

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 7:30 P.M., Monday, February 17, 1986, it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Caletta Faulk, Chairperson

Ed Worley, Vice Chairman

Junior Dew

Lynwood Norris

Larry M. Buffkin

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Richard B. Self, Adm./Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson and the invocation was given by Dr. Jerry Paschal, Superintendent of City Schools.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 3, and February 11, 1986 meetings were approved as recorded, upon motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION - LAKE WACCAMAW STATE PARK

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adopt a Resolution in support of the State purchasing an additional 1,389 acres as outlined in the Lake Waccamaw State Park Master Plan prepared in 1976.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Lake Waccamaw State Park carries a high priority ranking among State Parks and is a vital link in the State Park System in North Carolina and is vital to Columbus County and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Waccamaw State Park Master Plan was produced in 1976 and has been largely ignored by the State of North Carolina in the area of improvements, assigning park rangers, equipment and maintenance despite repeated efforts by different individuals and groups from the area during the past ten (10) years; and

WHEREAS, efforts on the part of groups and individuals have met only delays and unjustified reference to "lack of interest" on the part of citizens of Columbus County despite the fact the Commissioners of Columbus County have helped fund and physically build the entire park as it exists today; and

WHEREAS, according to State estimates, the useage of the State Park should be over 280,000 visitors by now; however, due to the lack of action on the part of the State, only the original purchase of 273 acres are available for the public; and

WHEREAS, if the land currently owned by private citizens is developed, it could cause degradation of the lake and endagerment to the various species of fish and grasses; and

WHEREAS, Representative Richard Wright has long sought action by the State on this park and the Town of Lake Waccamaw has created an "Adopt a Park Committee" to enhance the parks current useage in conjunction with Southeastern Community College; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly has provided \$25 million dollars for land acquisition at park sites.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County request the State of North Carolina to immediately purchase the 1,389 acres owned by four (4) entities to complete the park originally designated in the Master Plan prepared by the State of North Carolina and/or purchase other properties located around Lake Waccamaw which may be suitable for park purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this purchase is endorsed by the Lake Waccamaw Water Quality Committee.

Adopted this 17th day of February, 1986.

ATTEST:

/s/ Caletta Faulk, Chairperson
Columbus County Board of
Commissioners

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

RESOLUTION - WACCAMAW SILVERSIDE

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adopt a Resolution in support of the Waccamaw Silver-side as follows:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Lake Waccamaw is a vital resource to the residents of Columbus County and the State of North Carolina and it is in the best interest of all that the Lake be nurtured and protected; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has intervened through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to name Lake Waccamaw a "critical habitat" for the Waccamaw Silverside (*Menidia Extensa*); and

WHEREAS, the County and the Town of Lake Waccamaw have shown great interest in preserving the quality of the Lake without undue restrictions on the part of other levels of government; of encouraging the State of North Carolina to fulfill its commitment to purchase the remaining undeveloped 1,389 acres in the Lake Waccamaw State Park designated area; that this would protect one fourth of the Lake's shore; and

WHEREAS, designation of Lake Waccamaw as a "critical habitat" will unduly retard growth not only in the immediate area of the Lake but also in the Big Creek Watershed; and

WHEREAS, no effort has been initiated on the part of the Federal Government to contact the Town of Lake Waccamaw and/or the County of Columbus to request Land Use Planning or Zoning as a method to address the issue of the Lake's quality; and

WHEREAS, nutrient loading can effectively be controlled on the local level through a program of land use planning, zoning, completion of the State Park, management practices to control runoff in forest areas, organization of local watershed authority and monitoring of the biological loading of the Lake's waters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County oppose the designation of Lake Waccamaw as a "critical habitat".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Federal Government respect the rights of local governments to address environmental problems at the local level prior to intervention by other levels of government. That the Federal Government immediately initiate contact with the local governments with a plan of constructive suggestions to protect the watershed through local ordinances.

Adopted this 17th day of February, 1986.

Attest:

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

/s/ Caletta Faulk, Chairperson
Columbus County Board of
Commissioners

RESOLUTION - WITCHWEED ERADICATION PROGRAM

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adopt a Resolution in support of the witchweed eradication program.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, withweed (Strigs Asiatica) is a parasitic plant that attacks corn, sorghum, sugarcane, other cereal crops, and many grassy weeds inflicting damage to the crops by robbing the crops of water and nutrients; and

WHEREAS, one witchweed plant can produce thousands of microscopic size seeds which can remain alive in the soil for more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, witchweed causes the most extensive injury to crops while still underground, therefore, causing irreversible damage before it is detected; and

WHEREAS, witchweed is being controlled by killing it before it can produce seeds through the use of a variety of herbicides and specially designed spray equipment; and

WHEREAS, over 420,000 acres of land in 38 counties of North and South Carolina have been infested; and the program has eradicated witchweed from 281,000 acres of the original infested area; and

WHEREAS, through quarantine and regulatory activities, witchweed has been contained within the original infested area of the Carolinas thus protecting the rest of the United States from infestation; and

WHEREAS, it is well documented that if left uncontrolled, witchweed would spread and inflict its devastation throughout the United States thus endangering the \$20 billion dollar corn crop, as well as the multimillion dollar sorghum and sugarcane crops.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County that we call upon the Federal Government to prevent diversion of funding from this vital service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon Congress to retain this program in the budget for future years.

Adopted this 17th day of February, 1986.

Attest:

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

/s/ Caletta Faulk, Chairperson
Columbus County Board of
Commissioners

WHITEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT - REQUEST FOR STATE LITERARY FUNDS

Dr. Jerry Paschal, Superintendent of Whiteville Schools, requested the Board's approval of their application for \$200,000 of State Literary funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve the application contingent upon a letter and Resolution from the School Board designating 1/2% Sales Tax proceeds, fines and forfeitures and any other school funds needed to repay the loan within one (1) year and designate the loan be repaid by the School Board out of Current Expense.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - CONTRACT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to approve a OB/GYN Contract with Dr. David Bunn, Jr., contingent upon the contract being corrected and approved by Attorney James E. Hill, Jr. and the Columbus County Health Board. Contract is on file at the Clerk of Court's Office.

SOCIAL SERVICES - CONTRACT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve an agreement between Don W. Viets, Jr., IV-D Attorney for the Columbus County Department of Social Services to include blood test in paternity suits. Copy of agreement is on file at the Clerk of Court's Office.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendments:

Sheriff's Department - Increase Miscellaneous Income - Profit from Vending Machine Fund (10-335-00) in the amount of \$1,758.93 to be expended in Uniforms & Clothing - Auxiliary (10-510-36).

Non Departmental - Christmas Bonuses - Decrease Non-Departmental Miscellaneous Expenses (10-660-57) in the amount of \$5,508.00 to be expended in the following departments:

10-420-57	Administration	\$ 50.00
10-430-57	Elections	75.00
10-440-57	Finance	94.00
10-450-57	Tax Listing	225.00
10-460-57	Tax Collections	100.00
10-470-57	Legal	25.00
10-480-57	Register of Deeds	125.00
10-495-57	Economic Development	50.00
10-500-57	Courthouse	50.00
10-502-57	County Hall	25.00
10-503-57	Administrative Building	25.00
10-505-57	Miller Building	88.00
10-506-57	Public Buildings	75.00
10-510-57	Sheriff's Department	750.00
10-520-57	Law Enforcement Center	375.00
10-525-57	Emergency Management	50.00
10-540-57	Building Inspector	25.00
10-580-57	Solid Waste	250.00
10-590-57	Health Department	413.00
10-599-57	Animal Warden	75.00
10-605-57	Extension Service	375.00
10-606-57	Soil Conservation	50.00
10-607-57	Veterans' Service Officer	25.00
10-610-57	Social Services	1,575.00
10-620-57	Recreation Department	125.00
10-630-57	Library	413.00
	TOTAL	\$ 5,508.00

The Original In-School Suspension Program agreements to be altered in the following amounts with no cost to the County:

Hallsboro High School	-	\$ 2,050.00
Chadbourn Elementary School	-	2,400.00
Acme Delco High School	-	850.00
West Columbus High School	-	2,400.00

AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL - APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appoint Betty Thompson to serve on the Aging Advisory Council to fill the unexpired term of Robert Baldwin.

YOUTH TASK FORCE - APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to appoint Sheriff W. G. Rhodes to serve on the Youth Task Force Board to fill the unexpired term of John Paul Lennon.

TAX EXTENSIONS, RELEASES AND REFUNDS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to approve the tax extensions, releases and refunds as follows:

EXTENSIONS OF PERSONAL & REAL PROPERTY FOR 1986:

Atlantic Publishing & Paper Company	March 1, 1986
Burroughs Corporation	March 15, 1986
Chadbourn Auction House	April 15, 1986
H.T.L. Enterprises, Inc. Store #570 (Building, Credit Union)	April 1, 1986
Marlowe Oil Company, Inc.	April 1, 1986
Nance, B.W., Billy Nance, K.D. Nance	April 15, 1986
Whiteville Plywood, Inc.	April 1, 1986

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Barbara Ann Best, Bug Hill Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,490.00 due to building valued for this amount was burned prior to January 1, 1986.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Geneva Jones, Cerro Gordo Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,200.00 due to motor vehicle was priced incorrectly.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of the United States of America/FmHA, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$19,340.00 due to lot and house valued for this amount was foreclosed and owned by USA/FmHA on 10-19-84 until after July 1, 1985 and was not taxable for year 1985.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Clarence Robinson, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$840.00 due to property valued for this amount was sold by deed on 8-10-84.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Xerox Corporation, Fair Bluff Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$2,692.00 due to equipment valued for this amount was double-listed.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Juanita & Iris Hoover & Townsend Mercer, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,200 due to tobacco barn valued for this amount was destroyed by fire in 1984.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Buren Clayton & Jan C. Wright, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$15,000.00 due to the bulk barns valued for this amount were sold in 1981 to Hubert Clemmons, Horry County.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listings of the United States of America/FmHA, Whiteville Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$23,070.00 and \$20,440.00 due to properties were acquired and owned by USA/FmHA from October, 1984 until after July 1, 1985.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of R.L. Sholar (Etal) & J.R. Bennett Etal, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,600.00 due to billing error; should have been billed to Shooters Ice Company.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Nancy Yates Dove, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$15,710.00. In November, 1985, late listing, Mrs. Dove listed a 1985 B.M.W. motor vehicle valued for \$24,630.00 acquired in May of 1985; should have listed the car she owned on 1-1-85, a 1980 B.M.W. valued for \$8,920; a difference of \$15,710.00.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued in the amount of \$387.00 to Buren Clayton & Jan Wright, Route 1, Box 334, Tabor City, 28463, South Williams Township, for years 1982, 1983 and 1984 due to bulk barns valued at \$15,000.00 were sold in 1981 to Hubert Clemmons, Horry County, South Carolina.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued in the amount of \$78.42 to Joe Cecil Stanley, 16 Main Street, Tabor City, NC 28463, South Williams Township, for the year 1985 due to motor vehicles valued at \$8,290.00 were double-listed.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued in the amount of \$6.62 to Evelyn Jones Shipman, Route 2, Box 209, Whiteville, NC 28472, Welches Creek Township, for the year 1985 due a listing error.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued in the amount of \$217.75 to Roger W. & Genevieve R. Strickland, 501 S. Franklin Street, Whiteville, NC 28472, Whiteville Township, due to real property valued at \$25,320 was keyed in twice, through error.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued in the amount of \$46.53 to Mrs. Belva M. Thompsom, Box 25, Whiteville, NC, 28472, Whiteville Township, for the year 1985, due motor vehicle was priced wrong; the 1981 Chevrolet was valued at \$9,310.00; should have been \$3,900.00.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued in the amount of \$15.48 to W.J. & Ann Pridgen, Box 65, Whiteville, NC 28472, Whiteville Township, for year 1985 due to double-listing.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued in the amount of \$96.48 to Xerox Corporation, BSG Taxes, Xerox Square, Rochester, New York, 14644 & Mrs. Lucille Converti, Whiteville Township, for the year 1985 due to equipment (business personal) valued at \$11,218.00 was double-listed.

BOARD UPDATE

The Administrator updated the Board on the following items:

1. Sheriff Bill Rhodes requested to be placed on the agenda for March 3rd to update the Board on the parking lot situation.
2. The amount of taxes due for 1985 as of January 13, 1986, is \$1,331,262.19.
3. Mike Easley, District Attorney, has submitted a proposal to secure a Federal Grant on rape crisis and child abuse and has requested consideration for county funding, if possible.

The Board reached a general concensus to delay the decision at this time.

4. The Hazardous Material Table Top Exercise has been scheduled for March 4, 1986 from 7:00 - 9:30 P.M. at the Whiteville High School Cafeteria.
5. Robert Crumpler has responded to the Resolution dealing with shoulder on Highway 74-76 East stating that it will receive the necessary attention.
6. The County School Board has submitted a list of capital projects to be considered for Revenue Sharing funding.
7. An invitation has been received from Dr. Dan Moore, Southeastern Community College President, to attend a presentation by Dr. Max Lennon, President of Clemson University on Monday, February 24, 1986 at 4:00 P.M.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - REQUEST FOR REPEATER

Sheriff Bill Rhodes addressed the Board requesting approval of buying a 100 Watt Repeater for the Sheriff's Department as they are having communication problems with deputies throughout the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to allow the Sheriff draw up specifications and advertise for bids for a 100 watt Repeater.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

APPROVED:


Administrator/Clerk


Chairperson