

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 7:00 P.M., July 21, 1986 to hold a public hearing on the one-half percent option Sales and Use Tax and hold a regular Board meeting at 7:30 P.M., it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Caletta Faulk, Chairperson

Ed Worley, Vice-Chairman

Junior Dew

Lynwood Norris

Samuel G. Koonce

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Richard B. Self, Adm./Clerk

At 7:00 P.M., the Chairperson called the Public Hearing to order and requested any person in favor or opposition of the one-half percent option Sales and Use Tax to speak.

The following persons spoke in favor of the one-half percent sales tax:

David Hammonds, Jerry Paschal, Robert Leder, Wayne King, Lloyd Best, Dick Crutchfield and Jack Ervin.

All other persons in attendance were in favor. There was no opposition.

At 7:15 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to close the public hearing.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

At 7:30 P.M., the Chairperson called the regular Board meeting to order and the Reverend Leon Lancaster, White Marsh Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

RESOLUTION - ADOPTION OF ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES & USE TAX

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adopt a Resolution levying a one-half percent (1/2%) additional local government sales and use tax and prescribing the method of distribution of the proceeds within Columbus County.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on July 21, 1986 to consider the levy of a one-half percent (1/2%) additional local government sales and use tax, and interested citizens presented their views to the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners caused public notice of the public hearing to be given in accordance with law at least ten days prior to the date of the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County is now of opinion and does hereby find and declare that the levy of said sales tax within Columbus County is both desirable and necessary to adequately finance the operation of the county and the cities and towns herein;

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

Section 1. There is hereby imposed and levied within Columbus County the one-half percent (1/2%) supplemental local government sales and use tax authorized by Ratified Chapter 906 of the 1985 Session Laws (Regular Session, 1986), and codified as Article 42 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, effective July 7, 1986. The tax hereby imposed and levied shall apply to the same extent and be subject to the same limitations as are set forth in said Chapter 906.

Section 2. Collection of the tax by the North Carolina Secretary of Revenue, and liability therefore, shall begin and continue on and after the first day of September, 1986.

Section 3. The net proceeds of the tax levied herein shall be distributed by the Secretary of Revenue on a quarterly basis to Columbus County as prescribed by G.S. 105-501. The amount distributed to Columbus County shall be divided among the County and the municipalities and herein in accordance with the method by which the one percent (1%) sales and use taxes levied in Columbus County pursuant to Article 39 of General Statutes, Chapter 105 are distributed.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the North Carolina Secretary of Revenue.

Adopted this 21st day of July, 1986.

ATTEST:

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

(SEAL)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 7, 1986 Board meeting and the April 28 and May 5, 1986 Board of Equalization and Review meetings, as recorded.

BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT - CERTIFICATION FOR LOAN

The Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department requested the Board guarantee that the County will continue annual appropriations of \$8,694.00 to enable them to obtain a loan from FHA in the amount of \$40,000.00. The contract is on file at the Clerk's office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the Brunswick Volunteer's request and allow the Chairperson sign the necessary documents.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS - REQUEST FOR PERSONNEL

Mack Todd, Board of Elections Chairman, requested that the part-time position occupied by Shelby Priest be changed to a full-time position with associated benefits and costs being absorbed within the Board of Elections 1986-87 Budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to approve the employment of Shelby Priest as a full-time employee, including fringe benefits for a thirty-five (35) hour work week at the rate of \$4.83 per hour, effective August 1, 1986 until December 1, 1986.

AGRICULTURE EXTENSION - REQUEST FOR ADVANCED FUNDS FOR POSITION

Garland McCullen, Agriculture Extension Chairman, requested advance funding of a position sponsored by A & T University until October, 1986. They will fund from October 1, 1986 until January 15, 1987 at which time it will revert back to 37% County and 63% A & T.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve Mr. McCullen's request with documentation from A & T University stating same.

MILLER BUILDING MAINTENANCE - REQUEST FOR PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to employ Charles Franklin Burney as a part-time Janitor in the Miller Building to replace Kirby Ellison at an annual salary of \$4,512.

SOUTHEASTERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to appoint Commissioner Samuel G. Koonce to serve on the Southeastern Economic Development Commission Board for the length of his term to replace Larry Buffkin.

VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENTS - ANNUAL CERTIFICATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve annual certification of volunteer fire and rescue squads as follows:

Nakina Volunteer Fire Department

Nakina Rescue Squad

TAX RELEASES & REFUNDS

Upon motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously the following tax releases and refunds were approved as recommended by the Tax Supervisor.

Ordered: that the 1984 and 1985 Acme Delco Fire District of Anthony and Teresa Macon, Ransom Township, be released in the amounts of \$9.24 and \$5.29 due to Mr. & Mrs. Macon live outside the Acme Delco Fire District.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Sherman and Barbara Jacobs, Ransom Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,250 due to the 51/100 acre tract valued for this amount was deeded to Ella J. Ward.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued in the amount of \$73.77 to Farmers Home Administration USDA, PO Box 1039, Whiteville, NC 28472 for property listed to Larry and Martha Green, Chadbourn Township due to double-listing.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued in the amount of \$181.25 to Larry and Martha Green, Route 1, Box 45-A, Cerro Gordo, NC 28430, Chadbourn Township for year 1985 due to double-listing.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued in the amount of \$51.60 to Mrs. E.H. Ray, Route 3, Box 190, Tabor City, NC 28463, Bug Hill Township, for years 1983, 1984 and 1985 due to double-listed to Mrs. Meridan Elderdice.

MEDICARE HOSPICE - BUDGET AMENDMENT & CONTRACT SALARIES APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and approved unanimously to accept Hospice Revenue (14-348-00) in the amount of \$10,000 to be expended as follows:

14-590-11	Telephone	\$200.00
14-590-1101	Postage	200.00
14-590-14	Travel	600.00
14-590-32	Office Supplies	200.00
14-590-45	Contracted Services	8,000.00
14-590-33	Medical Supplies	200.00
14-590-46	Medical & Drugs	600.00

Also, approved Medicare Hospice Contract Positions and Annualized Salaries as follows:

Director/SW Supv I (full-time)	Grade 67-2B	\$15,840
Public Health Nurse (full-time)	Grade 68-1	15,840
MSW Consultation/Soc. Supv. II (2 hours/week)		1,045
Bookkeeper/Clk-Typist III (15 hours/week)	Grade 56-2B	4,048
Bereavement Coord./SW I (10 hours/week)	Grade 63	3,580
Community Health Tech. (10 hours/week)	Grade 56-1	3,520
Physical Therapist (Contract only)		1,200

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY GRANT

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to accept the Adolescent Pregnancy Grant in the amount of \$57,500 as verbally stated by Dr. Holbrook when funds are received. Further, upon receiving grant monies, interview applicants received for the Public Health Educator position in accordance with County Personnel Policy at Step 1 of the Pay Plan.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - ADDITIONAL SPACE REQUEST

Dr. Robert Holbrook, Health Director addressed the Board on the availability of space to house the Adolescent Pregnancy and Medicare Hospice Staff and requested the possibility of additional space on the third floor of the Miller Building.

The Board reached a general consensus to visit the Miller Building and check the possibilities of additional space.

SENIOR CENTER - BUS OPERATIONAL FUNDS EXPLORED

Commissioner Norris updated the Board on requesting Cape Fear Council of Governments fund bus operational costs for the Senior Center. Funding is being explored by the Cape Fear Council of Governments and they will advise by letter.

BOARD UPDATE

The Administrator updated the Board on the following items:

1. Document which shows each employee if the Grade was increased from 56 to 57 and the cost to the County including fringe benefits.
2. The public address system at the Courthouse was hit by lightning and thus far have not been able to fix the system. Judge Pope has given us until the 15th of August to repair or replace. We are seeking cost and installation of a new system for both courtrooms and costs will be absorbed within the Public Buildings improvements account.
3. Status report on sales of collections and recollections book.
4. Greenhill building is being sold as informed by the Economic Development Commission.
5. List of bad debts from the Home Health Agency. The list is being transmitted to Social Services also.
6. A thank you letter from the Oratorio Society has been received for their appropriation.
7. Effective January 1, 1987, the County tax on household personal property has been repealed. The tax office is calculating the financial impact on Columbus County since the General Assembly abolished the tax without replacing it with state revenues.
8. We are still checking if the Law Officer Retirement contribution will have an impact on Columbus County.
9. A copy of the new Open Meetings Law, effective October 1, 1986.
10. Fifty additional nursing home beds have been made available to Columbus County. Two firms have submitted letters asking for our support - Max Lennon and Autry Dawsey.
11. Jack Ervin, Economic Development Director, has informed us concerning the unionization effort taking place at Facet Glas in Chadbourn.
12. Colene Stanley, Sencland Director, has submitted a proposed plan and budget for expenditures of the \$3,000 allocated for Dialysis for FY 1986-87 and would like to expend in Emergency Crisis trips as listed. List is on file at the Clerk's office.

SENCLAND - EMERGENCY CRISIS TRIPS APPROVED

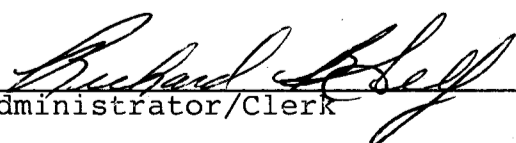
A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve Emergency Crisis Trips in the amount of \$3,000 to be expended from the Dialysis Transportation Fund allocation in the 1986-87 FY Budget as requested by Ms. Colene Stanley.

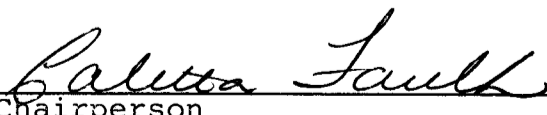
13. Harvey Beckham has informed us that the Federal Land Bank will vacate the Library Building prior to September 1, 1986.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

APPROVED:


Administrator/Clerk


Chairperson