

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 A.M., February 4, 1985, it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Larry M. Buffkin, Chairman

Caletta Faulk, Vice-Chairperson

Junior Dew

Lynwood Norris

Ed Worley

Richard B. Self, Adm./Clerk

ABSENT:

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by Reverend Neal Salter, Hallsboro United Methodist Church.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 21, 1985 meeting was approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR FARM PROGRAM

The Administrator presented a letter he had drafted to President Ronald Reagan in support of the farm program for the Board's approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to approve the letter in original form to be mailed to President Ronald Reagan. Letter is as follows:

Dear Mr. President:

The uncertainties of the Agriculture Policy of the federal government is creating a great deal of frustration on the part of the farmers and farm families in Columbus County as well as across the state of North Carolina.

The family farm is being threatened because of low prices and high production cost. In 1974, Columbus County farmers received \$3.20 per bushel for corn. In 1984, they only received \$2.82 per bushel which is below the break-even price. Production cost during this period have increased over 165%.

Soybeans have followed the same trend. In 1974, soybeans averaged \$7.00 per bushel; in 1984, the average was only \$5.95 per bushel.

In the same ten year period, the tobacco acreage which has supported farm families in rearing and educating their children has decreased 33% and at the same time, net income per acre has decreased due to high production cost which includes interest and assessments.

With decreasing yields and increasing cost, the farmers are being threatened with their very livelihood. This nation depends on the farmer in a multitude of direct and indirect ways: food; jobs for farm workers; jobs for distributors; grocery stores; and many other indirect jobs. These jobs translate into real dollars and into tax dollars for the federal, state and local governments.

Another problem facing our farmers is credit. The major lending institutions in the County indicate that many small farmers are in financial stress. The debt-to-asset ratio squeeze is alarming. Land values are declining which reduces the amount of money farmers can borrow for operating expenses. Without adequate capital, small farms will face distress sales.

Columbus County consists of 1,918 family farms averaging 85 acres per farm. Over the past four (4) years, this number has been declining by 99 farms per year. If a sound agricultural bill is not passed, this number will increase substantially over the next five (5) years.

As the 1985 Farm Bill is being enacted, it is very important to the economy and security of the United States to develop a strong agricultural policy to help the farm families rather than penalizing them with cuts.

Your assistance in helping to get a favorable farm bill passed to save the family farm is desperately needed.

Very respectfully yours

THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Richard B. Self
Administrator/Clerk

CC: The Honorable John Block
The Honorable Jesse Helms
The Honorable John East
The Honorable Charles Rose

/s/ Larry M. Buffkin, Chairman
/s/ Caletta Faulk, Vice Chairperson
/s/ Junior W. Dew
/s/ L. Lynwood Norris
/s/ Edward D. Worley

HISTORIC PRESERVATION - JOHN McNEILL

Mr. John McNeill gave a presentation on Historic Preservation in Columbus County and requested the Board approve a Historic Preservation Commission of ten (10) members and adopt the state preservation laws that will allow the county to accept grants.

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to approve the Historic Preservation Commission and appoint the following persons to serve on the Commission:

John A. McNeill	Elaine Blake	Jesse Fisher
Betty Timberlake	Richard Wright	David Scott
Marguerite Scull	Tim Collier	Leatha Jordan
F. J. Corbett	Clara E. George	

Also, adopt an Ordinance recorded in Ordinance Book ____, Page ____.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS - BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to amend the Board of Elections budget due to additional cost for the November, 1984 Election as follows:

Increase	10-430-03	Part-time salaries and wages	\$5,026.00
Increase	10-430-11	Telephone	931.00
Increase	10-430-1101	Postage	391.00
Increase	10-430-16	Maintenance & Repairs	2,928.00
Increase	10-430-26	Advertising	200.00
Increase	10-430-32	Office Supplies	3,516.00
Increase	10-430-57	Miscellaneous Expenses	2,000.00
Decrease	10-430-21	Rent on Equipment	(2,100.00)
Decrease	10-660-9999	Contingencies	(12,892.00)

SOCIAL SERVICES - CRISIS INTERVENTION - BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Faulk, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to accept funds from Crisis Intervention (40-348-0300) in the amount of \$14,420 to be expended in Crisis Intervention - Fuel (40-616-0000).

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - HOSPICE PRESENTATION

Dr. Robert Holbrook, Health Director, and Ann Fox, Hospice Coordinator, made a verbal and video presentation on the services that Hospice has to offer the residents of Columbus County. Hospice is a volunteer group that works with terminally ill patients who are cared for in the home, and also provides counseling for families of these patients. Dr. Holbrook requested the Board fund the Hospice Coordinator for a total of sixteen (16) hours a week, plus mileage.

A motion was made by Commissioner Faulk, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to enter into contract with Ann Fox, Hospice Coordinator, for sixteen (16) hours of service per week at a rate of \$5.48 per hour and 20¢ per mile for travel through fiscal year 1984-85 (June 30, 1985).

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - HOME HEALTH AIDE AGREEMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Faulk, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve Home Health Aide Contract with Charles Smith at a rate of \$15.00 per aide visit. Also, approve a Home Health Aide Contract with Judy G. Phipps at a rate of \$13.00 per aide visit.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONTRACT

A motion was made by Commissioner Faulk, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve a contract agreement between Columbus County Health Department and Southeastern Community College to allow nursing students to work at the Health Department with no cost to the County.

BUCKHEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE - GUARANTEE LOAN FOR VAN

Mr. Ervin Jacobs with the Buckhead Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad requested the Board enter into a contract with them to guarantee a \$15,000 FHA loan for a seven (7) year period for the purchase of a 1979 Ford Econoline Van modified for an ambulance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to enter into contract with Buckhead Volunteer Fire Department to guarantee a \$15,000 FHA loan for the purchase of a 1979 Econoline Van with seven Buckhead Volunteer Fire Department members signing the necessary documents for the FHA loan with the stipulation that Buckhead Fire Department will provide replacement value comprehensive, fire, theft and collision insurance on the vehicle yearly. Contract is as follows:

NORTH CAROLINA
COLUMBUS COUNTY

CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT

THIS CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT made and entered into this 4th day of February, 1985, by and between Columbus County, N.C., party of the first part, also referred to as "the said County", and the Buckhead Volunteer Fire Department

and Rescue Squad, Incorporated, party of the second part, also referred to as the Fire Department and Rescue Squad;

W I T N E S S E T H :

THAT WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 153-2.1 & 160A-487 provides that the said County may enter into continuing contracts and pursuant to this authority the said County may enter into a continuing contract with a Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, and may make annual appropriations of such funds as may be provided for in this contract; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the Fire Department and Rescue Squad make application to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture for a loan in the amount of \$15,000.00; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements herein contained and pursuant to the general power and authority of the Fire Department and Rescue Squad to furnish fire fighting and rescue services and the general power and authority of the said County to provide fire protection and rescue services for its inhabitants and owners of property within Columbus County, the parties hereto mutually contract and agree as follows:

1. (a) The Fire Department and Rescue Squad agrees to furnish and provide continuing fire protection and rescue service to all properties lying within its fire and rescue district in Columbus County, North Carolina, by promptly dispatching, upon call of any resident, property owner or other person, within the said district, the Fire Department's and Rescue Squad's fire fighting and rescue equipment and adequate personnel to operate the same, and then making diligent efforts to control and extinguish all fires and to respond to emergencies.

(b) The Fire Department and Rescue Squad in providing the said services, shall use its own means and methods which shall not be subject to control, direction or supervision by the party of the first part. All fire fighting and rescue equipment and personnel necessary and proper for the performance of this contract shall be provided by the Fire Department and Rescue Squad at its sole cost and expense, and all persons engaged in fighting fires and responding to emergencies pursuant to the provisions of the Contract shall be subject to the exclusive control, direction and supervision of the Fire Department and Rescue Squad. The party of the first part shall not have any right or power with respect to the employment, control, direction, supervision, suspension or discharge of any person who may engage in fire fighting or rescue services or activities in the performance of the obligations imposed by this Contract upon the Fire Department and Rescue Squad in furnishing fire fighting and rescue services to the party of the first part for the benefit of its residents and property owners.

2. Procedures for giving fire alarms and communicating the existence of fires to the Fire Department and Rescue Squad shall be established by mutual

agreement between the parties hereto and shall be properly publicized as shall procedures for responding to emergencies and rescue operations.

3. The party of the first part will adopt such rules and regulations, by ordinance or otherwise, as may be necessary and proper to prohibit interference with personnel of the Fire Department and Rescue Squad in the discharge of their duties in fighting fires and responding to emergencies within the fire and rescue district in Columbus County, to prohibit damage to and interference with fire fighting and rescue equipment and apparatus of the Fire Department and Rescue Squad and to provide for such other rules and regulations as necessary and proper for the furtherance of the objects of this Contract.

4. (a) As full compensation for the fire fighting and rescue services to be rendered by the Fire Department and Rescue Squad as herein provided, the party of the first part agrees to pay to Buckhead Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Incorporated, a sum equal to \$3,391.00 annually on or before the 1st day of or as follows: upon submission of all necessary insurance documents including workmens' compensation.

(b) That all funds paid to the party of the second part by the party of the first part shall be used exclusively to provide fire protection and rescue services within the said district in Columbus County, and to pay other legitimate fire and rescue protection expenses including principle and interest on the aforementioned loan made by the Farmers Home Administration.

5. This contract shall extend for a term of seven (7) years from the date of the Farmers Home Administration loan closing and may be renewed or extended for such term or terms as may be agreed upon by the parties hereto.

6. This contract is hereby pledged to the United States of America acting through the Farmers Home Administration, as part of the security for a loan from the United States of America.

7. Party of the second part agrees to furnish the party of the first part and Farmers Home Administration a copy of collision and liability insurance with full replacement value. Further, that Farmers Home Administration be designated as loss payee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County of Columbus, party of the first part, has caused this contract to be executed in its name by its Chairman, attested by its Clerk and the County seal hereunto affixed, all by authority of the Board of Commissioners, duly given, and the Buckhead Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, has caused this contract to be executed in its name by its proper officers and its corporate seal hereunto affixed, all by authority of its Board of Directors duly given, as of the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:

/s/ Richard B. Self, Clerk
(SEAL)

ATTEST:

/s/ Secretary
(SEAL)

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

/s/ Larry M. Buffkin
Chairman

BUCKHEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD

/s/ Elton R. Jacobs, Chief

TAX LISTING EXTENSIONS

The following tax listing extensions recommended by the Tax Supervisor were approved upon motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously:

American Bakeries Company	March 1, 1985
Anvil Knitwear (McCrary Corporation)	March 31, 1985
AT&T Information Systems	April 1, 1985
Automotive Rentals (ARI)	April 15, 1985
Bladen Sportswear, Inc.	April 15, 1985
Burroughs Corporation	March 1, 1985
R. H. Burns, Jr.	March 15, 1985
John A. & Vera Byrd	March 15, 1985
W. Crowell Black, Audrey Black, Donald Black, Black's Tire Service, International Tire Market, Paul Sellers & W.C. Black, Whiteville Oil Company	April 15, 1985
C. & J. Tire Service, Inc. & Jerry Stephens	April 15, 1985
Canal Industries, Inc. (The Gibson Wall Co.)	February 28, 1985
Carolina Urology Clinic	April 15, 1985
Cape Fear Valley Canteen, Inc.	March 15, 1985
Campbell Oil Company (Mac Campbell, Jr.)	April 1, 1985
J.A. Cartrette Construction Company	March 1, 1985
J. A. Cartrette	March 1, 1985
Chadbourn Auction House	April 15, 1985
Clark Rental System, Inc.	February 20, 1985
Collier Gas & Appliance Co., Inc.	February 28, 1985
J.M. Council, Jr.	March 1, 1985
Council Tool Company, Inc.	March 1, 1985
Credit Union (State Employees')	April 1, 1985
Autry Dawsey & all Dawsey's related businesses	April 1, 1985
D. L. Peterson Trust (Leased Equipment)	April 15, 1985
D.P.F. Asset Management Corp. (Leased Equipment)	April 1, 1985
Electrolex Corporation	April 1, 1985
Exxon Company, U.S.A.	April 1, 1985
Exxon Corporation	April 1, 1985
Exxon Enterprises, Inc.	April 1, 1985
Butterworth Systems, Inc.	March 31, 1985
Elliott, Cyde (Lillie D. Elliott, Joan Elliott, Louise Davis, Barbara Serrall)	March 1, 1985
Family Dollar Stores #71 (Tabor City)	April 15, 1985
Family Dollar Stores #72 (Whiteville)	April 15, 1985
Family Dollar Stores #827 (Chadbourn)	April 15, 1985
FCX, Incorporated	April 15, 1985
Columbus FCX Service	April 15, 1985
FCX Grain Market	April 15, 1985
Federal Paper Board Company, Inc. (Riegelwood Plant, Armour Plant, Huron Chemicals, Riegelwood Community Foundation & Bank of N.Y.)	April 1, 1985
First Union Corporation (First Union Commercial Corporation)	April 15, 1985
First Union National Bank	April 15, 1985
General Business Services (GBS)	April 15, 1985
Gelco Corporation	April 1, 1985
General Motors Corporation (General Motors Acceptance, GMAC Leasing Corp., Motors Insurance Corporation)	April 15, 1985
Clinton L. Grainger	April 15, 1985
Clinton M. Grainger	April 15, 1985
James C. Greene Company	March 1, 1985
Gulf Oil Corporation	April 15, 1985
Dewey Hill, Hill's Food Stores, Hillcrest Corporation	March 30, 1985
Hillco, Inc.	March 30, 1985
Memory Super Markets	March 30, 1985
M.H. McLean Wholesale Corporation	March 30, 1985
W. Steve Ezzell, Hurbert Ezzell	March 30, 1985
Stitchin Post	March 30, 1985
D. Jack Hooks, Jr.	March 1, 1985
International Business Machines (IBM)	March 1, 1985
K-Mart Corporation #9666, Whiteville	March 1, 1985
Lay-Fisher Chevrolet - Olds., Inc.	March 15, 1985
Lee & Lee Attorneys	April 1, 1985
Junius B. Lee, Jr. and Catherine	April 1, 1985
National Spinning Corporation	April 1, 1985
Whiteville Apparel Corporation	April 1, 1985

Green Hill, Inc.	April 1, 1985
Junius B. III & Jean Lee	April 1, 1985
Mrs. J.K. Powell Estate	April 1, 1985
L.M.V. Leasing, Inc.	March 1, 1985
Lowe's Companies, Inc., Whiteville	April 1, 1985
Lytle Oil Company, C.H. Lytle Heirs	April 1, 1985
Hubbard McGirt, Hubb's Supply Company	April 1, 1985
Marlowe Oil Company, Inc.	March 1, 1985
Mateer's Trailer Rental Company	April 15, 1985
Myrtle Desk	April 15, 1985
NCR Corporation	March 31, 1985
Newsome's Lumber & Bldg. Supply, Whiteville	March 1, 1985
Norris, Lynwood Land Clearing & Drainage	April 15, 1985
Penn Ventilators, Co. (Tabor City)	April 15, 1985
Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. of Lumberton	March 31, 1985
Pic'n Pay Shoes #108R	March 1, 1985
Herbert H. Pierce	April 15, 1985
Protective Agency, Inc. of Lumberton	April 1, 1985
Rainbow Distributors, Whiteville	February 15, 1985
RGK, Inc.	April 15, 1985
Roger's, Division of Roger Carter Corp.	April 15, 1985
Rose's Store #249, Whiteville	April 15, 1985
Servomation Corp. (Acct #0181325)	April 15, 1985
Smith, L.B., Inc.	March 1, 1985
Stauffer Chemical Company	March 1, 1985
R.H. Strickland	March 1, 1985
Grady Strickland	March 1, 1985
Tate Farms, Inc.	April 15, 1985
Charles L. Tate, Jr. & Associates	April 15, 1985
Mrs. C. L. Tate	April 15, 1985
T.A. Thompson	March 15, 1985
Fair Bluff Farm Center	March 15, 1985
Fair Bluff Grain Company	March 15, 1985
McNeill Trailer Park	March 15, 1985
United Carolina Bank (Clyde Elliott) (all properties managed by Trust Department)	March 1, 1985
United Carolina Bank (Ms. Betty B. Stewart)	March 1, 1985
United States Leasing Corporation	April 15, 1985
Donald W. Viets, Jr.	March 1, 1985
Ward's Chain Saw Sales & Service	March 15, 1985
Charles Ward	March 15, 1985
Mrs. Leon (Ruth) Ward	March 15, 1985
Leon Ward, Jr.	March 15, 1985
ONeal Watts (NIC NAC #4) South Williams (711 Service Station) Whiteville	April 1, 1985
Whiteville Plaza Association (McDonald's)	April 1, 1985
A.W. Williamson, Sr.	February 28, 1985
A.W. Williamson, Jr.	March 1, 1985
Xerox Corporation	March 1, 1985
Worsley Companies, Inc.	March 15, 1985
	April 1, 1985

TAX LIEN ADVERTISEMENT

A motion was made by Commisisoner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to advertize for tax liens and allow the Chairman sign the necessary document as follows:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

TO: Tax Collector (Supervisor) of Columbus County

You are hereby authorized to advertise all unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year that are liens on real property beginning on the first Monday in May of 1985, in accordance with law.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 4th day of February, 1985.

ATTEST:

/s/ Richard B. Self, Clerk
Columbus County Board
of Commissioners

/s/ Larry M. Buffkin, Chairman
Columbus County Board of
Commissioners

WHITEVILLE RESCUE SQUAD - EMT-I PROGRAM

Les High, Whiteville Rescue Squad Chief, made a presentation on its proposed EMT-I Program. The program will upgrade emergency services by allowing squad members to administer IV fluids and provide airways in life-threatening situations and will work under the guidance of doctors in the emergency room. Mr. High requested the Board's approval for the new program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to support the Whiteville Rescue Squad EMT-I Program and adopt the following resolution:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Whiteville Rescue Squad is desirous of expanding into advanced life support programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County is supportive of improving the level of care provided by the Rescue Squads within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners believe this program could save lives and be of benefit to the citizens served.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Emergency Management Training - Intermediate Program sponsored by the Columbus County Hospital, Incorporated is endorsed by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County.

FURTHER, that Columbus County accepts no liability in the performance and/or operation of this program. That the State of North Carolina, Columbus County Hospital, Incorporated, and the Rescue Squads accept complete and total responsibility and liability.

ADOPTED, this 4th day of February, 1985.

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Richard B. Self
Administrator/Clerk

/s/ Larry M. Buffkin, Chairman
Columbus County Board of
Commissioners

N.C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY - COUNTY PARTICIPATION IN DINNER

The Administrator reported to the Board that Felix Cooper, New Hanover County Manager, has contacted him concerning Region O funding a dinner for the General Assembly on April 2, 1985 at Charlie Brown's Steakhouse in Raleigh, N.C. at 5:00 P.M. for the purpose of lobbying for aid to our region's counties. The dinner will cost \$8,000 and in order to participate, Columbus County will have to fund in the amount of \$1,920.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to participate in the Region's endeavor of lobbying for aid and amend the budget in the amount of \$1,920 from Contingencies (10-660-9999) to be expended in Governing Body-Miscellaneous-General Assembly Dinner (10-410-57).

COMMITTEE OF 100 - WORKSHOP

The Administrator informed the Board that the Committee of 100 will hold a workshop at Southeastern Community College, March 15, 1985 at 9:00 A.M. in the auditorium.

OUT-DOOR POOR FUND

On motion by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Dew and confirmed by Commissioner Worley, funds in the amount of \$50.00 were donated to Sue and Bill Soles, % James Nobles Trailer Park, Chadbourn, North Carolina, to be used for rent to keep them from being evicted.

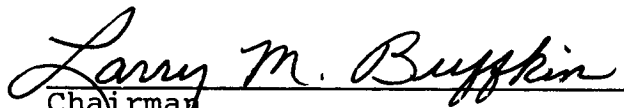
MEETING ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

APPROVED:



Administrator/Clerk



Chairman