing concern to many educators, persons working with families, policy-makers and families themselves; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Extension Service serves to strengthen individuals and families through programs in Agriculture, 4-H, Home Economics, Community Resource Development; and

WHEREAS, Extension's general goal is to help families improve competence in decisionmaking, resource management, safety, nurturance, interpersonal relationships and positive self-esteem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim the week of March 25-31, 1984 as "Focus on the Family Week" in Columbus County and commend this observance to our citizens.

Adopted this 5th day of March, 1984.

Attest:

/s/ Richard B. Self, Adm./Clerk

/s/ Lynwood Norris, Chairman
Columbus County Board of
Commissioners

BUDGET AMENDMENTS - RECREATION, SOCIAL SERVICES, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to approve budget amendments as follows:

Recreation - Accept State Recreation Grant (60-348-0000) in the amount of \$30,000 to be expended in Lake Waccamaw State Park (60-620-7300). The project ordinance is as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus, North Carolina that, pursuant to Section 159-13.2 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project ordinance is HEREBY ADOPTED:

Section 1. The project authorized is AMEND TO INCREASE LAKE WACCAMAW STATE PARK.

Section 2. The project director is hereby directed to proceed with the construction of the project within the terms of the various grant and loan agreements executed with the Federal and State governments in accordance with the limitations set forth in Section 143 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, and within the funds appropriated herein.

Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to the County to complete the project:

STATE PARK AND RECREATION GRANT \$30,000

Section 4. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

AMEND TO INCREASE LAKE WACCAMAW STATE PARK

Section 5. The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly on the financial status of this project. He/she shall also keep the governing body informed at each regular meeting of any unusual occurrences.

Section 6. Copies of the capital project ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out the project.

Adopted this 5th day of March, 1984.

Social Services - Accept Federal Chore Title XX Training (10-348-1700) in the amount of \$818.00 to be expended in Chore Title XX Training (10-611-0601).
Decrease Hospitalization (10-610-6400) in the amount of \$117.00 to be expended in Chore Title XX Training (10-611-0601).

Veterans Administration - Transfer line items as follows:

Increase 10-607-14	Travel	\$ 1,300
Increase 10-607-21	Rent of Equipment	330
Decrease 10-607-11	Postage	100
Decrease 10-607-32	Office Supplies	230
Decrease 10-660-9999	Contingencies	1,300

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION & REVIEW - SET DATES

Mr. Ralph Jolly, Tax Supervisor/Collector, requested the Board set dates for the Board of Equalization and Review.

The Board reached a general concensus to set the dates for the Board of Equalization and Review on April 24 and 25 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and advertise in the County Newspapers.

TAX RELEASES

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

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listing of Oma Lee Hunsucker, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,500 due to failure in giving Mrs. Hunsucker the Disability Exemption on mobile home.

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listing of W.C. Puckett, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$430 due to billing error. Mr. Puckett was billed for 2.5 acres cleared; he has only 1.5 acres cleared.

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listing of Sharon Sellers, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$3,000 due to selling her mobile home in November, 1982. The two hookups valued at \$500 and the additions to the mobile home valued at \$2,500 is no longer there.

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listing of James Lacy Norris, Williams Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$2,575 due to his 1977 car valued at this amount is double-listed.

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listing of Woodrow Williamson, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$650. The 1.12 acres listed is included in the 3.31 listing.

Ordered: that the 1981, 1982, 1983 tax listings of Calvin & Evelyn Shird, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$620 due to incorrect billing. He was billed with 2.25 acres valued at \$14,620; should be 1.25 acres valued at \$14,000.

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listing of Bobby & Margie Floyd, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$9,000 due to double-listing on three Bulk Barns.

Ordered: that the 1982 and 1983 tax listings of Daniel L. Ganus, Jr., Lees Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,750 due to the one acre valued at this amount was transferred to Mr. Ganus from George Ronald & Kay Long.

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listing of J.D. & Lillian S. Peterson, Bolton Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,250 due to property valued at this amount was sold to the N.C. Department of Transportation.

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listing of John Dixon & Lillian S. Peterson, Bolton Township, be released on the valuation of \$690 due to the property valued at this amount was sold to the N.C. Department of Transportation.

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listing of John Dixon Peterson & Wife, Bolton Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,090 due to the property valued at this amount was sold to the N.C. Department of Transportation.

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listing of Lillian Blue Peterson, Bolton Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,690 due to the property valued at this amount was sold to the N.C. Department of Transportation.

Ordered: that the 1983 tax listing of Rufus Wilson, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$26,820 due to error in transfer.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to J.D. & Lillian S. Peterson, Bolton Township, Route 1, Box 6, Bolton, N.C. 28423 in the amount of \$74.98 due to property was sold to N.C. Department of Transportation.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Locke Byrd, Jr. Whiteville Township, 93 East Second Street, Ocean Isle Beach, N.C. 28457 in the amount of \$88.23, for the years 1981, 1982 and 1983 due to 4.27 acres was listed as cleared land, should be woods land.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Bobby & Margie Floyd, Tatum Township, Route 1, Box 135, Evergreen, N.C. 28438, in the amount of \$77.40 for the year 1982 due to bulk barns being double-listed.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Ralph David Moore, Chadbourn Township, Route 1, Box 54A, Chadbourn, N.C. 28431, in the amount of \$35.69, for the year 1983 due to car valued at \$4,150 is double-listed.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Percy W. Heirs & Parthenia Pickett, % Parthenia Pickett, Route 2, Box 244, Whiteville, N.C., Bogue Township, in the amount of \$108.87, for the years 1981, 1982 and 1983 due to property was sold to the N.C. Department of Transportation.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Jim Hill, 200 Jefferson Street, Whiteville, N.C. 28472, Bolton Township, in the amount of \$94.49, for taxes paid in the name of Russell Fletcher, for the year 1982 due to error in transfer.

BOARD UPDATE

The Administrator updated the Board on the following items:

1. The HUD Seminar will be held at the Myrtle Beach Hilton, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on March 31, April 1, 2, 1984.
2. Copies of the Cable T.V. Ordinance have been mailed to you. Please review and ask questions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:40 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to adjourn into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken.

At 12:25 P.M. a motion was made by Commissioner Faulk, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed unanimously to adjourn into regular session.

STATE ROADS - MAINTENANCE REQUEST

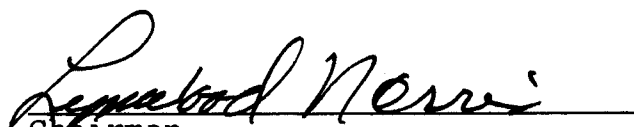
Commissioners Hinson and Dew requested the Administrator contact Robert Crumpler, District Engineer with the Department of Transportation on a ditch problem on SR 1907 and a road maintenance problem on SR 1806.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 P.M.

APPROVED:


Administrator/Clerk


Chairman