

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 9:00 A.M., Tuesday, July 5, 1988, the first Tuesday, following July 4, 1988 Holiday observed on 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 Dr. Roger Gilbert, Pastor of the First Baptist Church.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE - JASPER TEXTILES

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Columbus County Administrative Building in Whiteville, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 9:00 A.M., on July 5, 1988.

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; Roy Lowe, County Administrator; James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney; Ida L. Smith, Deputy Clerk; Clara Cartrette, News Reporter; Deuce Niven, Tabor City Tribune; Scott Whisnant, Star News.

At 9:00 A.M., Mr. Lowe, County Administrator, reported that he had been advised that the average weekly manufacturing wage proposed to be paid by Jasper Textiles, Inc. (the "Company") as part of the Project (as hereinafter defined) in Columbus County was lower than the average weekly manufacturing wage paid by all manufacturers in Columbus County and that for such reason the proposed application to be submitted to the Department of Commerce by The Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority (the "Authority") for approval of the Project (as hereinafter defined) may not be approved.

Mr. Lowe pointed out that G.S. 159C-7 provides that where a company such as Jasper Textiles, Inc. will not pay an average weekly manufacturing wage paid in the County or which is not less than ten percent (10%) above the average weekly manufacturing wage paid in the State that the Secretary of the Department of

Commerce may nonetheless approve the proposed industrial project if he shall have received (i) a resolution of the governing body of the County requesting that the proposed industrial project be approved notwithstanding that the operator will not pay an average weekly manufacturing wage above the average weekly manufacturing wage paid in the County and (ii) a letter from an appropriate State official, selected by the Secretary, to the effect that unemployment in the County is "especially severe".

Mr. Lowe reported that the unemployment rate for Columbus County was for the latest available period such that under proposed regulations of the Department of Commerce, the Secretary can approve the Project (as hereinafter defined) since unemployment in Columbus County would be "especially severe" under the proposed regulations.

The Company, in its Memorandum of Agreement with the Authority, dated January 21, 1988, as amended, has represented that the financing of the Project (as hereinafter defined) by the Authority will serve the purposes of Chapter 159C of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended, in that the Project (as hereinafter defined) will alleviate unemployment by creating employment for approximately 200 persons in Columbus County and the surrounding area.

Mr. Lowe suggested that the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus consider adopting the necessary resolution requesting the Secretary of the Department of Commerce to approve the Project (as hereinafter defined) for the Company, notwithstanding that the Company will not pay an average weekly manufacturing wage above the average weekly manufacturing wage paid in Columbus County.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO APPROVE A PROJECT FOR JASPER TEXTILES, INC. NOTWITHSTANDING THAT JASPER TEXTILES, INC. WILL NOT PAY AN AVERAGE WEEKLY MANUFACTURING WAGE ABOVE THE AVERAGE WEEKLY MANUFACTURING WAGE PAID IN COLUMBUS COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority (the "Authority") has agreed to issue its qualified small issue revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,000,000 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"), and in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 159C-7 will file shortly with the Secretary of the Department of Commerce an application for the approval of the Project; and

WHEREAS, subparagraph (1)a of G.S. 159-C7 of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina provides;

"The Secretary (of the Department of Commerce) shall not approve any proposed project unless he shall make all of the following, applicable findings:

1. In the case of a proposed industrial project, (a) that the operator of the proposed project pays, or has agreed to pay thereafter, an average weekly manufacturing wage (i) which is above the average weekly manufacturing wage paid in the county, or (ii) which is not less than ten percent (10%) above the average weekly manufacturing wage paid in the State * * *."

and

WHEREAS, G.S. 159C-7 also provides that

"In any case where the Secretary shall make all of the required findings respecting a proposed industrial project except that prescribed in subparagraph (1)a of this section, the Secretary may, in his discretion, approve the proposed project if he shall have received (i) a resolution of the governing body of the County requesting that the proposed project be approved notwithstanding that the operator will not pay an average weekly manufacturing wage above the average weekly manufacturing wage in the County and (ii) a letter from an appropriate State official, selected by the Secretary, to the effect that unemployment in the county is especially severe."

and

WHEREAS, Jasper Textiles, Inc. (the "Company") cannot represent that the Company expects to pay an average weekly manufacturing wage above the average weekly manufacturing wage paid in Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, the Company has represented that the Project will create employment for approximately 200 persons in Columbus County and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus (the "Board") has determined to request that the Secretary of the Department of Commerce approve the Project notwithstanding that the Company will not pay an average weekly manufacturing wage above the average weekly manufacturing wage paid in Columbus County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

1. Because unemployment in Columbus County is, in its opinion, especially severe, the Board does hereby request that the Secretary of the Department of Commerce approve the Project pursuant to G.S. 159C-7, notwithstanding that the Company will not pay an average weekly manufacturing wage above the average weekly manufacturing wage paid in Columbus County.

2. The Clerk to the Board is directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with Department of Commerce.

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

Commissioner Byrd moved passage of the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO APPROVE A PROJECT FOR JASPER TEXTILES, INC. NOTWITHSTANDING THAT JASPER TEXTILES, INC. WILL NOT PAY AN AVERAGE WEEKLY MANUFACTURING WAGE ABOVE THE AVERAGE WEEKLY MANUFACTURING WAGE PAID IN COLUMBUS COUNTY", Commissioner Koonce seconded the motion, and the resolution was passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

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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 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 related in any way to the 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 and third Mondays of each month at 9:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M., respectively, in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the County Administrative Building in Whiteville has been on file in my office pursuant to G.S.143-318.12 as a date not less than seven days before such meeting.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of Columbus County this 5th day of July, 1988.

(SEAL)

Roy L. Lowe
Clerk to Board

TAX DEPT. - PROPOSED PRICING SCHEDULES FOR BULK TOBACCO BARNs TABLED

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to table the proposed pricing schedule for bulk tobacco barns until the next Board meeting.

COUNTY BUILDINGS - SENIOR CENTER ADDITION

Commissioner Norris stated that he, Roy Lowe, C. W. Williams and Wade Fowler had made a final inspection on the Senior Center addition and that recommendation of final payment to Graka Builders is in order.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to approve the final payment of the Senior Center addition to the contractor, Graka Builders.

APPOINTMENTS - LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Bryce Wilson appointed to replace Bill Ghent

Tom Mehalic appointed to replace Sterling Cartrette

APPOINTMENT - AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to appoint Louise Hilburn to the Aging Advisory Council to replace Alice Wayne.

APPOINTMENTS - BLUE RIBBON CAPITAL OUTLAY PLANNING COMMITTEE

The following appointments were made to the Blue Ribbon Capital Outlay Planning Committee by the Board of Commissioners; two each from their respective zones:

ZONE 1 - COMMISSIONER BYRD

Kenneth Hawes, Nakina NC 28455

Viola Jacobs, Route 1, Box 720, Riegelwood, NC 28456

ZONE 2 - COMMISSIONER DEW

Jim Blackburn, Hallsboro, NC 28442

Carl Ray, Hallsboro, NC 28442

ZONE 3 - COMMISSIONER KOONCE

Willard Small, Fair Bluff, NC 28439

Henry Edmund, Chadbourn, NC 28431

ZONE 4 - COMMISSIONER NORRIS

Clarence Willoughby, Tabor City, NC 28463

Pete Duncan, Route 3, Tabor City, NC 28463

ZONE 5 - COMMISSIONER WORLEY

Al Hackney, 111 Brentwood Drive, Whiteville, NC 28472

Ladeen Powell, 408 W. Lewis St., Whiteville, NC 28472

The Board concurred to appoint Roy L. Lowe, County Administrator, as ex-officio member.

TAX RELEASES & REFUNDS

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

Ordered: that the 1987 tax listing of Bernice Bradley, Tatum Township be released on the valuation of \$6,530; billed with 27 acre tract valued \$17,100, should have been 11.3 acres valued \$10,570.

Ordered: that the 1985, 1986 and 1987 tax listings of Jerry F. & Lora Mae Jacobs, Bolton Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,620; house was sold and moved to Bladen County in 1984.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to T.M. McKenzie, Moore & Pridgen c/o William H. Sessoms, Jr., 206 Pinkney Street, Whiteville, NC 28472, Whiteville Township, in the amount of \$191.35, for years 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987; double-listed.

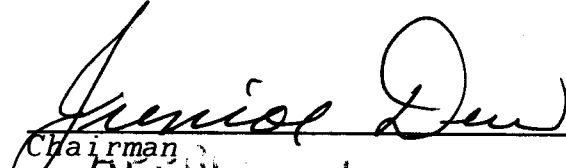
Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Earnest Robert Webb, P.O. Box 43, Delco, NC 28436, Township #99, discoveries, in the amount of \$37.27, for year 1987; motor vehicle was listed in the name of Pullard Irwin Webb.

MEETING ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 A.M.

APPROVED:


Administrator/Clerk


Chairman
APPROVED
Columbus County Board
of Commissioners

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