

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 9:00 A.M., Tuesday, September 2, 1986, due to the first Monday being a legal Holiday.

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

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Reverend Robert Ratz, Chadbourn United Methodist Church.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 18, 1986 meeting were approved as recorded upon motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously.

PROCLAMATION - COLUMBUS COUNTY LITERACY COUNCIL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to proclaim September 7, 1986 as Adult Literacy Sunday. Proclamation is as follows:

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

WHEREAS, illiteracy is a serious problem, hampering at least 23 million people in the United States in their attempts to gain an adequate modern standard of living; and

WHEREAS, citizens of our own County suffer this handicap which prevents their full participation in our civic, social, and economic life; and

WHEREAS, we desire that all citizens of the Columbus County area have the basic education necessary for a productive and satisfying life; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Literacy Council and Southeastern Community College are seeking to provide education and training to eliminate adult illiteracy in Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, the citizens, business and industry, and the economy of Columbus County will benefit from the programs offered by the Columbus County Literacy Council and Southeastern Community College; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to encourage all citizens of the Columbus County area to involve themselves in this important effort as tutors or instructors, leaders or learners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim Sunday, September 7, 1986 as

ADULT LITERACY SUNDAY

in Columbus County and encourage all Columbus County citizens to support the Columbus County Literacy Council and Southeastern Community College in their efforts.

Adopted this 2nd day of September, 1986.

ATTEST:

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

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

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to approve items for Volunteer Fire and Rescue Departments as follows:

Certification for Whiteville Rescue and Buckhead Rescue and Fire Department.

Williams Township - Radio for a 1978 pumper/tanker in the amount of \$582.00 and approve a budget amendment to allocate funds from Non-Departmental - Contingencies (10-660-9999) to be expended in Special Appropriations - Williams Township VFD - Equipment-Radio (10-690-9501).

The Board reached a general concensus to table approval of the County Fire Map with the exception of the Acme Delco-Riegelwood Fire District which was approved and advertise to the public that the map is posted for review in the County Administrator's office.

MILLER BUILDING OFFICE SPACE RENOVATION COSTS

The Board directed Tracy Floyd, Miller Building Maintenance Supervisor, to get professional estimates on cost renovations for the kitchen and dishwasher room facilities to be utilized for office space in the Miller Building and present to the Board for consideration at the next Board meeting.

LIBRARY - BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve a budget amendment for the Library by accepting funds in the amount of \$6,221 from LSCA Enrichment Grant (State Library) (10-348-3100) to be expended as follows:

10-630-3300	Books	\$3,200
10-630-3302	Audiovisual	\$1,800
10-630-3304	Other Material	\$ 700
10-630-3306	Processing	\$ 521

HEALTH DEPT. - BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve a budget amendment for the Health Department by accepting funds in the amount of \$3,071 from Medicaid Escrow funds (10-348-08) to be expended in Capital Outlay-Equipment (10-592-74):

Letter quality printer	\$ 800
Power Surge Protector	\$ 500
Hard Disc, ADAPTEC 30 MB	\$ 676
Micro Computer	\$1,095

HOSPICE REQUEST

Paige Kaiser, Hospice Chairperson, addressed the Board stating that Hospice desires to have independent status from County government effective October 1, 1986, with the balance of Hospice funds to revert back as of October 15, 1986, to Columbus County Hospice, Inc.

A motion was Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to grant Hospice their independence apart from County government and revert unused Hospice funds to Columbus County Hospice, Inc. Further, furnish office space that is available within the Miller Building and allow Hospice use the County telephone system for one year with Hospice paying for phone useage.

YOUTH TASK FORCE - APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Youth Task Force Board of Directors as recommended by the Youth Task Force.

William G. Rhodes, reappointed with term expiring 6-30-88

Colene Stanley, reappointed with term expiring 6-30-87

Franklin Thurman, reappointed with term expiring 6-30-87

Peggy Willis, reappointed with term expiring 6-30-87

Dr. Robert Holbrook, appointed to replace Lewis Sauls with term expiring 6-30-87.

SENCLAND COMMUNITY ACTION - TRANSPORTATION INQUIRY

Ms. Colene Stanley, Sencland Director, and Jean Norris, Transportation Director, addressed the Board on funds in the amount of \$20,000 being deleted for transportation in the Sencland's 1986-87 Budget and requested the Board's consideration.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to adopt a Resolution informing Congress of the impact the Graham-Rudman-Hollings Act has placed on local programs.

Further, the Board directed the Administrator to explore other sources of help for this program.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Columbus County support Congress in its efforts to balance the budget through reductions and improvements in the efficiency of Federal Agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Graham-Rudman-Hollings Act as amended by the Courts has had a positive impact on this ultimate goal; and

WHEREAS, the indiscriminate reductions being placed into effect by the various Federal Agencies as a result of the Graham-Rudman-Hollings Bill are being disproportionately imposed on the indigents of our great nation; and

WHEREAS, reductions in the Title XX Block Grant Program has caused an undue hardship on rural counties in the South. That the Title XX Block Grant Programs provided transportation and assistance to the truly needy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina that Congress investigate the impact of their policies as they are implemented by the various Federal Agencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that every effort be made to assist the "transportation poor" and truly indigent in the rural counties of our nation.

Unanimously adopted this 2nd day of September, 1986.

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

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

REVENUE SHARING ADVERTISEMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to schedule a Public Hearing on Revenue Sharing Entitlements for Fiscal Year 1986-87 on September 15, 1986 at 7:30 A.M.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REVENUE SHARING ENTITLEMENTS

A Public Hearing will be held on September 15, 1986 for all interested citizens of Columbus County. The following is proposed for the use of Revenue Sharing Entitlements for the Fiscal Year 1986-87:

Landfill	\$364,000
School Capital Outlay	\$325,000
Law Enforcement Vehicles	\$ 24,700
Total	\$713,700

The meeting will be held at the County Administrative Building, 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472 for the purpose of discussion of the proposed expenditures at 7:30 P.M. The Budget proposal is open for public inspection at the County Administrative Building, Whiteville, North Carolina during normal working hours.

All interested citizens will be given the opportunity to give written and oral comments.

Senior Citizens are encouraged to attend.

SHERIFF'S DEPT. SALARY ADJUSTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to award a salary adjustment of 3.6% to all employees of the Sheriff's Department to be allocated from Sales Tax proceeds.

BIDDING OF COUNTY BANKING SERVICES

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to allow the Administrator advertise for bids for

Columbus County Banking Services and present the results to the Board at a later meeting.

BOARD UPDATE

The Administrator updated the Board on the following items:

1. All current communications on Sencland Community Action and their application for JTPA funds.
2. The Board of Elections have requested a counter and this has been taken care of.
3. The landfill was robbed again last week with a large amount of tools and supplies taken.
4. A letter in connection with the removal of trees on the landfill property.
5. Update from the County Commissioners Association.
6. Brown & Wood - Schedule for Bond issue needs your approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to advertise Notice of Intent to Apply to the Local Government Commission for Approval of Bonds for construction of a County-wide water system.

7. Legislation which affected Columbus County.
8. Office of Budget & Management update on population.
9. Letter from Caswell Center.
10. Updates from Economic Development.
11. Contracts from Health Department are not acceptable.
12. State Personnel appeal on Jettie Babson against the Health Department.
13. The Kiwanis Club would like to sell auto tags displaying the name of Columbus County and your approval is requested.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to approve the Kiwanis Club sale of Columbus County auto tags and request them to provide the County with a list of individuals and their organization who will be soliciting the sale.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:07 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn into executive session for a personnel matter and interview professional firms.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 11:20 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to adjourn executive session and resume regular session. No action was taken.

PRESENTATION BY SENATOR R.C. SOLES, JR. & REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD WRIGHT

Senator R.C. Soles, Jr. and Representative Richard Wright addressed the Board stating that during the Summer session of the N.C. General Assembly that they requested and discretionary funds in the amount of \$12,500 have been appropriated from the Senate and the House for identification of roads and erecting of markers in Columbus County. They suggested that a committee be appointed with representation throughout Columbus County to work on the project with Mr. John McNeill, County Historian, chairing the committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve organizing a committee with Mr. John McNeill as Chairman with each Commissioner appointing two members from their respective zones to serve on the Committee with Senator R.C. Soles, Jr. and Representative Richard Wright serving as ex-officio members.

MEETING RECESSED

At 11:50 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to recess the meeting to attend an annual luncheon meeting with the Columbus County Hospital Board at the Columbus County Hospital with the regular Board meeting to resume after the luncheon.

RESUME MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:20 P.M., the Chairperson called the meeting back to order and immediately a motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn into executive session to finish interviewing professional firms.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 5:35 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to resume regular session. No action was taken.

EMPLOYMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to employ the following persons:

Animal Control - Employ Carl A. Herring to fill the position of Animal Control Assistant I at an annual salary of \$9,456, Grade 56-2B.

Tax Department - Richard J. Gore to fill the position of Tax Mapper at an annual salary of \$14,088, Grade 65-2A.

DEPUTY CLERK DESIGNATED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to designate Ida L. Smith as Deputy Clerk to the Board with Oath of Office to be administered by Lacy Thompson, Clerk of Court.

ADMINISTRATOR CAR ALLOWANCE

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve a car allowance of \$5,400 annually to Richard B. Self, Administrator, with the stipulation that the County car he is presently driving be awarded to the Sheriff's Department to replace one of the three additional cars to be purchased. Out-of-County business travel will be payable at fifteen cents per mile to cover gasoline expense. Also, amend the budget as follows:

Increase 10-420-05	FICA	385
Increase 10-420-10	Auto Allowance	5,400
Decrease 10-420-17	Maint. & Repair of Vehicles	(688)
Decrease 10-420-31	Automotive Supplies	(1,500)
Decrease 10-660-9999	Contingencies	(3,597)

TAX RELEASES

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

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of Codell Fowler, Bug Hill Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$1,000 due to billing error; should have been billed to Codell and Fannie A. Fowler.

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of Royal Weaver II, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$18,180 due to lot and house valued for this amount should be listed to Royal W. Weaver III and Julie Weaver by deed of 5-9-85.

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of David & Pansy Hannah, Chadbourn Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$43,060 due to name change. The property valued for this amount was billed to Mrs. Sallie Ford for year 1986.

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of Loretta Richardson, Fair Bluff Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,540 due to Mrs. Richardson is a resident of Tokoma Park, Maryland and listed her personal property with a lot she owns in Fair Bluff.

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of Iola Teachey, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,390 due to failure in receiving the Senior-Citizen's Exemption.

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of William Grant & Crystal Johnson, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$700 due to 46/100 acre tract of land was billed as 1.99 acres; a difference of \$1,000.

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of Edna Campbell Jones, Welches Creek Township, be released on the valuation of \$7,820 due to a billing error.

MEETING RECESSED

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to recess the meeting at 5:45 P.M. until 7:30 A.M., September 4, 1986.

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