

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 A.M., May 6, 1985, it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Larry M. Buffkin, Chairman

Caletta Faulk, Vice-Chairperson

Junior Dew

Lynwood Norris

Ed Worley

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney (Departed at 11:23 A.M.)

Richard B. Self, Adm./Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by Reverend Ray Justice, Trinity Baptist Church.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 15, 1985 meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

At 10:05 A.M., a Public Hearing was called to order by the Chairman. He stated the purpose of the public hearing was to receive comments on Columbus County applying for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$300,000.00 to help finance a new produce marketing business that plans to open in Columbus County.

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

Lee Corum, A Durham Attorney representing Four Seasons Produce, Inc., gave the Board the background on the grant application.

With no further comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to adjourn the public hearing.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened in regular session at 10:20 A.M. with the same members present.

The following business was transacted:

SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATION REQUEST

Mr. Sherwood Hinson requested that Columbus County participate with Robeson County for the purpose of requesting a study of the Lumber River to be included in the designation of Natural and Scenic Rivers.

Dempsey Herring, Recreation Director, informed the Board that if the designation is made, the state will control 20 feet of land on either side of the river.

A motion was made by Commissioner Faulk, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed to allow the state conduct a study of the Lumber River to be included in the designation of Natural and Scenic Rivers with no cost to the County.

AYES: Commissioners Worley, Faulk, Norris and Buffkin

NOES: Commissioner Dew

PUBLIC HEARING - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPROVAL

At 10:35 A.M., A Public Hearing was called to order by the Chairman. He stated the purpose of the hearing was to receive comments on the approval of a \$300,000.00 Community Development Block Grant to help finance a new produce marketing business in Columbus County.

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

All comments were favorable.

Upon motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously, the public hearing adjourned.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened in regular session at 10:55 A.M. with the same members present.

The following business was transacted:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPROVED - FOUR SEASONS PRODUCE

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to approve the County Attorney and County Administrator execute the necessary papers for the submission of this grant if the proposal is in compliance as outlined at the Public Hearing, this date, including State and Federal guidelines not to exceed the sum of \$300,000.00. Resolution is as follows:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Small Cities Community Development Block Grants are authorized by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

WHEREAS, said program is administered by the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

WHEREAS, Columbus County has prepared an application in accordance with said regulations at the request of Four Seasons Produce, Inc., in the amount of \$297,600.00, said funds to be utilized for a loan to finance plant, equipment and other current assets for a farm produce marketing facility to be situated within Columbus County.

WHEREAS, the County Board finds that said development will substantially expand employment needed to support public services and provide needed services and expand the area's attractiveness for future development.

WHEREAS, the County is authorized to make this loan under authority granted under North Carolina G.S. 153A-376.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, that:

1. The Chairman is authorized to file an application for a grant from North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development for a total of \$297,600.00. Said funds in the amount of \$297,600.00 to be applied as principal by Four Seasons Produce, Inc. for the purpose of financing the acquisition of plant, equipment and current assets in conjunction with the establishment of its new produce marketing facilities to be situated within Columbus County.

2. The County of Columbus hereby assures and certifies that to the best of its ability it will comply with those federal laws and regulations set forth in Part IV Assurances, which are attached and hereby made a part of this Resolution.
3. The County Administrator is authorized on behalf of Columbus County to execute legally binding loan agreement with Four Seasons Produce, Inc. to provide said loan in the principal amount of \$297,600.00 to implement the terms and conditions of the County's application to the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

CERTIFICATION

I, Richard B. Self, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County held on May 6, 1985.

Witness my hand and corporate seal this 6th day of May, 1985.

(SEAL)

/s/ Richard B. Self
County Clerk

HEALTH BOARD REQUEST FOR PHARMACIST

The Administrator presented the Board with a letter from the Health Board requesting the County fund from local tax sources a Pharmacist position in the Health Department. The Administrator requested the Board delay action as a survey is being done to provide adequate information as to what method is being used to dispense drugs by other counties.

The Board reached a general concensus to table the Health Board's request until the next Board meeting.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS - BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve a budget amendment for the Board of Elections in the amount of \$2,566.00 to be taken from Contingencies (10-660-9999) and expended as follows:

Increase 10-430-03 Temporary & Part Time Services	\$2,556.00
Increase 10-430-06 Insurance	3.00
Increase 10-430-07 Retirement	125.00
Decrease 10-430-26 Advertising	128.00
Increase 10-430-32 Office Supplies	50.00
Decrease 10-430-57 Miscellaneous Expense	50.00

RESOLUTION - INCREASE NUMBER OF CAMPERS AT LAKE WACCAMAW

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to draft a Resolution to Mr. Thomas Rhodes, Secretary of Natural Resources and Community Development, to intervene and change a state policy that prevents groups larger than 25 people from camping at Lake Waccamaw State Park. Resolution is as follows:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Lake Waccamaw State Park is located in the County of Columbus and provides passive recreation to the citizens of Columbus County, the State of North Carolina and the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County took the initiative and constructed the Lake Waccamaw State Park for the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County did appropriate and expended THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) to assist the State in this endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Representative Richard Wright provided an allocation of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) for construction of a road to the facility; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 513 of Whiteville, North Carolina, did require permission to the Park for a supervised camp-out and were denied. Further, they were informed that a limit of twenty-five (25) persons were allowed to utilize the camping facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County object to the arbitrary limit of twenty-five (25) campers and feel that the Boy Scouts of America should be allowed to utilize the Lake Waccamaw State Park for supervised camping.

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to James Martin, Governor, Thomas Rhodes, Secretary of Natural Resources and Community Development, and to Troop 513, of the Boy Scouts of America.

Unanimously adopted this 6th day of May, 1985.

ATTEST:

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

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

RECREATION - EMPLOYMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Faulk, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to employ Joerardo Frazer as Recreation Maintenance Aid at an annual salary of \$9,024.00, Grade 57-1, effective May 1, 1985.

ANIMAL CONTROL - EMPLOYMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to employ Willie Bennett as Animal Control Helper at an annual salary of \$8,604.00, Grade 56-1, effective May 1, 1985.

HOME HEALTH AID - NEW RATES

A motion was made by Commissioner Faulk, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve Home Health Aid to increase rates per visit from \$31.00 to \$40.00 retroactive to April 1, 1985.

TAX RELEASES

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

Ordered: that the 1983 and 1984 tax listings of Carlos & Willie Reaves, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,450 due to house valued at this amount burned prior to January 1, 1983.

Ordered: that the 1984 tax listing of Gordon R. Batten, Bogue Township be released on the valuation of \$510 due to the 18.50 acre tract valued at \$4,160 was corrected by Plat to 16.20 acres at \$3,650.

Ordered: that the 1984 tax listing of Alston Dewitt Carroll, Jr., Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,500 due to a 1978 Datsun and 1974 Motorcycle were priced wrong; should have been billed with a valuation of \$6,803 instead of \$9,303.

Ordered: that the 1984 tax listing of Clyde Andrews, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$400 due to 1 acre of land was double listed in the name of Clyde Andrews.

Ordered: that the 1981 tax listing of James D. & Virginia R. Bryant, Ransom Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,000 due to the lot valued at this amount does not exist.

Ordered: that the 1984 tax listing of Leroy & Burline Stocks, Leroy's Golden Shears, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,000 due to a double listing.

Ordered: that the 1984 tax listing of Mary F. Carol Hooks, Lees Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$2,470 due to the 6.53 acres valued for this amount was double listed to her on a different account number.

J.D. EVANS COMPLAINT ON RECREATION FACILITIES IN FAIR BLUFF

Mr. J. D. Evans, a Fair Bluff resident, appeared before the Board with a complaint concerning the Recreation Facilities in Fair Bluff and invited the Board to come to Fair Bluff and view the facilities.

The Chairman advised Mr. Evans that the Board will accept his invitation and visit the Recreation Facilities in Fair Bluff.

SHERIFF REQUESTING EMPLOYMENT FOR WEEKEND INMATES

Sheriff Bill Rhodes requested the Board consider employment for weekend inmates in the Columbus County Jail.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to instruct the Administrator assign county employees to supervise weekend county jail inmates performing work in the county with the appropriate insurance coverage. County employees supervising on weekends will be compensated by receiving time off during the work week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:40 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Faulk and passed unanimously to adjourn into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION - RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 11:50 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adjourn executive session and resume regular session. No action was taken.

UPDATE BOARD

The Administrator updated the Board on the following items:

1. Charles Trotter, President of Columbus County Fire and Rescue Association advised that they have declined the offer of a yearly fireman and rescue squad member award.

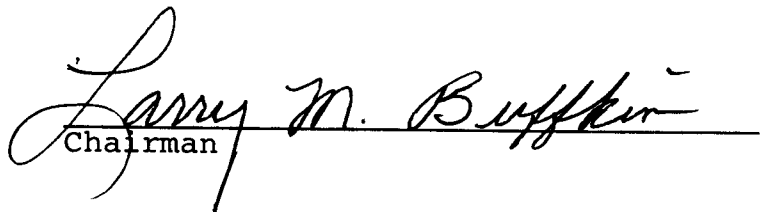
2. The Department of Transportation has cancelled the meeting scheduled for May 13, 1985 at 7:00 P.M.
3. Hobson Ivey, Solid Waste Supervisor, retired effective April 30, 1985.
4. Elaine Blake, Columbus County Home Economics Extension Agent, has submitted a letter of resignation, effective June 30, 1985.
5. Letters of Appreciation have been received from the following:
 - A. R. C. Soles - Invitation to attend Board meetings.
 - B. Richard Wright - Invitation to attend Board meetings.
 - C. John Jordan, Senator 21st District - Oyster Roast & Shrimperoo.
 - D. R. E. Maxwell, Chief Horry County Fire Protection - Columbus County helping with firefighting in Horry County Easter Weekend.
 - E. Mary Baker - Accepting the appointment to the Region O Private Industry Council.
6. Thank you card from the Family of Mayo Brown on the Posthumous Plaque.
7. County Seal Committee held their first meeting on Sunday, April 28, 1985. June 13, 1985 is cut off date for entering contest. The date has not been set for presentation of awards.

MEETING ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to adjourn the Board meeting at 12:00 Noon, at which time the Board met with the Columbus County Hospital Board of Trustees for lunch and an annual audit report for Columbus County Hospital.

APPROVED:


 Administrator/Clerk


 Chairman