

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 7:30 P.M., October 3, 1988, it being the first 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 Chairman called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Reverend Wilbur Jackson, Whiteville United Methodist Church.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 19, 1988 meeting, as recorded.

SCC PRESIDENT - DR. STEVE SCOTT INTRODUCED

Vice Chairman Samuel G. Koonce introduced Dr. Steve Scott, the new president of Southeastern Community College. Dr. Scott thanked the Board for their support of the college.

N.C. FORESTRY SERVICES - YEARLY REPORT

Melvin Brown, Columbus County Forestry Ranger, gave a brief summary on the accomplishments of the North Carolina Forest Service in Columbus County for the fiscal year 1987-88.

ZONING - REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN SCC AREA & PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

A letter was presented to the Board from Les High and John Thompson requesting a zoning change in the Southeastern Community College Zoning District from R-20 (Residential Agricultural) to Multi-Family-Need and to establish a Public Hearing and notification of adjoining property owners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to allow the Board of Commissioners to act as a Planning Board and to schedule a public hearing on the zoning request at 7:15 P.M., November 7, 1988.

The Chairman instructed the Administrator and Attorney to proceed with advertisement for two weeks and to advise all adjoining property owners.

COUNTY EMPLOYEE RETIREE - PLAQUE PRESENTED

The Chairman presented Susie M. Stone, who retired June 30, 1988, a plaque of appreciation as follows:

IN APPRECIATION OF
 SUSIE M. STONE
 FOR HER LOYAL AND DEDICATED SERVICE
 AS TAX CLERK
 FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
 1966 - 1988
 COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 Junior Dew, Chairman
 Samuel G. Koonce, Vice Chairman
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MEETING RECESSED

At 9:20 A.M., the Chairman requested a ten minute recess. The Board concurred with the request.

MEETING RESUMED

At 9:30 A.M., the Chairman called the meeting back to order and the following business was transacted.

SOCIAL SERVICES - REQUEST & APPROVAL FOR ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES TO PROCESS THE NEW CATASTROPHIC MEDICARE PROGRAM

Jo Anne Vereen, Social Services Director, addressed the Board on a new Catastrophic Medicare Program which allows Medicaid to provide extended insurance coverage for Medicare patients earning 80 percent or less of the national poverty level. Mrs. Vereen requested the employment of three (3) additional employees to process and monitor the program at annual salaries of \$11,400 each, plus fringe benefits. The County's cost for the balance of this fiscal year will be approximately \$15,108.

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to approve the request of employing three (3) additional employees to process and monitor the program. A budget amendment will be made upon the determination of the date these positions will be filled.

DOT - REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF CAUTION SIGNS AT INTERSTIONS US 74 and SR 1001, SR 1735 and SR 1740

Commissioner Byrd requested that Mr. Robert Crumpler, DOT District Engineer, to investigate the possibility of installing caution alerts at the intersections of US 74, SR 1001, SR 1735, and SR 1740 as several fatal accidents have happened since the opening of the new four-lane 74-76.

Mr. Crumpler stated that he would conduct a study on the above mentioned intersections and report his findings back to the Board.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Crumpler and Mr. Goff for their attendance.

APPOINTMENTS - GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICES COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Governor's Awards for Volunteer Services Committee.

Armelda Jones, Whiteville City Schools, Whiteville, NC
 Thom Billington, The News Reporter, Whiteville, NC
 Garland McCullen, Agriculture Extension, Whiteville, NC
 Amanda Bible, Public Library, Whiteville, NC
 Ella Jo Sellers, Southeastern Community College, Whiteville, NC

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SHERIFF - REQUEST TO APPOINT A COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

The Administrator presented the Board with a letter from the Sheriff requesting the Board appoint a committee to study the communication system at the Law Enforcement Center and permission for the committee to work with the Cape Fear Council of Governments to obtain a grant of matching funds to pay for the equipment and study.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to table the request until Commissioner Norris can meet with the Cape Fear Council of Governments concerning what funding is available for the communications system and will report back to the Board.

CDBG - WACCAMAW LUMBER PROJECT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to authorize James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, to proceed with negotiations on the purchase and closing of the well lot in Tabor City for the Waccamaw Lumber Project.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - RECREATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to accept Donations to Special Olympics (10-336-01) in the amount of \$300.00 to be expended in Special Olympics (10-620-90).

CONTRACT - FHA FOR OFFICE SPACE

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to approve a Contract with Farmers Home Administration for office space in the amount of \$360.00 per month beginning October 31, 1988 through October 30, 1989. A copy of the Contract is on file at the Clerk to the Board's office.

APPOINTMENT - TOWN OF LAKE WACCMAW PLANNING BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to approve the appointment of Russell Tyler to serve on the Lake Waccamaw Planning Board as an extra-territorial member.

GOVERNING BODY - MEETING TIME CHANGE

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to adopt the Resolution as follows:

NOTICE AND RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH MEETING OF THE BOARD AND
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Columbus County, North Carolina, have presently scheduled meetings at 9:00 A.M. on the first Monday of each calendar month; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Columbus County, North Carolina, are desirous of changing the time for the meeting for the first Monday in November, 1988 only;

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-40 that the Board shall meet at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Columbus County Administration Building, Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, on the first Monday of November, 1988; and

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that a copy of this Resolution and Notice shall be placed on the Courthouse Bulletin Board, as well as, to the news media who has requested same.

ATTEST:

/s/ Roy L. Lowe
Administrator/Clerk

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

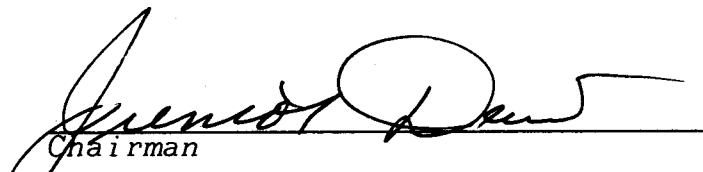
/s/ BY: Junior Dew, Chairman

MEETING ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 A.M.

APPROVED:


Administrator/Clerk


Chairman

APPROVED
Columbus County Board
of Commissioners

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