

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 A.M., Monday, March 3, 1986, it being first 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 Ms. Colene Stanley, Sencland Community Action Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 17, 1986 meeting were approved as recorded, upon motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING - REVENUE SHARING

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to call for a Public Hearing on Revenue Sharing Funds.

The Chairperson stated the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear comments concerning the appropriation of Revenue Sharing Funds to the following projects:

Columbus County Schools Capital Outlay	\$297,250
Whiteville City Schools Capital Outlay	100,888
HOSPICE	7,500
Landfill Reserve	14,362

The Chairperson allowed any person present who wished to express their concerns or ask questions. There were no unfavorable comments.

At 10:10 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to declare the Public Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the distribution of Revenue Sharing Funds as proposed and amend the budget as follows:

Accept 52-349-0000 Revenue Sharing Entitlements	\$420,000
Accept 10-397-0000 Contribution from Revenue Sharing	7,500
Accept 60-397-5201 Transfer from Revenue Sharing	14,362

To be expended as follows:

52-666-74	County Schools Capital Outlay	\$297,250
52-667-74	City Schools Capital Outlay	100,888
52-580-74	Transfer to Landfill Project	14,362
52-660-10	Contribution - General Fund	7,500
60-580-74	Landfill Equipment	14,362
10-590-40	Health Administration - HOSPICE	7,500

PROCLAMATION - WOMEN'S HISTORY

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to proclaim the week of March 2 - 8, 1986 as Women's Week.

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

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class and ethnic background helped found the Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways as servants, slaves, nurses, nuns, homemakers, industrial workers, teachers, reformers, soldiers and pioneers; and

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural and social role in every spere of our Nation's life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working in and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, American women have played a unique role throughout our history by providing volunteer labor forces, establishment of charitable and cultural institutions, advocates of social change, and raising the social consciousness of the public; and

WHEREAS, despite these considerable contributions, the role of the American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the body of American history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County that the WEEK of MARCH 2 - 8, 1986, is hereby PROCLAIMED

WOMEN'S HISTORY WEEK

Adopted this 3rd day of March, 1986.

ATTEST:

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

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

COLUMBUS COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION - REQUEST FOR ARSON INVESTIGATOR

The Administrator read aloud a Resolution adopted by the Fire and Rescue Association in opposition of a Fire Marshall and requested the Sheriff designate and train one (1) deputy as an Arson Investigator. Jake Jones, Assistant to the Chairman of the Committee of 100, has polled the Committee of 100 Board Members and they concurred to appropriate funds up to the amount of \$2,000 toward the training of an Arson Investigator.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to accept the funds from the Committee of 100 toward the training of one (1) deputy as Arson Investigator with the stipulation that the person trained for this position remain in the employment of Columbus County for at least one (1) year after the training period.

RESOLUTION - AGRICULTURE EXTENSION LOSS OF FUNDING

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adopt a Resolution to oppose proposed federal budget cuts that could affect the operation of the Agriculture Extension Agency.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Columbus County recognizes the need for the Federal Government to balance their expenditures with the available revenues; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that many hardships will be faced by the nation as a whole and in some areas, deleted programs in Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, even though defense is recognized as an area to be protected and nurtured, even at the expense of many favorite programs; and

WHEREAS, the plight of the farmer who has suffered more heavily than any other sector of our economy through world market prices, high interest rates, foreclosures, increased prices for fertilizers, herbicides and equipment without the corresponding increase in revenue; and

WHEREAS, the funding level for the Cooperative Extension Service is scheduled to be reduced by 59% in the Fiscal Year 1987 Federal budget; that this will mean a reduction in the North Carolina budget of 54% which will be passed on to the counties through reduced staff, reduced funding, and request for increased local funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County opposes the reduction of funding in the area of Agriculture Extension Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the need and support of the farmer is needed from all levels of government, that a reduction in this area could force more farmers to lose their farms and could seriously jeopardize the trend to efficient farm management which has been fostered by Agriculture Extension Service.

Adopted this 3rd day of March, 1986

ATTEST:

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

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

SOCIAL SERVICES - PERSONAL CARE SERVICES

Jo Anne Vereen, Social Services Director, requested permission to institute a new program to provide Personal Care Services to medicaid recipients with funding advanced by the County until reimbursement could be obtained through the medicaid channel which would be approximately two to four months.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to grant Ms. Vereen's request allowing the Medicaid program use \$40,000 from Contingencies with the stipulation that the program must be self sustained and discontinued if at any time complete funding is not received from Medicaid. Also, the following budget amendment was approved:

Decrease	10-660-9999	Contingencies	\$30,000
Increase	10-611-0602	Personal Care Service	\$30,000

HOME HEALTH COMPUTER SYSTEM - ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to allow the Administrator advertise for bids for a computer system for the Home Health Agency.

SOLID WASTE ONE-TON TRUCK - ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to allow the Administrator advertise for bids for a one-ton truck for the Solid Waste Department.

Ayes: Commissioners Worley, Dew, Faulk and Norris

Noes: Commissioner Buffkin

LIBRARY - REQUEST TO APPLY FOR GRANT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to grant permission to the Library Board of Trustees to apply to the State Library for a matching LSCA Title I Grant in the amount of \$27,000 to assist in the purchase of a new bookmobile.

PROCLAMATION - TORNADO AWARENESS WEEK

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to proclaim the week of March 2 - 8, 1986 as Tornado Week.

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

WHEREAS, tornadoes cause untold damage to property and lives whenever they strike; and

WHEREAS, advance notice of tornadoes is short and relies upon the quick and unpanicked reaction of thousand of people; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of each citizen to know the proper steps to protect lives and property in the event a tornado strikes, that many areas of federal, state and local government attempt to coordinate their activities to disseminate the information to the public on tornado preparedness; and

WHEREAS, the months of March, April and May are the traditional months for tornadoes in our area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County that the WEEK of March 2 - 8, 1986 is hereby PROCLAIMED

TORNADO AWARENESS WEEK

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each citizen is encouraged to educate themselves in the safety procedures to be followed in the event of a tornado.

Adopted this 3rd day of March, 1986.

ATTEST:

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

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

PROCLAMATION - "BECAUSE WE CARE" DAY FOR VETERAN'S

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to proclaim April 2, 1986 as "BECAUSE WE CARE" Day for Veteran's.

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

WHEREAS, many thousands of Veterans of American Armed Forces have served this nation in times of both peace and war and in doing so, have thereby assured the safety and prosperity of all her people; and

WHEREAS, more than a million Veterans enter Veterans Administration medical facilities nationwide for medical attention annually; and

WHEREAS, these hospitalized veterans, who yet bear the physical and emotional scars of war, have most surely earned our gratitude for the many personal sacrifices they have made in our behalf; and

WHEREAS, that Veterans organization proudly known to our County of Columbus as AMVETS, which has as a purpose the contribution of the time and effort of its members to the welfare of the County, has organized a National Day of tribute honoring all hospitalized veterans with the purpose of urging all Americans to remember these men and women especially on this day and throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, we wish to express to the patients in all our Veterans Administration facilities our concern, care and sincere appreciation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County do hereby Proclaim the day of April 2, 1986

"BECAUSE WE CARE" DAY

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon all our citizens to observe the occasion in fitting ways and to pay tribute to hospitalized Veterans on this day and each day of the year.

Adopted this 3rd day of March, 1986.

ATTEST:

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

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

RESOLUTION - LAKE WACCAMAW STATE PARK

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adopt a Resolution addressing the maintenance and operation of the Lake Waccamaw State Park.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the State Park System is of vital importance to all the residents and visitors to Columbus County and the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, clean, well managed and well equipped State Parks are an asset to the community and foster an attitude on the part of visitors of respect and care; and

WHEREAS, Lake Waccamaw State Park was constructed in 1984 through a joint effort of the State of North Carolina and the County of Columbus in a spirit of providing the best possible facility at the Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Waccamaw State Park has been understaffed and has not been provided with the proper tools to adequately provide for the needs of the Park; and

WHEREAS, a well maintained and equipped Park will attract more visitors which encourages visiting the State of North Carolina through tourism.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County requests the State of North Carolina provide the needed manpower and equipment to adequately provide for the Lake Waccamaw State Park.

Adopted this 3rd day of March, 1986.

ATTEST:

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

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

BOARD OF ELECTIONS - PART TIME HELP SALARY INCREASE

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to increase the salary for the Board of Elections part-time employee, Shelby Priest, from \$3.35 per hour to \$4.00 per hour, effective March 1, 1986.

LIBRARY - BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to amend the Library budget as follows:

Accept 10-348-3100 State Aid to Public Libraries \$27,785

To be expended as follows:

10-630-0200 Salaries	7,294
10-630-0500 FICA	518
10-630-0600 Group Insurance	1,701
10-630-0700 Retirement	1,082
10-630-3300 Books	4,000
10-630-7400 Equipment	3,624
10-630-7400 Bookmobile	9,566

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to amend the Sheriff's Department budget as follows: Accept Insurance funds (10-335-00) in the amount of \$2,024.00 to be expended in Miscellaneous Income (10-510-17) Maintenance and Repair of Sheriff Vehicles.

SENCLAND COMMUNITY ACTION - DIALYSIS FUNDS

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to continue funding Sencland Community Action for transporting dialysis patients to Wilmington until such time the Dialysis Unit is in place in Columbus County.

FIRE COMMISSION - APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to reappoint the following persons to serve on the Fire Commission with a one year term, expiring December 7, 1986:

Commissioner Lynwood Norris
Edward Carter
Richard Young

SENIOR CENTER - ADVISORY COUNCIL

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Senior Center Advisory Council to serve unexpired terms.

Ms. Wanda Hardie replaces Mr. J.P. Britt
Mr. Nathaniel Lennon replaces Mr. Harold Hill

Commissioner Dew requested the Advisory Council be advised by letter, anyone missing three (3) consecutive meetings without an excuse will be replaced.

JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT SERVICE AREA DESIGNEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to designate Commissioner Lynwood Norris as JTPA Service Area Representative and authorize him sign all JTPA Agreements on behalf of Columbus County.

HOME HEALTH AGENCY - APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to appoint Commissioner Caletta Faulk to serve on the Home Health Agency Council.

RAPE CRISIS & CHILD ABUSE DESIGNEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously to approve designating Columbus County as the local fiscal agency for the Rape Crisis and Child Abuse Organizations.

BOARD UPDATE

The Administrator updated the Board on the following items:

1. The Public Auction was held at the Miller Building as advertised on the stainless steel sinks on February 10, 1986, at 10:00 A.M. No one showed up.
2. Have received a letter from Representative Richard Wright on the land acquisition at Lake Waccamaw.
3. Have received a letter from Mike Jones, President of NC Retail Merchants Association stating their position on the 8% sales and use tax.
4. Have received a letter from Representative Wright thanking the Board for their help on the Buckhead Community.
5. HUD Annual Workshop for Commissioners is scheduled April 11-13, 1986 at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville. Those of you wishing to attend, please complete the form provided for you and return to Otis Collins.
6. A Resolution has been passed by the Whiteville School System on Literary funds as requested by the Board.
7. Suggested job description on a delinquent tax collector is enclosed.
8. The Health Department will be closed on February 28, 1986, for the day in order for them to conduct a workshop on communicating. This was approved by the Board of Health.
9. Auditorium dedication will be held Monday night, March 10, 1986.
10. Only received two (2) bids on green box containers for replacing bottom and sides, weld sleeves and bumper, clean and paint.

Legrande Thompson	-	Total Bid	-	\$211.58
Old South Metals	-	Total Bid	-	\$220.00

The Board reached a general consensus to go with the lowest bid.

11. I have given you job descriptions on Sanitation Equipment Operator I and II.

LANDFILL EMPLOYEES COMPLAINT

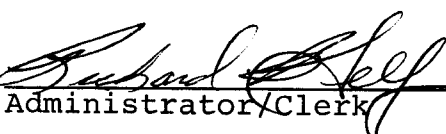
The following Landfill employees addressed the Board:

Walter Batten, Supervisor, Wade Jernigan, Max Walker, Carlton Cartrette, Roland McPherson, George Walker, Jr., Randy Hammonds, James Carter, and Calvin Jenrette.

The Chairperson allowed each Landfill Employee speak on their complaints and stated that the situation will be looked into.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin and passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 P.M.


Administrator/Clerk

APPROVED:


Chairman