

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office Monday, May 18, 1987, at 7:30 P.M., it being the third 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

Roy L. Lowe  
Adm./Clerk

Ida L. Smith  
Deputy Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by Elder Brimhall, Church of Latter Day Saints.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to approve the April 21, 1987 minutes, as recorded.

COLUMBUS COUNTY HOMEMAKERS - AGRICULTURE EXTENSION SPACE NEEDS

Mrs. Lillian Peterson, representing the Columbus County Homemakers, addressed the Board in reference to inadequate housing (space needs) of the agribusiness agencies located in Columbus County.

Commissioner Dew advised the Homemakers that the County Administrator is in the process of checking all possibilities to meet county space needs.

LIBRARY - BOOKMOBILE BIDS

The Chairman stated that two bids were received on the second advertisement for a bookmobile. They are as follows:

Ohio Bus Sales, Inc.	\$47,327 - Gasoline
	50,477 - Diesel
Thomas Built Buses, L.P.	\$47,915 - Gasoline
	50,915 - Diesel

A motion as made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to award the bid to the lowest bidder, Ohio Bus Sales, Incorporated for the diesel bookmobile in the amount of \$50,477.00.

AYES: Commissioners Norris, Worley, Dew and Byrd

NOES: Commissioner Koonce

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed to award the bid to Ohio Bus Sales, Incorporated for the gas bookmobile in the amount of \$47,327.00.

AYES: Commissioner Norris, Worley, Dew and Byrd

NOES: Commissioner Koonce

LIBRARY - BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to approve a budget amendment for the Library; accept funds in the amount of \$2,251.84 from the Hoskins Trust (10-335-0200) to be

expended in Capital Outlay (additional cost for two (2) computer terminals for circulation system) 10-630-7400.

**AGRICULTURE EXTENSION - FIRE ANT CONTROL**

Garland McCullen, Agriculture Extension Agent, updated the Board on Fire Ant Control and stated that upon investigation found that the chemical Amdro may be used and can be purchased from local merchants.

**NON DEPARTMENTAL - BUDGET AMENDMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve a budget amendment transferring funds from Non-Departmental Contingencies (10-660-9999) in the amount of \$1,934.00 to be expended in Governing Body-Miscellaneous General Assembly Dinner.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY INTERAGENCY TRANSPORTATION - REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDS**

Paul Pope, representing the Columbus County Interagency Transportation Council, Inc., requested the Board fund their organization a total of \$2,500 to meet required expenses of bringing vehicles up to state inspection and for filing appropriate documents with the Internal Revenue Service.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to reimburse the Interagency Transportation Council for bringing vehicles up to state inspection standards in the amount of \$1,786.00 and amend the budget appropriating funds from Non-Departmental - Contingencies (10-660-9999) to be expended in Special Appropriations van repairs (10-690-9802). Further, the \$450.00 accountant's fee for filing for tax exempt status is to be paid from the Columbus County Interagency Transportation escrow funds with a tentative plan to allocate \$3,000 as the county's matching share to buy two new vans next year, with a plan to sell the old vans to be used as those matching funds.

AYES: Commissioners Norris, Worley, Dew and Byrd

NOES: Commissioner Koonce

**AMERICAN LEGION - REQUEST FOR COUNTY LAND**

Bobby and Jim Sessions requested the Board to lease some property to the American Legion Post 137.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to instruct the County Administrator work with the Sessions' on finding a piece of suitable property and make a recommendation at the next Board meeting.

**NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE-DELEGATE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appoint Junior Dew as voting delegate for the National Association of Counties Annual Conference to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana from July 11-14, 1987. Commissioner Byrd was appointed as the alternate.

PROCLAMATION - BICENTENNIAL OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adopt a "Proclamation" in commemoration of the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution and also establish a twelve member Bicentennial Committee composed of the city and county school superintendents and two appointments by each commissioner.

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

WHEREAS, the bicentennial of the Constitutional Convention's adoption of the Constitution of the United States occurs on September 17, 1987; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution enunciates the limitations on government, inalienable rights and the timeless principles of individual liberty and responsibility, and equality before the law for the people of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution has set an enduring example of representative democracy for the world; and

WHEREAS, maintenance of the common principles that stabilize our Republic depend upon a knowledge and understanding of their roots and origin; and

WHEREAS, Congress has established the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, chaired by Chief Justice Warren L. Burger, to foster among the people of the United States a just appreciation and a clearer understanding of their constitutional heritage.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has established the North Carolina Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, chaired by Lt. Governor Robert B. Jordan, III, to plan and carry out a timely celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Constitution.

WHEREAS, the success of the commemoration of the Bicentennial of the Constitution depends on the widespread and enthusiastic involvement of public and private sector groups and organizations to enlarge public understanding and appreciation of the Constitution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims that a bicentennial committee of Columbus County is hereby established for the purpose of planning and carrying out a meaningful celebration of the Constitution of the United States and encourage all our citizens to participate and take notice of the many blessings of this great nation we call America.

Adopted this the 18th day of May, 1987.

ATTEST:

Roy L. Lowe, Adm./Clerk

(SEAL)

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

RESOLUTION - SEPTIC TANK REGULATIONS

The Board reached a general concensus to adopt the following Resolution in reference to septic tank regulations.

## R E S O L U T I O N

The Board of County Commissioners at their regular meeting on the 18th day of May, 1987, adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Columbus County as many coastal counties, has a high water level table, and has experienced in recent years increasing difficulty in permitting desirable housing sites for septic tanks; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Health Department Sanitarians are bound by law to enforce the sanitary regulations as passed by the North Carolina Commission of Health Services, and that these regulations have been carefully created after much research and applied science experience from the North Carolina Division of Health Services; and

WHEREAS, at the present time there needs to be a review of the practicality of these new septic tanks regulations which have been in effect since the late 1970's; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, are cognizant of the fact that review of the regulations is long overdue;

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the North Carolina Commission of Health Services and the representatives of Columbus County to the North Carolina General Assembly; and

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, that the said Commission does hereby recommend that a blue ribbon committee be instituted to study the problems consisting of scientists in environmental health, realtors, homeowners, health directors, members of health and county commissioners; and

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County do hereby request state funds specifically be set aside for the county's health departments to assist and help support the large staffs needed to fulfill all the environmental health regulations; and

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED that financial support and aid is needed from the State to the Division of Health Services in order to support more regional consultants to provide additional designed innovative plans to convert more potential homes and small business sites from the unusable category to the provisionally suitable category for septic tanks; and

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, do hereby request from the North Carolina Commission of Health services permission to charge user fees to restaurants and

institutions for the required sanitation inspections now being presently performed and required by law.

This the 18th day of May, 1987.

ATTEST:

/s/ Roy L. Lowe

Clerk

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

TAX RELEASES

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

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of Geneva Dorman, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,850 due to motor vehicle was double-listed.

Ordered: that the 1985 tax listing of Charles B. Langston, Waccamaw Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$10,400 due to billing error.

Ordered: that the 1986 tax listing of John Dancy Murphy, Chadbourn, Township, be released on the valuation of \$9,400 due to listing error.

Ordered: that the 1984, 1985 and 1986 tax listings of Henry D. Mitchell, Waccamaw Township, be released on the valuation of \$320 due to billing error.

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

Olivia Augresta Allen; listed in Bladen County where she resides.

Patricia Ann Best; listed in Bolton Township.

Alvin Monroe Jacobs; listed in Bolton Township.

John Hardin Little; 1973 motor vehicle junked in 1985.

Hoyt Williams, Sr.; motor vehicle junked in 1985.

Mary Louise Bryan; moved out of County prior to 1-1-86.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - REQUEST FOR WATER & SEWER TO REMAIN ACTIVE

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to direct the Administrator contact Farmers Home Administration requesting them to keep our water and/or sewer file active on funding future projects in Columbus County.

RESOLUTION - IN SUPPORT OF HB 307 ADDITIONAL ONE CENT SALES TAX

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adopt a Resolution in support of House Bill 307.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Columbus County has needs for its public school facilities of over \$46,000.00 in order to assure a quality education for our community's children; and

WHEREAS, the funds for our public schools are needed before 1993 in order to provide adequate facilities for classrooms and for compliance with State law; and

WHEREAS, to raise over \$46,000,000 in Columbus County will require a substantial increase in our present tax rate if these school facilities are funded through a local bond issue, or through any type of State loan requiring repayment with interest; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County is dependent upon agriculture as its number one industry that is vitally important to our local economy, and at this time that economy is suffering due to the poor agricultural economy and the serious financial problems faced by farmers; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of our County cannot afford the substantial tax increase that would be required to finance the facility needs for our public schools and to meet needs for a quality education for our children due to our lack of an industrial base and our heavy dependency upon agriculture; and

WHEREAS, a sales tax is more equitable in the distribution of the tax burden than the ad valorem property tax while providing funding for public school construction at a lower cost than borrowing through a bond issue that would require repayment with interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners does hereby support an additional one-percent increase in the State Sales Tax with all revenues to be provided for public school facility needs as introduced in the 1987 General Assembly under House Bill 307, and further does hereby encourage and support the passage of this Legislation by the 1987 General Assembly.

Unanimously adopted this 4th day of May, 1987.

ATTEST:

/s/ Roy L. Lowe, Adm./Clerk

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

(SEAL)

CITY OF WHITEVILLE - LETTER SUPPORTING TRAFFIC LIGHT AT WHITEVILLE APPAREL

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to direct the Administrator write a letter to the City of Whiteville in support of keeping the traffic light at the entrance of Whiteville Apparel, Highway 74 Business.

BANK BID SPECIFICATIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to contact the financial institutions and request if interested, that they specify what services they can provide the County on a two year rotating basis with a minimum of \$100,000 balance in the General Fund Account.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:18 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to adjourn into executive session to discuss an attorney/client and personnel matter.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 10:28 P.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.

TAX - CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH TAX MANAGEMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to allow James E. Hill, Jr., Roy L. Lowe and Ralph Jolly to sign the revised contract with Tax Management Associates. Contract is on file at the Clerk to Board's office.

TAX - ADMINISTRATOR APPROVED FOR ADVERTISEMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to direct Ralph Jolly, Tax Supervisor, advertise through the Employment Security Commission for the position of Tax Administrator. The annual salary will range from \$18,000 - \$25,000. The Employment Security Commission will work directly with Ralph Jolly on the applicants and the five (5) most qualified is to be presented to the Board for consideration.

MEETING ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 P.M.

APPROVED:

  
 Administrator/Clerk

  
 Chairman

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 7:00 P.M., May 18, 1987, according to adjournment.

MEMBERS OF THE EQUALIZATION & REVIEW BOARD PRESENT:

Ed Worley, Chairman

Junior Dew, Vice Chairman

Lynwood Norris

Samuel G. Koonce

Giles E. (Buddy) Byrd

Vance Maultsby

Ralph Jolly, Clerk

ABSENT:

Anne Williamson

Upon motion by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously, the following parcels were considered and action taken as follows:

<u>PROPERTY OWNER</u>	<u>TOWNSHIP</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>	
			<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Tabor City Recreation & Maxie L. Watts Brown Street Tabor City, NC 28463	S. Williams	Map F-12-22 Map F-12-22A	\$62,450 3,000	No Change No Change
Stone Mfg. Company & Property Tax Research 15440 S. Outer 40 Suite 270 Chesterfield, MO 63017	Fair Bluff	Map B-2-30	\$449,150	No Change
Star-Lite Drive-In P.O. Box 188 Whiteville, NC 28472	Whiteville	Map WH2-206	\$39,900	No Change
Mrs. Evangeline Gaylord (Heirs) Lawrence Bailey 1720 Silverwood Drive Brandon, Florida 22511	Chadbourn	Map CH-1-214	\$17,480	No Change

Upon motion by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned until the next fiscal year for Equalization and Review which will be set and advertised, according to law.

APPROVED:

  
Ralph Jolly, Clerk

  
Chairman