

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 7:30 P.M., January 16, 1989, it being the third Monday.

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
County Administrator

Ida L. Smith
Deputy Clerk

The Chairman called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by the County Administrator, Roy Lowe.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 3, 1989 meeting, as recorded.

COUNTY WATER DISTRICT APPLICATION APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to approve the firm, Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates to prepare a \$3.7 million dollar application to Farmers Home Administration for a loan and grant to form a proposed water system district for Williams and South Williams Townships in Columbus County. A copy of the application is on file at the Clerk to the Board's office.

DOT - SUPPORT OF 4-WAY TRAFFIC LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF 74-76 & 211

Mr. E. S. Jacobs, representing the Buckhead Fire and Rescue and Safe Drivers Association, addressed the Board concerning the safety of motorists at the intersections of U.S. 74-76 and N.C. 211 and requested support from the Board in contacting the N.C. Department of Transportation to install a permanent stop light at this intersection until such time funds can be allocated by the State to construct an overpass. A traffic study is to be conducted at this intersection on January 26, 1989.

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to draft a resolution of support from the Board of County Commissioners in reference to Mr. Jacobs request. Also, mail a copy of a letter from the Buckhead Safety Drivers Association with the Resolution of support to the N.C. Department of Transportation.

WHITEVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - COLUMBUS COUNTY PROMOTION FUNDING APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to approve funding in the amount of \$250.00 to support the efforts of the VIP Committee of the Greater Whiteville Chamber of Commerce for promotional material to attract retirees to reside in Columbus County. The funds are to be appropriated from the Economic Development Commission budget, Advertising line item (10-495-26).

N.C. FOREST SERVICE - FUNDING APPROVED

Mr. Bob Houseman, representing the Forestry Service, requested funding in the amount of \$1,451.00 to subsidize state monies received for the purchase of a 4 x 4, 3/4 ton pickup for the use of Columbus County Forestry Services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to approve the request from the Forestry Services and appropriate funds in the amount of \$1,451.00 from Non-Departmental - Contingencies (10-660-9999) and expend in Special Appropriations - Forest Service for 3/4 ton truck (10-690-9701).

FIRE MARSHAL - APPROVAL OF HIRING STEPHEN TOWNSEND

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to employ Stephen A. Townsend, to fill the position of Fire Marshal, with an annual salary of \$26,520.00, effective February 1, 1989.

TAX DEPARTMENT - EXTEND TAX LISTING, LAND USE APPLICATIONS AND APPEALS ON \$100.00 FINES FOR FAILING TO LIST AUTOMOBILES

W.D. "Bill" Brooks, the Tax Administrator, requested the Board to extend the tax listing and land use applications through February 10, 1989. Also, Mr. Brooks requested the Board establish the date of February 10, 1989 as the deadline for accepting appeals on \$100.00 fines for failing to list automobiles.

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the requests of W.D. "Bill" Brooks, the Tax Administrator.

TAX RELEASES & REFUNDS

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

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of J.C. Green, Chadbourn Township, be released in the amount of \$19.54; property not located in the Klondyke Fire District.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Grady Wayne & Edith Blackwell, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$21,390; bulk barns listed in Cerro Gordo and taxes paid. Also, 1975 Ford truck priced incorrectly.

Ordered: that the 1988 for 1987 tax listing of Mark & Jackie Williams, Lees Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$14,060; mobile home was double-listed.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Patrick Powell, Fair Bluff Township, be released on the valuation of \$15,770; by survey, cleared acres corrected and two (2) buildings torn down prior to 1-1-88.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Miss Pearl Bullard, Tatum Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$7,110; failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of John W. & Effie Mae Bullard, Tatum Township, be released on the valuation of \$2,350; by survey, acres corrected on property.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Donald W. & Janet Albers, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,090; motor home prices incorrectly in 1987 and 1988.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Shelia Jones, Ransom Township, be cancelled on the valuation of \$5,820; motor vehicle already listed.

Ordered: that the 1987 and 1988 tax listings of Gary Jerome Smith, Ransom Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,210; no house on property.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Emma Jane Beck, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$6,260; failed to receive the senior citizen's exemption.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Jason Hinson & Ruby L. Hinson, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$4,830; improvement to property began after January 1, 1988.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of David Allen Martin, Waccamaw Township, be released on the valuation of \$47,000; new house was only 80% complete on 1-1-88.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listings of Jean P. Dozier, Waccamaw Township, be released; billed incorrectly.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Christopher Lee Batten, Welches Creek Township, be released on the valuation of \$6,950; motor vehicle was sold November, 1987.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Alton D. Skipper Heirs, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$8,980; failed to receive the disability exemption.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Christine Hooks Pope, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$12,000; failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Willard Horace & Delores Cox, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$35,770; motor vehicles were listed on regular listing.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Gregory Vernon Thurman, Township #99, Discoveries, be released on the valuation of \$2,560; 1979 trailer was priced incorrectly.

Ordered: that the 1988 tax listing of Vera Lee Norris, Township #99, Discoveries, be released in the amount of \$105.64 Late List; clerical error.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Thurman C. & Helen Butler, Route 3, Box 104, Tabor City, NC 28463, Bug Hill Township, in the amount of \$22.93, for year 1988; by survey acreage reduced from 78 acres to 66.32 acres.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Miss Grace L. Williamson, Route 3, Box 292, Chadbourn, NC 28431, Chadbourn Township, in the amount of \$123.87; clerical error.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Donald W. & Janet Albers, Route 1, Box 454, Delco, NC 28436, in the amount of \$25.89, for year 1987; 1979 motor home was priced incorrectly.

CORONER - REQUEST FOR RADIO FOR ASSISTANT CORONER

Linwood Cartrette, Columbus County Coroner, requested the Board's permission to receive informal bids for a radio to be used on the Assistant Coroner's vehicle.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to approve receiving informal bids for a radio to be used on the Assistant Coroner's vehicle and report back to the Board for approval.

ROAD NAMING PROJECT - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO PARTICIPATE

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to direct the Emergency Management Department (Howard Stanley and Nora Fore) to assist the Recreation Department (Dempsey Herring and staff) in completing the Columbus County Road Naming Sign Project when requested by the Recreation Director to assist him.

APPOINTMENT - YOUTH TASK FORCE

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to appoint Mr. John F. Gardner, Jr. to serve on the Youth Task Force Board of Directors to replace Dr. Jerry Paschal, who resigned.

Commissioner Worley brought to the attention of the Board that there was a concern within the Youth Task Force to change the by-laws and methods of voting.

Commissioner Dew pointed out that only the Board of Commissioners has the authority to make changes and this was agreed upon unanimously by the entire Board.

APPOINTMENT - COASTAL PLAINS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to appoint Jack Ervin to serve on the Board of Directors of the Coastal Plains Development Corporation.

BANKING SERVICE PROPOSAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the draft of the informal proposal showing what Columbus County wants as a Central Depository/Cash Management and offer to the Columbus County Banking Institutions who wish to participate on a three (3) year rotation plan. A copy of the informal proposal is on file at the Clerk to Board's office.

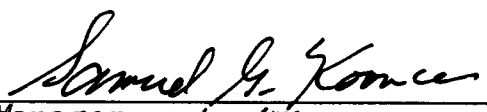
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

APPROVED:



Administrator/Clerk



Manager Chairman