

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 9:00 A.M., April 2, 1990, it being the first Monday.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Giles E. (Buddy) Byrd, Chairman

Lynwood Norris, Vice Chairman

Junior Dew

Ed Worley

Samuel G. Koonce

Roy L. Lowe
County Administrator

Ida L. Smith
Clerk to the Board

ABSENT:

James E. Hill, Jr.
County Attorney

Chairman Byrd called the meeting to order and the Reverend Neal Salter gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 26, 1990, board meeting, as recorded.

APPOINTMENT - AREA AGING ON AGING PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appoint Rev. Walter Jones to serve on the Area Agency on Aging Planning and Policy Committee representing Columbus County, to replace Eugene Ezzell.

SENIOR CENTER - NUTRITION CONTRACT FOR 1990-91 APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to award the Nutrition Program Contract for 1990-91 to Service American Corporation, 2236 Southern Avenue, Fayetteville, N.C. 28306 (the only company to submit a bid). The total cost per meal will be \$2.73, including tax. A copy of the contract is on file at the the office of the Clerk to the Board.

SOCIAL SERVICES - JOBS PLAN FOR SOCIAL SERVICES RECIPIENTS

Jo Anne Vereen, Social Services Director, addressed the Board in reference to the Family Support Act of 1988 which brings hope to many of the AFDC recipients to assist them in becoming self-sufficient from the welfare system. This federal legislation includes provisions which will strengthen the Child Support Enforcement program, encourage attendance at school and provide transitional medicaid and day care for working parents during their first year of employment, after leaving the welfare program. All states are required to operate the Jobs Opportunities and Basic Skills Training Program and in North Carolina, the Division of Social Services is designated to implement the JOBS Program.

Mrs. Vereen stated that the mandated program will require four (4) additional employees with the county absorbing 5% - 7.5% of the funding and requested the Board adopt the JOBS Plan to help Social Services dependents get jobs and become self-sufficient.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to adopt the Department of Social Services Jobs Plan as presented by the Social Services Director, Jo Anne Vereen.

SOCIAL SERVICES - EDUCATIONAL LEAVE APPROVED FOR CATHERINE HOLMES HOGGARD

Jo Anne Vereen, Social Services Director, addressed the Board on an education leave request from Catherine Holmes Hoggard, for two days per week from May 14 - July 26, 1990 and August 20, 1990 - May 30, 1991, with pay to complete the final year of study to obtain a Master's Degree in Social Work.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to grant the educational leave to Catherine Holmes Hoggard for two days per week, with pay, from May 14 - July 26, 1990 and August 20, 1990 - May 30, 1991. The leave is in accordance with the Columbus County Personnel Administration Policy, page 26, Section 29, which states:

Educational Leave With Pay

A leave of absence at full or part pay during regular working hours may be granted to an employee upon the recommendation of the supervising department head, and with the approval of the Commissioners, to permit an employee to take courses of study which will better equip them to perform their duties.

Educational leave at full or part pay for a period not to exceed twelve (12) calendar months may be granted to an employee upon the recommendation of the supervising department head and with the approval of the Commissioners. An employee granted such educational leave with pay will agree to return to the service of the county upon completion of his/her training and remain in the employ of the county for a period equal to twice the educational leave which he/she received; or the employee will reimburse the county for all compensation received while on educational leave.

Any employee on educational leave with pay will continue to earn full leave credits and any other benefits to which employees are entitled.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - SOCIAL SERVICES

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to accept Carolina Power and Light Donations for low income people (10-336-0300) in the amount of \$5,199.65 to be expended in CP & L low income clients (10-611-1500).

COUNTY SCHOOLS - PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED TO TABOR CITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

The Chairman presented a plaque of appreciation to members of the Tabor City High School Girls' Basketball Team from the Columbus County Board of Commissioners as follows:

THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 EXTENDS THEIR APPRECIATION TO THE
 TABOR CITY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM
 FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT
 IN ADVANCING TO THE STATE FINALS
 AND BECOMING THE RUNNER UP IN THE
 1990 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

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N.C. VIETNAM VETERANS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM - REQUEST FOR FUNDING TABLED

The Administrator presented a letter to the Board from the North Carolina Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program, Inc. requesting all counties within the State of N.C. to contribute funding to the North Carolina Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park project that will provide our state with a living memorial park to honor Americans who served, died and are still missing from the Vietnam War.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to table the request on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park in order to gather more information concerning the project.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BUILDINGS - REQUEST FOR AIR CONDITIONING UNIT TABLED

The Administrator addressed the Board in reference to an effort to prepare the large meeting room, on the second floor, of the Courthouse Annex/ Agriculture Extension Building for an additional court room (when needed) and stated that he had received three informal bids for the purchase and installation of a 7-ton air conditioning unit in the room. he bids are as follows:

Inman & Son, Inc.	\$6,850.00
Norris Heating & Air Conditioning	\$8,400.00
Pridgen Brothers Contractors	\$8,400.00
(Alternate Bid)	\$9,486.00

The Administrator further requested approval of the following items:

28 Gauge Carpet	\$3,175.00
Lower Ceiling with new lights	\$5,000.00

The Administrator informed the Board that the estimated cost of total improvements is \$15,025.00 and that funding can be appropriated from the current 1989-90 Operating Budget in Maintenance and Repair to Buildings.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to table the request for repairs to the Courthouse Annex Building until the April 16, 1990 Board meeting to allow the Administrator to obtain additional information as to how this room is to be utilized by the courts.

DOT - REQUEST TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT ON U.S. 701 S. WHITEVILLE CITY LIMITS

William G. Rhodes, addressed the Board requesting the Board write a letter to the Department of Transportation to lower the speed limit on U.S. 701 South of the Whiteville City limits. He stated since the opening of Wal-mart there has been additional traffic and a number of accidents have occurred near his business South of Wal-mart.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to instruct the Administrator write a letter to the Department of Transportation District Engineer requesting them to investigate the additional traffic on 701 South and advise the Board as to what action can be taken.

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.

Tabor City Wildlife Club; property tax exempt. Amount \$216.92, valuation \$31,900, year 1989, account #09-50110.

H.L. Herring Heirs; per records and deeds, does not exist. Property unidentified prior to 1975. Amount \$433.17, valuation \$52,200, year 1980-1989, account #08-08540.

Donald W. Holmes, Jr.; per deed of 1986, property K-7A-22 is listed to Charlotte and Gretchen Rawls % Charlotte R. McDuffie. Amount \$109.84, valuation \$12,070, year 1988, account #01-42640.

George F. & Meredith Jefferies; billed with 1987 Pontiac valued \$8,050 instead of 1977 Model, valued \$930. Amount \$48.42, valuation \$7,120, year 1989, account #01-47360.

Graham & Henrietta Johnson; TC-3-486 double-listed to James and Miriam Graham in 1981. Amount \$41.75, valuation \$4,855, year 1981, account #06-21200.

Betty Dale Applewhite; vehicles double-listed #15-00840, W. Nelson Applewhite. Amount \$187.38, valuation \$8,730, year 1988, account #17-00445.

Ruby Louise Archie; 1978 Mercury double-listed on #01-64368, Ruby Murphy. Amount \$108.98, valuation \$1,200, year 1989, account #17-00466.

Marion Austin Baldwin; 1967 Ford double-listed on #14-00160, Marion A. Baldwin. Amount \$103.74, valuation \$500, year 1989, account #17-00790.

Robert Therrin Bennett, Jr.; vehicle double-listed to Cynthia D. Wilson, #11-30134. Amount \$146.53, valuation \$6,220, year 1989, account #17-30134.

Woodrow Travis Burnett; vehicle listed in Rockingham, NC, where he resides. Amount \$128.13, valuation \$3,760, year 1989, account #17-05228.

Dorothy Brown Butler; penalty already imposed on #05-01240, Aaron & Dorothy Butler. Amount \$200, valuation \$3,430, years 1988, 89, account #17-05430.

Jennifer Davenport; vehicle double-listed on #11-07440, Arcie & Jennifer Davenport. Amount \$115.18, valuation \$2,030, year 1989, account #17-08590.

James Freddie Dixon; vehicle 1978 titled Deborah Dixon, out of County. Amount \$21.76, valuation \$2,300, year 1986, account #17-09150.

Michael Russell Edwards; Acquired 1988 VW in December 1988, moved to New York prior to 1-1-89. Amount \$165.23, valuation \$8,720, year 1989, account #17-10058.

Yvonne Alderman Graham; 1987 Dodge vehicle listed on #15-16140, Dewey Lafayette Graham. Amount \$150.49, valuation \$6,750, year 1989, account #17-14381.

Travis Gurganus; vehicle listed in Bladen County. Amount \$103.82, valuation \$510, year 1989, account #17-14541.

Willie Mac Jacobs; 1982 Buick vehicle listed in Cumberland County. Amount \$123.72, valuation \$3,170, year 1989, account #17-15139.

Ann Catherine Kelly; 1978 Oldsmobile purchased on 2-26-88, not taxable for 1988. Amount \$116.41, valuation \$1,640, year 1988, account #17-21572.

Charlen Dew McMillian; vehicle double listed on #13-10394, Charlene Dew. Amount \$151.77, valuation \$6,920, year 1989, account #17-24776.

Louise Mitchell; 1977 Oldsmobile listed in Bladen County. Amount \$18.92, valuation \$2,000, year 1986, account #17-26450.

Angela Jane Moss; moved to Florida in 1988, vehicle not in Columbus County. Amount \$107.63, valuation \$1,020, year 1989, account #17-26975.

Thurman Quinton Owens, Jr.; clerical error; should have been listed on late list. Amount \$100.00, valuation \$2,910, year 1989, account #17-28381.

Marcus Patrick; vehicle listed in Bladen County. Amount \$150.86, valuation \$6,800, year 1989, account #17-28987.

Sandra Watts Rhodes; vehicle double-listed to Sandra Watts Sellers #01-81103. Amount \$130.51, valuation \$4,080, year 1989, account #17-31086.

Wendy Gail Rivenbark; vehicle listed in Brunswick County. Amount \$127.30, valuation \$3,650, year 1989, account #17-31144.

Sharon Walsh Selvy; 1984 Ford moved to Kentucky since 1988. Amount \$21.76, valuation \$2,910, year 1989, account #17-42467.

Clifton Nixon Smith; vehicles double-listed on #01-84686, same name. Amount \$138.15, valuation \$5,100, year 1989, account #17-33767.

Eunice Campbell Thompson; vehicle double-listed on #17-37259 late list, Randolph Thompson. Amount \$106.14, valuation \$820, year 1989, account #17-37259.

Donald Earl Turbeville; 1987 Chevrolet was listed on regular list but not priced on #16-16341, in the name of Wendy Denise & Donald Turbeville. Amount \$104.94, valuation \$7,270, year 1989, account #17-38001.

Shane Tyler; vehicle double-listed to Franklin & Suzanne Tyler on #01-97215. Amount \$114.11, valuation \$1,410, year 1988, account #17-38288.

Barbara Pierce Watts; 1978 Chevrolet traded in 1988 for 1981 Ford and listed to Empie Watts #17-39870. Amount \$109.05, valuation \$1,210, year 1989, account #17-39786.

Empie M. Watts; 1978 MG sold in 1988. Amount \$16.38, valuation \$2,190, year 1989, account #17-39870.

Eva Mae Horne Woody; vehicle double-listed as Mrs. Eva Mae Woody, #02-08840. Amount \$129.84, valuation \$3,990, year 1989, account #17-41748.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Ruthie Brown Jefferson, Route 7, Box 202, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount \$158.43, for years 1985, 1986, 1987 & 1988. Lot K-7B-32 double-listed to K-7B-31, valued \$1,250. House \$3,290 rebilled to Henry Moore on account #01-63280. Year 1989 was released 3-5-90. Valuation \$18,160, years 1985-88, account #01-47420.

PERSONNEL MANUAL - PRESENT FOR ADOPTION AT APRIL 16, 1990 BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Koonce requested that the proposed Columbus County Personnel Manual be distributed to all department heads for comments and present to the Board at the next meeting for adoption.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:35 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to adjourn into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 10:10 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to adjourn executive session and resume regular session.

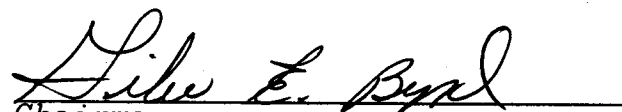
No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED:


Clerk to the Board


Chairman