

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 9:00 A.M., January 3, 1989, it being the first Tuesday, preceding the first Monday, a legal Holiday.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman
 Giles E. (Buddy) Byrd, Vice-Chairman
 Junior Dew
 Lynwood Norris
 Ed Worley

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 Wade Fowler, Senior Center Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

APPOINTMENTS - CHADBOURN PLANNING BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on Boards as listed as extra territorial members.

Chadbourn Planning and Zoning Board:

Michael Shaw, 1 year term, expiring 12/19/89

R.W. Weaver, III, 2 year term, expiring 12/19/90

Felton Grainger, 3 year term, expiring 12/19/91

Chadbourn Board of Adjustment:

Joshua Davis, 2 year term, expiring 12/19/90

APPOINTMENT - MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to appoint Doris Norris to serve on the Mental Health Board to replace Janice Gore.

APPOINTMENTS - EQUALIZATION & REVIEW

The Board of Commissioners appointed the following persons to serve on the Board of Equalization and Review from their respective zones:

Commissioner Byrd - Zone 1:

C.L. "Buddy" Tate, Lake Waccamaw, NC

Commissioner Dew - Zone 2:

Jean Frink, PO Box 150, Hallsboro, NC

Commissioner Koonce - Zone 3:

Danny Peacock, 303 E. 5th Avenue, Chadbourn, NC

Commissioner Norris - Zone 4:

Robert D. Inman, Route 3, Tabor City, NC

Commissioner Worley - Zone 5:

Anne Williamson, Route 1, Box 69, Whiteville, NC

Vance Maulsby, P.O. Box 764, Whiteville, NC

APPOINTMENT - BOARD OF EQUALIZATION & REVIEW CHAIRMAN

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appoint Ms. Anne Williamson to serve as Chairperson to the Board of Equalization and Review.

REQUEST FROM JAMES B. DUDLEY HIGH SCHOOL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to table the request from James B. Dudley High School to donate funds in the amount of \$200.00 for the Band Booster Club to attend the French Bicentennial activities in France.

SOCIAL SERVICES - CLASSIFICATION CHANGE APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to approve the Social Service Director's request to change an employee's classification from an Income Maintenance Caseworker I to a Caseworker II. The salary grade will change from a Grade 60 to a Grade 62, with the starting salary beginning at \$12,528.00, effective January 1, 1989.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT INCREASE FOR 1989

The Administrator informed the Board that the Internal Revenue Service announced on October 19, 1988, that the mileage rate for business transportation paid by employers to employees has increased to 24 cents a mile -- up from the 22.5 cents a mile we are presently using and requested the Board consider changing the mileage allowance for County employees to 24 cents per mile.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve changing the mileage allowance for County employees to 24 cents per mile, effective January 1, 1989.

ANIMAL CONTROL - TABOR CITY REQUEST FOR SERVICES

The Administrator addressed the Board concerning a letter received from the Tabor City Town Council requesting the Board consider a proposal from Tabor City whereby they would contract for animal control services for a "day of contracted services" for several weeks.

The Board reached a general concensus to direct the Administrator to refer the letter of request to the Board of Health.

RESOLUTION - APPROVAL TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY OF \$1,000 OR LESS

The Administrator presented the Board with a proposed Resolution that would authorize the Administrator to dispose of any county personal property having a fair value of \$1,000 or less.

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley and seconded by Commissioner Norris and to adopt the proposed Resolution as drafted.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to amend the Resolution by inserting the following sentence: The said Administration of Columbus County is to prepare a list of personal property to be sold or disposed of and present a copy of said list to the Board of Commissioners before any final negotiations are made. Resolution is as follows:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COLUMBUS COUNTY

The Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, unanimously adopted the foregoing resolution at their regular meeting on the 3rd day of January, 1989.

W I T N E S S E T H :

THAT WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County desire to dispose of certain county properties having a value of less than ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) for any one item or group of items in a reasonable, efficient and proper manner pursuant to the disposal statutes of the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County do hereby recognize the county administration as a proper agency to handle the disposition of the said property.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that they do hereby authorize the county administrator or any assistant administrator of Columbus County to dispose of any personal property having a fair market value of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) or less for any one item or group of items pursuant to the North Carolina General Statutes. The said Administration of Columbus County is to prepare a list of personal property to be sold or disposed of and present a copy of said list to the Board of Commissioners before any final negotiations are made. The said administration of Columbus County is authorized to dispose of the said property and on the 1st day of February of each calendar year report in writing to the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County of any property disposed of under this authorization from July 1 through December 31 of the previous year and on the 1st of August report in writing to the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County any property disposed of under this authorization from July 1 through December 31 of the previous year and on the 1st of August report in writing to the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County any property disposed of under this authorization from January 1 through June 30 of that year. All funds collected from the disposition of the sale of the said properties are to be deposited to the general fund of Columbus County.

This the 3rd day of January, 1989.

ATTEST:

/s/ Roy L. Lowe
Administrator/Clerk

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman

ADMINISTRATION - REPORT ON LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Administrator reported on a Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management meeting held in Wilmington, December 13, 1988 that he and Jack Ervin, the Economic Development Director attended.

COLUMBUS COUNTY ARCHIVES - REQUEST FOR BUILDING

Mr. Bob High, Chairman of the Columbus County Archives Committee requested that the Board consider leasing the old jail building to the Archives as future headquarters. They are anticipating raising funds to completely restore the building to its original structure in 1854. The purpose is for permanent depository for old Columbus County records, pus private papers of individuals, businesses, churches, organizations, etc.

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to direct the County Attorney to draft a lease proposal for the building and present to the Board for consideration of approval.

DOT - STATUS OF ROAD NAMES

Commissioner Dew questioned Mr. John McNeill on the status of the road sign project.

Mr. McNeill stated that the Road Naming Committee has finished with the naming of roads and the next step is to order the signs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to direct Administration to order the signs for erection.

TAX RELEASES

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

Ordered: that the tax listing of James Richard Hinson, Chadbourn Township, be released in the amount of \$.99; does not reside within the Klondyke Fire District.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Louise Worley, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$25,530; house was sold prior to 1-1-88 and barn torn down.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Fair Bluff Farm Center, Fair Bluff Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$16,020; motor vehicle double-listed.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Ronald Wray, Lees Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$17,390; name change only.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listings of Sam & Thelma Gore, South Williams and Whiteville Townships, be released on the valuations of \$19,810 and \$2,160; motor vehicle listed in Whiteville Township, storage building not on property as of 1-1-88, S. Williams Township, 88 Buick was priced wrong in Whiteville Township.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Leslie Joan Bennett, Township 99, Discoveries, be released on the valuation of \$3,000; motor vehicle sold prior to 1-1-88.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Kenneth Dean Cartrette, Township #88, Discoveries, be released on the valuation of \$2,150; billed through error.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Dorothy S. Council, Township 99, Discoveries, be released on the valuation of \$5,820; billed through error.

AIRPORT - RESOLUTION ADOPTED FOR COMMITMENT OF FUNDING

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve the Airport Grant Agreement and adopt a Resolution of commitment as follows:

STATE AID TO AIRPORTS
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
AND
COLUMBUS COUNTY

AIRPORT: Columbus

PROJECT NO: 9.94433891

This Agreement made and entered into this the _____ day of _____, 1989, by and between the NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (hereinafter referred to as "Department") and COLUMBUS COUNTY (hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor").

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, Chapter 63 of the North Carolina General Statutes authorizes the Department, subject to limitations and conditions stated therein, to provide State Aid in the forms of loans and grants to cities, counties, and public airport authorities of North Carolina for the purpose of planning, acquiring, and improving municipal, county, and other publicly-owned or publicly controlled airport facilities, and to authorize related programs of aviation safety, education, promotion and long-range planning; and

WHEREAS, the Sponsor has made a formal application dated the 19th day of December, 1988, to the Department for State Financial Aid for the Columbus County Airport; and

WHEREAS, a grant in the amount of \$37,500 has been approved subject to the conditions and limitations herein; and

WHEREAS, the Grant of State Airport Aid funds will be used for the following approved Project:

"Construct Aircraft Apron Expansion"

NOW THEREFORE, the Sponsor and Department do mutually hereby agree as follows:

1) That the Sponsor shall promptly undertake the Project and complete all work on the Project prior to the 1st day of January, 1990, unless a written extension of time is granted by the Department.

2) Work performed under this Agreement shall conform to the approved project description. Any amendments to, or modification of, the scope and terms of this Agreement shall be in the form of a Modified Agreement mutually executed by the Sponsor and the Department, except that an extension of time may be granted by the Department by written notice to the Sponsor.

3) As proposed by the Sponsor, this Project involves only state and local funding. In the event the Project, or any portions thereof, subsequently receive funds from the Federal Aviation Administrator (FAA), the Sponsor shall refund to the Department all state funds disbursed to the Sponsor in excess of fifty percent (50%) of the non-federal share of the revised project costs as reflected in the federal grant application. Such refund of excess state funds shall be made within ninety (90) days of the date of the final execution of the FAA Grant Agreement affecting the work elements in the approved project.

4) If, for any cause, the Sponsor shall fail to fulfill his obligation under this Agreement in a timely and proper manner, or if the Sponsor violates any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this Agreement, the Department shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving notice to the Sponsor of such termination at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of termination. In the event of the termination of this Agreement, the Sponsor shall receive compensation equal to fifty percent (50%) of the non-federal share of any work found acceptable by the Department which was completed prior to the termination of this Agreement.

5) The Sponsor agrees to adhere to the standards and procedures contained in the State Aid to Airports Program Guidance Handbook, unless the Department issues a written waiver.

6) Attached hereto and made part of this Agreement are Attachments A, B, C, D, E, & F which contain special conditions for the conduct of the Project and such special conditions shall be binding upon the Sponsor and the Department. (Attachments listed, finance officer's and attorney's certification are on file at the Clerk to the Board's office.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE EXECUTED THIS GRANT AGREEMENT THE DAY AND YEAR FIRST WRITTEN ABOVE:

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BY: /s/ _____
Secretary of Transportation

NCDOT SEAL

ATTEST: /s/ _____

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

/s/ Samuel G. Koonce

Attest: Roy L. Lowe

SPONSOR SEAL

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

I, Ida L. Smith, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Samuel G. Koonce personally came before me this day and acknowledged he is Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus (hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor") and by authority duly given and as an act of said Sponsor, the foregoing instrument was signed by him, attested by Roy L. Lowe of the Sponsor, and the Seal of the Sponsor affixed thereto.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal, this the 3rd day of January, 1989.

/s/ Ida L. Smith

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 7-29-89

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RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Lynwood Norris and seconded by Commissioner Junior Dew for the adoption of the following Resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly accepted:

WHEREAS, a grant in the amount of \$37,500.00 has been approved by the Department; and

WHEREAS, an amount equal to or greater than the approved grant has been appropriated by the Sponsor for this Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE Chairman, Columbus County Board of Commissioners of the Sponsor be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Department, thereby binding the Sponsor to the fulfillment of its obligation incurred under this Grant Agreement or any mutually agreed upon modification thereof.

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I, Roy L. Lowe, Administrator, of the County of Columbus do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of the County of Columbus of a meeting duly and regularly held on the 3rd day of January, 1989.

WITNESS my hand the official Seal of the Sponsor, County of Columbus.

This, the 3rd day of January, 1989.

/s/ Roy L. Lowe
County Adm./Clerk
County of Columbus

(SPONSOR SEAL)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adjourn into executive session to discuss an attorney/client and personnel matter.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

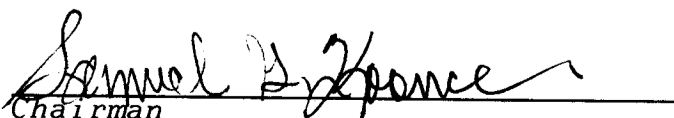
At 10:40 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to adjourn executive session and resume regular session. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Immediately, a motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:


Administrator/Clerk


Chairman