

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 7:30 P.M., August 21, 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  
Administrator

Ida L. Smith  
Clerk to the Board

The Chairman called the meeting to order and Mr. James C. Davis gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 7, 1989, Board meeting, as recorded.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY SCHOOLS - HIGH-SCHOOL ATHLETES HONORED WITH PLAQUES**

The Chairman presented plaques from the Board of Commissioners honoring the following High-School Athletes:

Tabor City Girls' Softball Team

Acme Delco Baseball Team

Acme Delco Volleyball Team

Hallsboro Baseball Team

Hallsboro Girls' Basketball Team

Williams Township Volleyball Team

**BUCKHEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE - REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH FHA FOR LOAN FOR AMULANCE**

Ms. Gloria Patrick, Chairman of the Buckhead Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, requested the Board's approval on updating the original Loan and Agreement for Buckhead Volunteer Fire and Rescue with Farmers Home Administration adding an additional \$38,500.00 to the existing loan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to update the original Buckhead Volunteer Fire and Rescue Contract required by Farmers Home Administration for a \$38,500.00 loan, for eight (8) years to purchase a new ambulance, contingent upon County Attorney, James E. Hill's approval of the contents of the contract as it was incomplete. The contract is to be completed and presented to the Board for final approval.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - SOIL CONSERVATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to approve a budget amendment for Soil Conservation as follows:

Appropriate 10-348-0101 State Aid \$2,594.00

To be expended as follows:

10-606-1101 Postage	200.00
10-606-3200 Office Supplies	300.00
10-606-3300 Departmental Supplies	200.00
10-606-5300 Dues & Subscriptions	100.00
10-606-5700 Miscellaneous	1,794.00

APPOINTMENT - YOUTH TASK FORCE

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to appoint Ms. Phylis McKoy to serve on the Youth Task Force Board of Directors, to fill the unexpired term of Jim Bellamy, who resigned.

YOUTH TASK FORCE BOARD MEMBER - LETTER OF APPRECIATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to write a letter of appreciation to Mr. Jim Bellamy for him serving on the Youth Task Force Board of Directors.

APPOINTMENT - WHITEVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appoint Mr. Gene Ezzell to serve on the Whiteville Planning and Zoning Board for a five (5) year term.

APPOINTMENT - WHITEVILLE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appoint Mr. Coke Gray to serve on the Whiteville Zoning Board of Adjustment for a three (3) year term.

HEALTH - PRESENTATION ON SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES - RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Diane McLawhorn, Adult Health Supervisor, with the Columbus County Health Department, did a presentation on sexually transmitted diseases and how they are increasing at an alarming rate in Columbus County within the past seven (7) months.

Marian Duncan, Health Director, said that the Board of Health requested that the information be made available to Board of Commissioners, along with a request that any available help from the state be obtained.

Ms. Duncan further reported, that sexually transmitted diseases are directly related to drug abuse.

Sheriff Henry Rowan stated that drug abuse is also causing crime to skyrocket.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously that a resolution be adopted and sent to the Chief District Judge and the State Attorney General requesting a crack down on drug abusers in Columbus County.

Resolution is as follows:

R E S O L U T I O N

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Columbus County, North Carolina, at their regular meeting on the 21st day of August, 1989, at Whiteville, Columbus County, North Carolina, unanimously adopted the following Resolution.

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, a growing number of cases of sexually transmitted disease in Columbus County appears related to increases in the use of illegal drugs; and

WHEREAS, sexually transmitted diseases (STD's) have been on the rise for several years, and a sharp increase became apparent in the fall of 1988; and

WHEREAS, during the first seven (7) months of 1989 there were reported 176 cases of gonorrhea, 28 cases of syphilis and 82 cases of chlamydia by the Columbus County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, there is a clear link between increased drug use and increases in the incidence of STD's; therefore, some patients with STD's are addicted to crack cocaine and other drugs; and

WHEREAS, drug arrests have risen dramatically in North Carolina and Columbus County during the past year, the drug problem is growing, and at the same time is directly affecting incidences of STD's in the state with a chance of an epidemic in the future.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County that they are aware of the severity of the drug problem in Columbus County and are requesting that the State Attorney General and the Chief Judge in Columbus County impose tougher legal sanctions against those who sell drugs in Columbus County and the State of North Carolina.

Adopted this 21st day of August, 1989.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD  
OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: /s/ Samuel G. Koonce  
Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk

AIRPORT APRON EXPANSION - CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT APPROVED

The Administrator presented a letter from Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, P.A., stating that the Airport Apron Expansion bids were negotiated with Don Williamson of Barnes Paving Company and has agreed to a cost reduction of \$10,000.00 based on an agreement that will be worked out with him on the contract time and the thickness of stone under asphalt be reduced from 8" to 6".

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to award the bid to Barnes Paving Company at a cost reduction of \$10,000.00 from the original bid of \$74,245.00; thus, approving the bid at \$63,246.00. Further, directed Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates to amend the contract documents to reflect the \$10,000.00 price decrease, and to work with the contract so that inclement weather will not force him into liquidated damages, and further based on the thickness of stone under the asphalt be reduced from 8" to 6". Also, to proceed with the execution of the contract and the beginning of

construction at the earliest possible time.

**GOVERNING BODY - MEETING TIME CHANGE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to change the meeting time of the September 5, 1989 meeting to 8:00 A.M. instead of 9:00 A.M. Resolution is as follows:

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

The Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, at their meeting on the 21st day of August, 1989, unanimously adopted the following Resolution:

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Columbus County, North Carolina, have presently regularly 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 date and time for the meeting for the first Monday in September, 1989 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 8:00 oclock, A.M. in the Board Room of the Columbus County Administrative Building, 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, on the second Tuesday, September 5, 1989, following the first Monday, which is a Holiday, Labor Day.

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, mailed to all the news media who has requested notice.

/s/ Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman  
Columbus County Board of  
Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/ Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

**COUNTY VEHICLES SURPLUS - REPORT ON SALE**

The Administrator reported to the Board on the sale of surplus vehicles that were sold on August 17, 1989 to Columbus Enterprises, Inc. Auto Auction as follows with funds to be deposited to the General Fund, Miscellaneous Revenue.

1984 Chevrolet, 4 door, Serial Number 1G1AL6963EX158975	\$1,050.00
1985 Chevrolet, 4 door, Serial Number 161BL6965FY153857	1,375.00
1984 Chevrolet, 4 door, Serial Number 161AL6964EX458919	885.00
TOTAL	\$3,310.00

**COUNTY WATER SYSTEM - APPROVED ORGANIZING BOND REFERENDUM**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to direct the County Attorney, James E. Hill, Jr., to begin formalizing the organization of a District Water System Bond Referendum in order for it to be scheduled as soon as grant funds are available. Further, that the proposed first phase of the County Water System is to be comprised of Williams and South Williams Townships and will be organized as a separate governmental entity with the County Commissioners as the controlling Board.

TAX RELEASES AND 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.

Requested that the following tax listings be released or cancelled as follows:

Timothy W. Britt: valuations \$11,280, \$43,300 and \$2,600, year 1989; three (3) lots double-billed.:

Jesse McClammy Brown: valuation \$700 in 1988, valuation \$1,400 in 1989; double-listed to Nannie Brown.

F.M. Cartrette: valuation \$13,400, year 1989; property billed incorrectly.

Denise & Charles D. Evans: valuation \$50,170, year 1989; double-billed.

Charlie B. & Leola Formyduval: Brunswick Fire District, year 1989; Property not in Brunswick Fire Department.

Golden Corral of Whiteville: valuation \$9,524, year 1989; inventory listed through error.

Essie Blackman Hinson: valuation \$125,720, year 1989; real and personal property double-billed.

Ithaca-Chadbourn Division: valuation \$564,028, year 1989; personal property billed incorrectly.

Zebedee Jenkins: valuation \$21,900, year 1989; property double-listed.

Robert Edison Sr. and Geraldine Lennon: valuation \$18,390, year 1989; personal property rebilled to Robert Edison Lennon, Jr.

Haynes Eugene and Madie Maultsby: valuation \$5,000, year 1989; lot valued at this amount was sold to The Department of Transportation.

Lloyd and Georgia Mitchell: valuation \$5,630, year 1989; mobile home double-listed on real and personal property.

Michael D. Powell: valuation \$1,800, year 1989; lot was already billed.

James H. Price: valuation \$10,500, year 1989; 22 acre/tract rebilled to Elizabeth Price Royal.

Winfred Jennings Prince: valuations \$6,000 and \$20,100, year 1989; house 75% complete as of 1-1-89 also three buildings rebilled to Jennings Prince.

Quinceys of Whiteville: valuation \$50,564, year 1989; machinery and equipment billed with a valuation of \$173,677, instead of \$123,113.

Hilda Lorene Rogers: valuation \$1,900, year 1989; billed incorrectly.

Elizabeth Price Royal: valuation \$17,500, year 1989; rebilled to Dura F. Ward.

Robert T. & Helen Soles: valuation \$2,000, year 1989; failed to receive the Senior-Citizen's Exemption.

Joe Stephens (Heirs): valuation \$3,800, year 1989; billed incorrectly.

W.F. Sledge: Fire District \$18.48, year 1989; located in Whiteville City.

George Hubert Soles, Jr.: valuation \$1,700, year 1989; lot was double-billed.

Garland Thompson: valuation \$5,600, year 1989; billed incorrectly with a valuation of \$15,600 instead of \$10,000.

Furman Ward: valuation \$3,600, year 1989; 1 acre tract was double-listed.

Requested: that a refund check be issued to Jesse McClammey Brown, Route 1, Box 758, Riegelwood, NC 28456, in the amount of \$19.30, for years 1985, 1986, 1987; property double-listed to Nannie Brown prior to 1985.

Requested: that a refund check be issued to Lloyd and Georgia Mitchell, Bogue Township, in the amount of \$136.38, for year 1989; property was billed incorrectly and taxes were paid.

Requested: that a refund check be issued to James Herbert Price, 715 Falls Church Road, Charlotte, NC 28226, in the amount of \$102.39, for year 1988; 22 acre tract valued \$10,950, rebilled to Elizabeth Price Royal.

Requested: that a refund check be issued to David and Ruthie Smith, Route 1, Box 724, Riegelwood, NC 28456, in the amount of \$93.60, for year 1989; failed to receive the disability exemption.

Requested: that the following releases of 8-7-89 be amended:

Irene Simmon Grainger; account #09-12040, tax bill #62136, amount \$407.15.

William Bruce and Loris McPherson; account #01-58020, tax bill #70838, amount \$482.93, account #01-58020, tax bill #70839, amount \$551.32.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

APPROVED:

Ada L. Smith  
Clerk to the Board

Samuel G. Roane  
Chairman