

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 7:30 P.M., June 20, 1988, it being the third Monday.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Junior Dew, Chairman

Samuel G. Koonce, Vice Chairman

Lynwood Norris

Ed Worley

Giles E. (Buddy) Byrd

James E. Hill, Jr.
County Attorney

Roy L. Lowe
Administrator/Clerk

Ida L. Smith
Deputy Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the invocation was given by Reverend Walter Jones, representing the Columbus County Missionary Association.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 6, June 13 and June 16, 1988 meetings, as recorded.

PUBLIC HEARING - INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES & POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY - JASPER TEXTILES, INC.

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to call the public hearing to order.

The following Commissioners were present:

Commissioners Junior Dew, Samuel G. Koonce, Lynwood Norris, Ed Worley and Giles E. (Buddy) Byrd.

Absent: None

Also Present: Lewis Sauls, Counsel to The Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority, James E. Hill, County Attorney; Roy L. Lowe, Administrator; Ida Smith, Deputy Clerk; Clara Cartrette, The News Reporter; Deuce Niven, Tabor City Tribune; and Merton Vance, Star News.

At 7:30 P.M., the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus (the "Board") announced that the Board would proceed to hold a public hearing and would hear anyone who wished to be heard on the proposed issuance by the Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority (the "Authority") or by the North Carolina Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority (the "NC Authority") of not exceeding \$1,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its qualified small issue revenue bonds to pay all or a portion of the cost of the construction of a building and the acquisition and installation therein of machinery and equipment, all to be located adjacent to Jasper Textiles, Inc.'s present facility on Maultsby Street near the Whiteville city limits in Columbus County (the "Project"). The Project is to be owned and operated by Jasper Textiles, Inc., a North Carolina Corporation (the "Company") for the manufacturing and warehousing of textile products and is

to be located wholly within Columbus County.

The Chairman stated that the Authority had adopted a resolution expressing its intention to issue qualified small issue revenue bonds and authorizing the execution and delivery of a memorandum of agreement pertaining to the financing of the project for the Company. The resolution provides that if the Company deems it to be economically desirable, the Company may request that such bonds be issued by the NC Authority. The Chairman then submitted copies of the resolution and the memorandum of agreement to the Board.

The Clerk to the Board presented an affidavit showing publication in a newspaper of general circulation in Columbus County on a date at least 14 days prior hereto of notice of the public hearing. The Chairman directed that the affidavit of publication be attached to this extract of minutes as Exhibit A.

The Chairman requested that the Clerk to the Board inquire elsewhere in and around the Commissioners' Meeting Room to determine whether there were any other persons who wished to speak at the public hearing. The Clerk to the Board returned after making such inquiry to report that no other persons who wished to speak at the public hearing were found. The names and addresses of the persons who were present and who offered comments on the proposed issuance of the qualified small issue revenue bonds to finance the Project are as follows: Lewis Sauls, Counsel to the Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority urged the Board to approve.

A list of persons who offered comments or delivered written testimony, and a summary of such comments and testimony are as follows: None reported.

At 7:40 P.M., the Chairman requested that the Clerk to the Board inquire again elsewhere in and around the Commissioners' Meeting Room to determine whether there were any other persons who wished to speak at the public hearing. The Clerk to the Board returned after making such inquiry to report that no other persons who wished to speak at the public hearing were found.

After the Board had heard all persons who had requested to be heard, Commissioner Giles E. "Buddy" Byrd moved that the public hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lynwood Norris and was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman stated that under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the Board must approve the issuance of the Authority's qualified small issue revenue bonds, or the NC Authority's qualified small issue revenue bonds, if the interest thereon is to be excludable from gross income pursuant to federal tax law. None reported.

Commissioner Chairman Junior Dew then introduced the following resolution, a copy of which was distributed to each Commissioner and the title of which was read:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF QUALIFIED SMALL ISSUE REVENUE BONDS OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AND POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY OR OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FINANCING AUTHORITY TO FINANCE A PROJECT IN COLUMBUS COUNTY FOR JASPER

TEXTILES, INC. AND APPROVING THE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus (the "Board") has created a political subdivision and body corporate and politic of the State of North Carolina known as "The Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority" (the "Authority"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized under the Industrial and Pollution Control Facilities Financing Act, Chapter 159C of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended (the "Act"), to issue revenue bonds for the purpose, among others, of paying all or any part of the cost of any industrial or pollution control project for industry; to acquire, construct, improve and equip any such project; and to make and execute financing agreements, security documents and other contracts and instruments necessary or convenient in the exercise of such powers; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined to issue not exceeding \$1,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its qualified small issue revenue bonds to pay all or a portion of the cost of the construction of a building and the acquisition and installation therein of machinery and equipment, all to be located adjacent to Jasper Textiles, Inc.'s. present facility on Maultsby Street near the Whiteville City limits in Columbus County (the "Project"), which Project is to be owned and operated by Jasper Textiles, Inc., a North Carolina Corporation (the "Company"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority intends to file an application for approval of the Project with the Secretary of the Department of Commerce (the "Department"), as required by the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Department has, by regulation, provided that no application for approval of a proposed project by the Department will be officially received until the governing body of the county from which the application is made has, by resolution after having held a public hearing, approved the issue of qualified small issue revenue bonds and approved the proposed project and a certified copy of such resolution has been provided to the Department; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the North Carolina Industrial and Pollution Control Facilities Pool Program Financing Act, Chapter 159D of the General Statutes of North Carolina (the "NC Act"), certain counties of the State of North Carolina have created the North Carolina Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority (the "NC Authority") to issue obligations to finance projects such as the Project, and Columbus County is, or expects to become, a member of the NC Authority;

WHEREAS, if the Company so determines that the issuance by the NC Authority of its qualified small issue industrial revenue bonds is in the best economic interest of the Company, such bonds may be issued by the NC Authority;

WHEREAS, the Project will be located wholly within Columbus County;

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to public notice duly given, has held a public hearing on the proposed qualified small issue revenue bond issue and Project and has considered the comments of persons who requested to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to approve the issuance of the qualified small issue revenue bonds and the Project; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

1. The issuance of not exceeding \$1,000,000 aggregate principal amount of qualified small issue revenue bonds of the Authority to finance the Project is hereby approved.

2. The issuance of not exceeding \$1,000,000 aggregate principal amount of qualified small issue revenue bonds of the NC Authority to finance the Project is hereby approved.

3. The Project is hereby approved.

4. The Clerk to the Board is hereby authorized and directed to provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Department.

5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Commissioner Samuel Koonce moved the passage of the foregoing resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF QUALIFIED SMALL ISSUE REVENUE BONDS OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AND POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY OR OF THE NORTH CAROLINA INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AND POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY TO FINANCE A PROJECT IN COLUMBUS COUNTY FOR JASPER TEXTILES, INC. AND APPROVING THE PROJECT", and Commissioner Ed Worley seconded the motion, and the resolution was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Norris, Koonce, Dew, Worley and Byrd

NOES: None

I, Roy L. Lowe, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of so much of the public hearing and other proceedings of the Board of Commissioners for said County at a meeting held at the time and place shown on the front page of these excerpts of minutes, as relates in any way to the public hearing and resolution hereinabove set forth.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that a schedule of regular meetings of said Board, stating that regular meetings of said Board are held on the first Monday of each month at 9:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M., respectively, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Administrative Building in Whiteville, North Carolina, has been on file in my office pursuant to G.S. 143-318.12 as of a date not less than seven days before said meeting.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of Columbus County this 20th day of June, 1988.

(SEAL)

AGRICULTURE EXTENSION - FIELD CROP AGENT POSITION FILLED

Garland McCullen, Agriculture Extension Agent, introduced Michael Shaw and requested approval of the Board to employ Mr. Shaw for the position of Field Crops Agent, replacing Robert Shaw at an approximate cost of \$13,000.00 annually to the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to approve Garland McCullen, Agriculture Extension Agent's, request.

ADMINISTRATION - 1988 ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

Roy L. Lowe, County Administrator, reported to the Board on the 1988 Association Legislative Briefing that he attended in Raleigh, N. C. on June 16, 1988.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - DEBT SERVICE

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve adding funds provided by the Whiteville City Schools for payment on Literary Loan - Debt Service (20-397-001) Contribution from Schools in the amount of \$34,400.00 to be expended as follows:

20-661-81 Principal on Bonds	\$20,000.00
20-661-82 Interest on Bonds	14,000.00

BUDGET AMENDMENT - REVALUATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to appropriate funds from Revaluation Surplus to cover payments to Tax Management Associates through June, 1988. Revaluation (70-399-00) Fund Balance in the amount of \$100,000.00 to be expended in Revaluation Contract (70-690-45).

BUDGET AMENDMENT - INSPECTIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to appropriate funds from Non-Departmental - Contingencies (10-660-9999) in the amount of \$3,343.00 to be expended as follows:

10-540-02 Salaries	\$2,854.00
10-540-05 FICA	214.00
10-540-07 Retirement	275.00

BUDGET AMENDMENT - DISTRICT COURT & FINANCE

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to appropriate funds from Surplus (10-399-00) to cover Jury Commission salaries to be expended in Salaries & Wages (10-515-02). Also, transfer line items within the Finance Budget as follows:

Increase 10-440-04 Professional Services	\$1,500.00
Increase 10-440-14 Travel	1,500.00
Increase 10-440-32 Office Supplies	1,000.00
Decrease 10-440-16 M & R Equipment	(4,000.00)

BUDGET AMENDMENT - SOCIAL SERVICES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to transfer funds from the General Fund (10-611-0000) to cover Medicaid costs in the amount of \$7,200 to be expended as follows:

Increase 40-613-0000 Medicaid Grants	\$20,000.00
Decrease 40-612-0000 Aid to Depend. Children	(2,374.00)
Decrease 40-615-0000 Foster Home Care	(940.00)
Decrease 40-617-0000 Adoption Ass't Payments	(668.00)
Decrease 40-618-0000 State Foster Care	(8,818.00)

BUDGET AMENDMENT - SOCIAL SERVICES

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve Social Services transferring Budget line items as follows:

Increase 40-614-0000 Special Ass't to Adults	\$29,000.00
Decrease 40-612-0000 Aid to Dependent Children	(3,381.00)
Decrease 40-612-0100 AFDC-Emergency Assistance	(25,619.00)

BUDGET AMENDMENTS - REGISTER OF DEEDS

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appropriate funds from Non-Departmental - Contingencies (10-660-9999) in the amount of \$3,720.00 to be expended in Register of Deeds Supplement Pension Plan (10-480-0901).

APPOINTMENTS - AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to table the Aging Advisory Council appointment until the next Board meeting.

APPOINTMENTS - INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to approve appointing the following persons to the Industrial Facilities & Pollution Control Financing Authority for six (6) year terms, expiring June 30, 1994:

Carl Meares, Jr., Fair Bluff, NC
 Winston Gore, Tabor City, NC
 J. Lionel Todd, Whiteville, NC

CDBG - PUBLIC HEARING CANCELED

The Administrator announced that Mid-Atlantic Railroad has delayed seeking Community Development Block Grant funds to rebuild the railroad bed from Georgia Pacific to Whiteville Plywood in Whiteville and the second public hearing scheduled for June 29, 1988 at 7:30 A.M. is to be cancelled.

GOVERNING BODY - CONVERT COUNTY INSURANCE

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to convert the County's present insurance coverage policies to the North Carolina Counties Liability and Property Insurance Pool Fund, effective July 1, 1988. Premiums for total property and casualty pool for Fiscal Year 1988-89 is \$89,697. Certification of Columbus County Participation" is on file at the office of the Clerk to Board.

TAX DEPT. - BULK BARN PRICING AS REAL PROPERTY

The Administrator addressed the Board concerning the pricing of bulk barns as they are now considered real property.

The Board concurred to request the Administrator and Commissioner Byrd come up with a basic plan to use on pricing the bulk barns and report to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

BLUE RIBBON CAPITAL OUTLAY PLANNING COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENTS DELAYED

The Board reached a general consensus to table the appointments to the Blue Ribbon Capital Outlay Planning Committee until the next Board meeting.

INSPECTIONS - ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to employ Mitchell Stephens as Assistant Inspector with the salary to be negotiated, effective July 1, 1988.

AYES: Commissioners Norris, Koonce, Dew and Worley

NOES: Commissioner Byrd

MEETING RECESSED

At 8:25 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to recess the meeting until 7:30 A.M., June 29, 1988 at which time a public hearing is scheduled for the purpose of receiving comments on the 1988-89 Columbus County Proposed Operating Budget.

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