

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 9:00 A.M., February 2, 1987, it being the first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Ed Worley, Chairman

Junior Dew, Vice Chairman

Lynwood Norris

Samuel G. Koonce

Giles E. (Buddy) Byrd

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Charles S. Mashburn
Administrator/Clerk

Ida L. Smith
Deputy Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by Reverend J. Spole Lyons, Whiteville First Presbyterian Church.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to approve the January 19 and January 26, 1987 minutes, as recorded.

BOOKMOBILE BIDS REJECTED

The Administrator advised the Board that only two (2) bids had been received on the purchase of the bookmobile.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to reject the bids received for the bookmobile and authorized an effort to sell the vehicle at the Columbus County Auto Auction.

RADIO PURCHASES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to award the contract for radios to Broadcast and Communication Company and approved budget amendments as follows:

Tabor City Volunteer Fire Department - Appropriate from Non-Departmental-Contingencies (10-660-9999) in the amount of \$1,745.00 to be expended in Special Appropriations - Tabor City Volunteer Fire Department - Two (2) radios.

N.C. Forestry Service - Appropriate from Non-Departmental-Contingencies (10-660-9999) in the amount of \$500.00 to be expended in Special Appropriations - N.C. Forestry Service Radio.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - REJECT RADIO ANTENNA TOWER

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to reject the antenna that N.C. Emergency Management has offered to Columbus County due to construction of a tower.

HEALTH DEPT. - SANITARIAN FEE & POSITION DENIED

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to deny the request from the Health Department to establish a fee for certain sanitarian services and the employment of an additional sanitarian.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - REMOVAL OF OAK TREES ON COUNTY PROPERTY

Howard Stanley, the Emergency Management Coordinator, addressed the Board on the condition of five (5) oak trees across from the courthouse. Melvin Brown with the N.C. Forestry Service advised that the evaluation according to their overall health and stability is that the trees are in a weakened condition and pose a long term safety hazard and it would be in the best interest of the county to have them removed.

The Board reached a general concensus to direct Howard Stanley to get three (3) bids from tree removal companies to remove the trees and stumps and present to the Board at the next meeting.

CORONER - REQUEST FOR RADIO

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to table the request by the coroner for a radio until the next meeting.

HEALTH DEPT. - BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve a budget amendment for the Health Department to use Medicaid Escrow funds (10-399-00) in the amount of \$2,400.00 to be expended as follows:

10-589-74	Wood Star 2000 Computer Software	\$550.00
10-589-74	Letter Quality Printer	750.00
10-589-74	Portable Stand	200.00
10-589-74	Computer	900.00

DOT - ST. JAMES & GUIDEWAY COMMUNITIES

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to request the N.C. Department of Transportation to place the following communities on the Columbus County map, and state map, if space is available, and erecting of signs in the designated areas:

St. James Community located at the intersection of SR 1730 and 1735.

Guideway - Located on State Road 904.

RESOLUTION REQUESTED TO DESIGNATE LUMBER RIVER AS SCENIC

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to table the request to adopt a Resolution in support of designating Lumber River as part of the North Carolina Natural and Scenic Rivers System.

TAXES DUE FOR 1986

Mr. Ralph Jolly, Tax Supervisor/Collector, gave a report on the total taxes due on real estate for 1986 in the amount of \$1,044,133.78.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to direct Mr. Jolly to advertise for liens during the month of May and after advertisement proceed with foreclosure on delinquent taxes.

APPOINTMENTS - INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY

The Administrator advised the Board that the Whiteville City Council has agreed to sponsor the initial dinner meeting of the Inter-Governmental Agency Council meeting to be held on February 23, 1986, at 7:00 P.M.

Commissioner Dew appointed Leroy Williamson from Evergreen and Richard Russell from Hallsboro to serve on the Council.

Commissioner Byrd appointed Jerry Brown from Riegelwood to serve on the Council.

SOCIAL SERVICES - BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve a budget amendment for Social Services for acceptance of funds from Carolina Power & Light Energy Assistance (40-336-0000) in the amount of \$855.97 to be expended in CP&L Energy Assistance (40-616-0100)..

BUILDING INSPECTIONS - TOWN OF CHADBOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to approve the County to enter into a contract with the Town of Chadbourn for building inspections. The contract is to be drafted and presented to the Board for consideration of execution.

HEALTH DEPT. - REQUEST FOR RECLASSIFICATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to deny the request from the Health Department to have an employee reclassification study performed by State Personnel.

SELF INSURANCE POOL PARTICIPATION

The Administrator requested direction on pursuing a self-insurance pool for medical, dental and life insurance.

The Board advised the Administrator to do a survey on county employees insurance needs and report back to the Board.

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR COUNTY AGENCIES

The Board reached a general concensus to instruct the County Administrator to explore possibilities of constructing a facility for ASCS and FHA agencies for rental fees to compensate the county for constructing the facility.

COUNTY VEHICLE SEALS

The Board reached a general concensus to use uniformity in placing county seals on vehicles by trimming the white area from around the seal.

TAX RELEASES, REFUNDS AND EXTENSIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to approve the tax releases, refunds and extensions as recommended by the Tax Supervisor.

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of Mary Lynn Hickman Long, Bogue Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,340 due to listing error.

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of Rose Jane Blackmon, Lees Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,450 due to motor vehicle was double-listed.

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of Jan Miller, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$1,183 due to mobile home was priced wrong.

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of Mark Lashley and Dorothy Woodburn, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,149 due to 1986 mobile home was priced incorrectly.

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of Jim Reaves, Whiteville Township be released in the amount of \$8.68 due to late list penalty.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued in the amount of \$121.97 to Larry Wayne & Marcia Smith, Route 1, Box 24X, Delco, NC 28436, Ransom Township, for year 1979 due to paying bill twice.

Ordered: that a refund check in the amount of \$71.64 be issued to Edward Keith Davis, Route 1, Box 129C, Hallsboro, NC 28442, Bogue Township due to personal property should be listed to Terry and Deborah Simmons.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued in the amount of \$6.53 to Gary Morris, 203 Evanswood Drive, Greenville, NC 27858, Whiteville Township, for year 1986 due to paying taxes for household furniture; Mr. Morris is a non-resident.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued in the amount of \$130.55 to Campbell W. & Agnes G. Stocks, Route 1, Nakina, NC 28433, Township 99, for year 1986 due to motor vehicles were double-listed.

Ordered: that the following tax listings, personal property discoveries, Township 99, be released or cancelled, for year 1986, as follows:

Lena Crenshaw Adams and Lena Marie Adams, account 1400020.

Samuel Atkins and Cathy Elaine; have not lived in Columbus County since 1984, account #1700520.

Donnie Beck listed in Williams Township, account 0900740.

Viola Collins; already listed to James C. Baldwin, Jr., account #0800560.

Stephanie Sharon Ballard; not in Columbus County - listed in Smithfield where she resides, account #1700940.

Cathy Todd Batten; listed J.C. Batten in Chadbourn Township, account #1701320.

J. C. Batten; listed in Chadbourn Township on regular list, Account #1701360.

Mary Council Batten; listed in Chadbourn Township as Ervin and Mary Batten on account #1301555.

Wilton Batten; listed in Cerro Gordo Township on account #1600223.

Kenneth Beatty; listed in Bladen County, account #1701560.

Herbert Lee Bell; not in Columbus County since 1985, account #1701690.

Gary Goley Benton; listed in Whiteville Township, account #0104870.

Iwilla Betts; motor vehicles sold prior to 1-1-86, account #1702340.

Eula Turner Blackwell; Mrs. Blackwell car junked, account #1702540.

Kathy Myers Blackwell, double-listed in Cerro Gordo as Gerry Blackwell (Ford), account #1702540.

John William Blake; double-listed, Chadbourn Township, Billy & Jack Blake (Toyota), account #1702670.

Charlie French Bordeaux; double-listed in Ransom Township, account #1501940.

Elbert Lee Bostic; car repossessed in 1985, account #1703000.

Judy Walker Boswell; double-listed in Cerro Gordo Township, account #1703060.

Gwendolyn Batten Boyd; motor vehicle was wrecked prior to 1-1-86, account #1703260.

Stephen Burney Bridgers; motor vehicle listed in Pitt County, account #1703470.

Christopher Strange Britt; motor vehicle burned in 1985, account #1703610.

Hazel Marie C. Brown; listed as Rodney & Hazel Inman, account #0915425.

Leroy Brown; car wrecked and totaled in 1985, account #1704130.

Samuel Alexander Brown; listed in Ransom Township, Samuel & Eula Brown, account #1704320.

Judy Williams Buffkin; car sold in 1985 to George Clayton Dale, account #1704740.

Stephen Alexander Buie; resides and listed in Bladen County, account #1704870.

Furney David Bullock; listed in Whiteville Township, account #0110480.

James Edison Burchette; listed Edison Burchette, Welches Creek Township, account #1705190.

Virginia H. Butler; listed Chadbourn Township, William R. Butler, account #1705530.

Amelia Blanks Campbell; listed Welches Creek Township, Henry L. Campbell Heirs, account #1705680.

Veater Green Campbell; listed Waccamaw Township, Leslie L. & Veater Campbell, account #1705820.

Franklin Stuart Carroll; listed in Whiteville Township, account #0112830.

Kathy Smith Cartrette; motor vehicle sold prior to 1-1-86, account #1706340.

Nettie Van Chrisp; living and listed in Abbottsburg Township for past three (3) years, account #1706680.

Dorothy S. Council; listed John Council Jr., in Waccamaw Township, account #1707520.

Council Tool Company, Inc.; listed Waccamaw Township, account #0803940.

Annie Ruth Cribb; listed Luther & Annie R. Cribb, Williams Township, account #1707910.

Shirley L. Cribb; listed Donald & Shirley Cribb, Williams Township, account #1707960.

Joseph Lee Cribb; listed on regular listing, account #0905800.

Kenneth Dale Cribb; motor vehicle (76 Ford) sold prior to 1-1-86, account #1708060.

Barbara Grice Currie; 1975 Ford junked prior to 1-1-86, account #1708300.

John Robert Curry; listed in Bogue Township, regular list, account #1708330.

Woodrow Daniels, listed Carver's Creek, Bladen County, account #1708570.

Carolyn E. Davis; lives in Newport News Virginia since 1983, account #1708650.

Dennis Dalton Davis; listed in Bladen County, account #1708680.

Helen & Kathryn Davis; car out of North Carolina, sold prior to 1-1-86, account #1708720.

Robert Guy DeRosa; lives and listed in Durham, NC for year 1986, account #1708970.

Dickie Sales & Service; listed as Richard Wesley Dowless on account #1108100.

James Michael Dowless; listed as James Michael Dallas, Waccamaw Township, account #1709180.

Donald Glenn Dowless; motor vehicles listed in Bladen County, account #1709270.

Sammy & Patsy Eason; 1980 Olds sold in 1985, account #1709750.

Frances Reaves Edge; listed Billy Landis & Frances Meares, account #1011325.

George Richard Edmund; motor vehicle sold in 1984 to Barbara Nobles, account #1709880.

William Darryl Edmund; lives in Statesville, NC, account #1709910.

Vivian Skipper Edwards; listed Johnnie B. Edwards, account #0608860.

Allyn Seymour Elkins; lives in Bladen County, account #1710160.

Gerald Allen & Marsha Faulk; 1979 Mercury sold prior to 1-1-86, account #1710900.

John Isaac Fipps; motor vehicle junked prior to 1-1-86, account #1711090.

Annie Mae Fowler; listed Dewitt Fowler Heirs, account #1313600.

Amanda Brown Freeman; listed Lofton & Amanda Freeman, Bolton Township, account #1712080.

Minnie Deloras Freeman; lives in Plainfield, New Jersey, account #1712510.

David Eliga Godwin; listed on regular listing, account #0910320.

Tammy Lynn Godwin; listed Tammy Sellers, account #0925930.

Bernard Kelly Goins; listed Welches Creek Township, account #1714090.

Addie C. Gore; listed Bug Hill Township, Dayton Gore, account #0705880.

Charles Elmore Gore, listed on regular listing, account #0614540.

Diane Louise Gore, listed South Williams Township, Melvin Mack, account #1714380.

Joyce Miller Gore; 1973 Chevrolet junked prior to 1-1-86, account #1714630.

Kenneth Earl Gore; 1978 Olds sold in 1984, account #1714650.

Lacy Leon Gore; traded M.V. in 1985 and listed in Williams Township; account #1714680.

Laviece Mooney Gore; 82 Ford escort listed in Carteret County, where she lives, account #1714690.

James Edward Hammond; listed Edward Hammond, Tatum Township, account #1716690.

Stephen Thomas Gore; resident of Brunswick County and listed there, account #1714920.

Bernadine Graham; lives in Bladen County and listed there, account #1715100.

Ethel Gail Graham; not living in Columbus County since 1984, account #1715260.

Mary Webb Graham; listed Mary W. Graham, regular list, account #0807400.

James Mack Green; listed Mack & Lottie Green, Cerro Gordo, account #1606520.

Clarience B. Hammonds; listed Eddie Graham Hammonds, Jr., account #1716740.

Grover Harrelson, Jr.; motor vehicle repossessed by GMAC, June, 1985, account #1717160.

Jane Ward Harrelson; listed Rodney & Jane Harrelson in Whiteville Township, account #1717180.

Charles Anthony Hewett; listed Johnny & Linda Hewett in Lees Township, account #1717950.

Linda Ray Hewett; 1979 Toyota SW listed Johnny & Linda Hewett in Lees Township, account #1717070.

Mary Lynn Hickman; listed as Mary Lynn H. Long, account #1115825.

Virginia Pait Hickman; motor vehicle sold prior to 1-1-86, account #1718040.

Lura A. Hinson; listed in Whiteville Township, account #0141640.

Minnie Stanley Hinson; listed on regular list as Fred & Minnie Hinson, account #1718440.

Robert Lee Hilburn; listed Robert Lee & Susan Hilburn, Lees Township, account #1718570.

Robert Gene Holden; listed Ransom Township, account #1518640.

Elbert Gordon Holloman; listed Elbert Holloman, Bogue Township, account #1718610.

William Allen Honeycutt; not living in Columbus County, account #1718670.

Estelle Horne; listed on regular list, Whiteville Township, account #1718780.

Judy Rich Howell; listed Judy Rich Brown, Chadbourn Township, account #1304520.

Foster C. Hughes, Jr.; listed as Hughes Cleaners, account #1009240.

Pamela Glover Hunt; resident of Southport, NC since 1984, account #1719130.

John Calhoun Hyatt, Jr., listed on regular list, account #0145240.

Inman Septic Tank Services; listed Ben Harrelson, account #0137360.

Rosanna Boyd Isaac, car junked sine 1984, account #1719340.

Dupree Joseph Jacobs; listed Dupree and Myrtle Jacobs, account #1719860.

Emma Jacobs; listed on regular list, Bug Hill Township, account #0709040.

Lindberg Jacobs; listed in Bug Hill Township, account 0709200.

John Braxton Jenrette; listed John B. Jenrette, Bug Hill, account #0709600.

Richard Palmer Johnson; listed on regular list, Whiteville Township, account #0148045.

Tony Curtis Johnson, motor vehicle listed in Mecklenburg County, Charlotte, NC, account #1720890.

Rosie Cromartie Jordan; listed on regular list Rosie Lennon Jordon, Tatum Township, account #1721370.

Robert Hughes Kelly; moved to Florida prior to 1-1-86, account #1721600.

Lynwood Earl Kennedy; listed on regular list, Ransom Township, #1522260.

Murray Charles King, Jr.; lives in Bladen County and listed there, account #1721810.

Pamela Gayle King; listed Robert W. Jr. & Pamela K. White in Chadbourn Township, account #1343300.

Wesley Lacewell, Jr., listed in Bladen County, account #1721990.

EXTENSIONS OF PERSONAL & REAL PROPERTY, YEAR 1987

Anvil Knitwear Company	March 31, 1987
Agri-Industrial Supply Company	April 15, 1987
Automotive Rentals, Incorporated	April 15, 1987
AT&T Property Tax Unit	April 15, 1987

BE & K Construction Company	March 1, 1987
Burns, Pope, Sessoms, Attorneys	March 15, 1987
Burroughs Corporation	March 15, 1987
C & J Tire Service	April 15, 1987
Canal Industries, Incorporated	April 1, 1987
Campbell Oil Company, Inc.	April 15, 1987
CBP (Carolina ByProducts Company)	April 15, 1987
Carolina Tire Company	April 15, 1987
Carolina Urology Clinic, PA	March 15, 1987
Carquest Auto Parts of Chadbourn	April 15, 1987
J.A. Cartrette Construction Co.	April 15, 1987
J.A. Cartrette Sr. & Jr.	April 15, 1987
Clark Rental Systems, Inc.	March 1, 1987
Council Tool Company, Inc.	February 15, 1987
Dart & Kraft Financial (Vehicle Mgt. Group)	March 31, 1987
Dollar Wholesale Company	March 15, 1987
DPF Asset Management Corporation	March 31, 1987
Edwards (Rick Edwards Pontiac, Buick Inc.)	April 15, 1987
Electrolux Corporation	April 1, 1987
Elliott Implement Company	March 15, 1987
Exxon Company, U.S.A.	March 31, 1987
Federal Paper Board Company, Inc.	April 15, 1987
First Union Commercial Corporation	April 15, 1987
First Union Corporation	April 1, 1987
First Union National Bank	April 15, 1987
Food Lion Store #409	April 15, 1987
Franklin Baking Company	April 15, 1987
General Motors Corporation	April 15, 1987
Georgia-Pacific Corporation	March 1, 1987
James C. Greene Co. Acct #0135010	March 1, 1987
Harris-Teeter Super Markets, Inc.	April 1, 1987
IBM (International Business Machine Corp.)	February 29, 1987
K Mart Corporation	March 31, 1987
Kramers	March 31, 1987
Lee & Lee	April 15, 1987
Lowe's Companies, Inc.	March 31, 1987
Lytle Oil Company (Texaco)	March 1, 1987
Lytle (Charles H. Estate)	March 1, 1987
McGougan, Wright & Worley, Attorneys	April 15, 1987
Mateer's Leasing Company	April 15, 1987
Mill Outlet Village Inc. Acct. #0162065	April 15, 1987
National Spinning Co., Inc	March 15, 1987
Lynwood Norris, Land Clearing & Drainage	April 15, 1987
Peacock Funeral Home, Inc.	April 15, 1987
Penn Ventilators	April 1, 1987
Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Lumberton, Inc.	March 31, 1987
Family Dollar Stores #71, 72 & 827	April 15, 1987
Peterson (D.L.) Trust	April 15, 1987
Pic 'N Pay Shoes	April 1, 1987
Powell, Charles Mitchell, Cerro Gordo	March 31, 1987
Quality Foods of N.C., Inc.	April 15, 1987
Rhodes, Edward A. and Charles Anthony	April 15, 1987
Rite Aid Corporation (#1696, Discount Pharmacy)	April 1, 1987
Rose's Store #249 (WH,)	April 15, 1987
Royster Company	March 1, 1987
Sellers, Graham & Agnes	April 1, 1987
Service American Corporation Acct. 0181325	April 15, 1987
Sessoms, Bill, Attorney	April 15, 1987
Sohio Oil Company	April 15, 1987
Southern States Cooperative, Inc. (Formerly FCX)	April 15, 1987
State Employees' Credit Union	April 1, 1987
Stephens, Jerry & Barbara	April 15, 1987
Stephens, Carl or Edna Estate	April 15, 1987
Superior Office Systems of Fayetteville, NC	April 15, 1987
Tate, Charles Lacy Jr. & Mildred	April 15, 1987
Tate, Charles L. Jr. & Associates	April 15, 1987
Tate Farms, Incorporated	April 15, 1987
Tate, Mrs. C.L. #1339300	April 15, 1987
Todd, J. Lionel and Mrs. Emma F. Todd	April 1, 1987
United Carolina Bank (UCB)	March 15, 1987
United States Leasing Corporation (US)	April 15, 1987
Waccamaw Lumber Corporation	April 1, 1987
Viets, Don, Attorney	April 15, 1987
Ward, A.L. Jr., or Leon Ward, Jr.	April 1, 1987
Wards Chain Saw Sales & Service	April 1, 1987
Ward, Charles Wayne	April 1, 1987
Ward, Mrs. Leon (Ruth) or Leon, (A.L.)	April 1, 1987
Waste Enterprises, Inc. (WE) or Waste Industries	April 1, 1987
Whit-mart, Inc. (Burger King Store #4492)	February 28, 1987

Wells Oldsmobile, Inc.	April 15, 1987
Whiteville Plywood, Inc.	April 1, 1987
Williamson, A.W., Sr. and Jr.	April 1, 1987
World Omni Leasing, Inc.	April 15, 1987
Worsley Companies, Inc. Etals	April 1, 1987
Xerox Corporation	March 31, 1987
Yam City Oil & Gas Company	April 15, 1987

COMMISSIONER - POSTHUMOUS PLAQUE

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to present a posthumous plaque in memory of Edward W. Williamson, deceased former commissioner, to his family at the next Board meeting.

TAX - MINIMUM RELEASE

The Board reached a general concensus to direct the Tax Collector explore the possibilities of placing a minimum on tax releases due to processing costs and report to the Board at the next meeting.

HEALTH DEPT. - CONTRACT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the Health Department enter into contract with John Gasman for skilled craftsman at the rate of \$4.00 per hour through June 30, 1987. Contract is on file at the Clerk to Board's office.

PROCLAMATION - SAVE THE FAMILY FARM ACT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to adopt the proclamation as follows on "Save the Family Farm Act".

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

WHEREAS, 650,000 framers have been forced out of business in the past six (6) years; and

WHEREAS, 95,000 main street businesses, including 2,000 farm implement dealers have closed their doors since 1981; and

WHEREAS, 55,000 farm implement manufacturing workers have been permanently laid off in the past five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, 403 banks, primarily rural banks, have been closed since 1981; and

WHEREAS, farm prices have fallen to their lowest level in 15 years and farm exports have dropped by almost 40% falling from \$44 billion in 1980 to \$26 billion in 1986; and

WHEREAS, taxpayers costs for farm programs have increased five fold from \$6 billion during the 1970's to over \$30 billion in 1986; and

WHEREAS, farm assets, primarily land, have fallen \$250 billion in the last five (5) years, an average loss of \$139,000 for every U.S. farmer. In 1981, farm assets exceeded the \$1 trillion national debt while todays \$2 trillion national debt is 2½ times the value of farm assets; and

WHEREAS, current programs have idled 50 percent of U.S. farm land in 1983 and 35 percent in 1987 while encouraging production in other years thus, creating havoc for agribusinesses; and

WHEREAS, consumer prices have continued to increase despite dramatic drops in farm prices; and

WHEREAS, more than 12,000 North Carolina farms have been permanently wiped out in the past four (4) years according to USDA; and

WHEREAS, at least one-third of North Carolina's remaining farmers are suffering severe financial stress; and

WHEREAS, a fair price for North Carolina's farmers would bring at least \$399,000,000 of new income into North Carolina since much of North Carolina's farm production is sold out of the state and out of the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners urge the Congress to immediately pass the "Save the Family Farm Act", as authorized by Senator Tom Harkin and Congressman Dick Gephardt. This legislation will restore profitability to agriculture by paying farmers a fair price for their product, save taxpayers over \$20 billion per year by eliminating all government subsidies, and will maintain export markets through the use of bonus bushels.

ADOPTED unanimously this 2nd day of February, 1987.

ATTEST:

/s/ Charles S. Mashburn
Administrator/Clerk

/s/ Ed Worley, Chairman
Columbus County Board
of Commissioners

COMMUNITY BASED ALTERNATIVES - BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to approve a Community Based Alternatives Program Agreement Revision increase in the amount of \$7,624.00 for the Chadbourn Elementary ISS Program with no additional cost to the County.

TAX DEPT. - BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to approve a budget amendment for the Tax Department appropriating undesignated funds (10-399) in the amount of \$77,624.00 to be expended in Capital Outlay (10-450-74).

REGISTER OF DEEDS - BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve a budget amendment for the Register-of-Deeds to transfer funds from Office Supplies (10-480-32) in the amount of \$2,500.00 to be expended in Capital Outlay - Computer/Printer (10-480-74).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:40 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 11:52 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn executive session and resume regular session. No action was taken.

ACCOUNTING CLERK II POSITION - ALLOW ESC TAKE APPLICATIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to allow the Employment Security Commission to take applications for the Accounting Clerk II position in the Finance Department through February 13, 1987 and directed the Administrator to present the Board with five (5) of the most qualified applicants to be interviewed by the Board at 6:00 P.M. on February 16, 1987.

AYES: Commissioners Norris, Worley, Dew and Byrd

NOES: Commissioner Koonce

COURTHOUSE SPACE STUDY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to form a Courthouse Space Study Committee to consist of the Columbus County Commissioner Chairman, County Administrator, Court Administrator and President of the Bar Association.

MEETING RECESSED

Upon motion by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously, the meeting recessed at 11:55 A.M. until 7:30 A.M. on February 3, 1987 at which time the Board will resume executive session to discuss the landfill contract.

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