

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 7:30 P.M., Monday, February 18, 1991, it being the third Monday.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lynwood Norris, Chairman

Ed Worley, Vice Chairman

Junior Dew

Samuel G. Koonce

Mike Richardson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Norris called the meeting to order and Commissioner Worley gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 4, 1991 Board meeting, as recorded.

**DISTRICTED WATER PHASE I - LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE TO FHA ON LOAN APPLICATION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to proceed with the loan application to FHA subject to the requirements of the Letter of Conditions dated January 18, 1991, FmHA Instructions and Loan Closing instructions issued by the Office of the General Counsel for the development of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District I.

**LIBRARY - CHADBOURN BRANCH APPROVAL**

Amanda Bible, Library Director, addressed the Board on behalf of the Library Board of Trustees, requesting the Board's consideration of the establishment of a branch library in Chadbourn. The approval of a branch affiliated with the county library system will allow the Friends of the Library to proceed with fund-raising and grant applications to help them meet the criteria established by the Trustees for a branch.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to approve the Library Board of Trustees to proceed with the establishment of a branch library in Chadbourn which will be located temporarily in the old Chadbourn Depot.

**PROCLAMATION - FFA WEEK DESIGNATED**

Thomas Wyatt Richardson, Vice President of the Waccamaw Federation and a member of the Nakina Future Farmers of America, and Bryan Norris, President of the Waccamaw Federation and a member of the Tabor City Future Farmers of America, requested the Board to consider proclaiming the week of February 16-23, 1991 as FFA Week. Wyatt Richardson read aloud the following Proclamation to the Board:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the FFA with agricultural education is a strong force for America's agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the FFA and agricultural education are changing to provide training for the new high-tech careers of agriculture; and

WHEREAS, members of the FFA are playing an outstanding role in assuring the future progress and prosperity of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the FFA motto--"Learning to do, doing to learn; earning to live, living to serve"--gives a direction of purpose to these students, who are Providing Leadership for a Growing Planet; and

WHEREAS, the FFA performs the valuable service of developing leadership, encouraging cooperation, promoting good citizenship, teaching modern information and inspiring patriotism among its members.

THEREFORE, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners hereby designate the week of February 16 through 23, 1991 as FFA Week.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Lynwood Norris, Chairman  
February 28, 1991

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to proclaim the week of February 16 through 23, 1991 as FFA Week.

**AUDIT REPORT - APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to approve the June 30, 1990, annual audit report for Columbus County as presented by S. Preston Douglas & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, Whiteville, NC. A copy is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS - HUD**

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to approve the following H.U.D. budget amendments:

Transfer line items within the H.U.D. 1990-91 Budget:

50-410-4160 Indirect Cost	\$15,794.00
50-410-4540 Employees Benefits	1,600.00
50-410-4110 Administrative Salaries	(17,394.00)
Accept 50-300-8026 Annual Contributions Earned	\$18,448.00
To be expended:	
50-410-4175 Housing Assistance Payments	\$15,684.00
50-410-4170 Accounting & Auditing	1,500.00
50-410-4510 Insurance	120.00
50-410-7540 Property Betterments & Additions	162.00
50-410-4190 Sundry Administration Expense	982.00

BUDGET AMENDMENTS - FINANCE

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendments for the Finance Department:

To include releases, not included in 1990-91 Budget:

41-313-0000 Releases - Old Dock/Cypress Creek	\$ 2,000.00
41-313-0100 Releases - Bolton	200.00

To be expended:

41-700-9200 Remittance to Old Dock/Cypress Creek	\$ 2,000.00
41-700-9201 Remittance to Bolton	200.00

Line item transfer:

35-359-0000 Landfill User Fees	(\$257,142.00)
35-359-0100 Solid Waste Collection Fees	167,465.00
35-359-0200 Recycling Fees	89,677.00

To include refunds & releases, revenue for local tire disposal fees and recyclable materials, not included in the 1990-91 Budget.

35-312-0000 Refunds	(\$600.00)
35-313-0000 Releases	(10,000.00)
35-335-0100 Miscellaneous/Recyclable Materials	4,500.00
35-355-0000 Tire Disposal Fees	2,500.00
35-348-0000 State Aid-Tire Disposal Fee	3,600.00

FIRE & RESCUE DEPTS. - APPROVAL OF RADIO FOR CERRO GORDO

The Administrator presented the Board with a letter from the Fire Marshal, requesting the Board's support in purchasing a radio for the Cerro Gordo Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. The following bids were presented for consideration:

Broadcast & Communication Company P.O. Box 454 Lumberton, NC 28358	\$ 841.00, excluding tax
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Piedmont Communications Co., Inc. 1519 Camden Avenue Durham, NC 27704	\$1,478.50, excluding tax
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Communication Specialists, Inc. 3330 Wrightsville Avenue Wilmington, NC 28403 (Dash Mount)	\$1,043.25, excluding tax
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Communication Specialists, Inc. 3330 Wrightsville Avenue Wilmington, NC 28403 (Trunk Mount)	\$1,211.25, excluding tax
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A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to award the radio bid to the lowest bidder, Broadcast and Communication Company, Lumberton, NC 28358, in the amount of \$841.00. Funds are to be appropriated from Non-Departmental - Contingencies (10-660-9999) to be expended in Special Appropriations - Radio for Cerro Gordo Volunteer Fire and Rescue Chevrolet Van (10-690-9501).

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST - BOARD ATTENDANCE

The Administrator presented the Board with a letter from New Hanover County requesting an expression of interest in a joint breakfast meeting on Thursday, March 28, 1991, following the Legislative Shrimperoo. Commissioner Koonce and Administrator Lowe were the only two of the group who plans to spend the night and will be able to participate in a joint breakfast with New Hanover,

Pender and Brunswick Counties.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - 911 MEETING DATE TABLED**

The Administrator advised the Board that the Telephone Company representatives are willing to host lunch or dinner for County and Municipal Officials to discuss the 911 County-wide telephone service and it is necessary for a date to be established.

The Board concurred to table setting the date and requested this be discussed at the Columbus County Intergovernmental Council meeting to be held February 25, 1991 as the County and Municipalities will be represented and a date can be established by the group.

**HEALTH - MASTERS DEGREE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT**

The Administrator presented the Board with a letter from the Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Health, requesting the Board to pay tuition for Marian Duncan and Ruth Storms, who are attending classes on week-ends to complete the requirements for a Masters of Science Degree in Health Administration.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to approve the reimbursement for tuition expenses to Marian Duncan and Ruth Storms in accordance with the Columbus County Personnel Administration Policy, page 25, Section 26, Educational Leave with Pay, first paragraph.

**BOND SALES DELAY - TABLED**

The Administrator addressed the Board in reference to delay selling the remaining bonds as authorized September 18, 1989. Roy Lowe, Administrator and Gayle Godwin, Finance Officer, agree to obligate the balance of \$1,164,407.00 as of 2-1-91 to be available for release from the disbursing account for redeposit into the County account in the Public School Buildin Capital Fund to allow the County to match and pay cash before selling additional bonds.

The Board reached a concurrence to advise the Administrator to contact Janice Burke, with the Local Government Commission, for guidance in considering alternatives to the present plan of selling bonds as authorized on September 18, 1989. Also, the Board directed Mr. Lowe to request Janice Burke to attend the next Board meeting to assist the Board in making the appropriate decision in reference to the sale of bonds.

**RECYCLING - SCRAP TIRE FEE ADJUSTMENT TABLED**

The Administrator reported on fees received from the State quarterly distribution and the fees collected from .25¢ per tire billing for scrap tires for 1990. The balance on hand as of 2-28-91 is \$4,482.80.

The Board reached a general concensus to table consideration for the scrap tire fee adjustment until an inventory can be taken of the number of tires on hand at the Columbus County Landfill.

TAX RELEASES & REFUNDS

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

Kimberly Kaylynn Charles; 1986 Oldsmobile listed through error in Columbus County. Vehicle was listed and taxes were paid in Savannah, Georgia. Amount \$30.06, valuation \$4,420, year 1990, account #11-03421.

William C. Cox, III; billed incorrectly with a valuation of \$85,500 instead of \$41,000. Amount \$332.86, valuation \$44,500, year 1990, account #07-02943.

Mack Duffie & Geneva Butler; double-wide mobile home double-listed to Claude Meadows on account #03-16360, map J-9-38. Amount \$363.00, valuation \$45,000, years 1989-90, account #03-02243.

Raymond & Betty Evans; K-11-2 not in the Williams Fire District. Amount \$3.64, valuation \$6,060, year 1989, account #03-06728.

Lorena Ward Kinlaw; K-12-36, property foreclosed by FHA on 10-30-83 until 1-15-85. Property tax exempt for year 1984. Amount \$178.88, valuation \$20,800, year 1984, account #09-16320.

The Market Place % Delbert Bollinger; 1987 Mercury double-listed to Delbert and Lola Bollinger on #15-02680. Amount \$70.38, valuation \$10,350, year 1990, account #15-26010.

Robert Melvin & Sue Shaw; F-3-42 (deferred taxes) not transferred. Amount \$148.24, valuation \$21,800, years 1989, 1990, account #12-24600.

Garland Suggs (Etal); map 0-9-50D, per deed acreage corrected from 17.63 to 6.7 acres. Amount \$39.44, valuation \$5,800, year 1990, account #03-24703.

Hazel Walker; H-9-76A, double-listed to Howard P. Simmons on #09-26440. Amount \$53.28, valuation \$7,200, years 1989, 1990, account #09-31310.

Mrs. Peggy Cox Hunt; J-3-51A, valuation of \$1,400 already paid on receipt #98232. Amount \$9.80, valuation \$1,400, year 1990, account #01-44940.

Corbett & Annie Mae Ward; house rebilled on L-10-29 through error. Double-listed to W.R. Thompson on #03-25380. Amount \$230.52, valuation \$33,900, year 1989 in 1990, account #03-26240.

Albert C. Jr. & Ila Wright % William Larry Fowler; H-12-100 billed with valuation of \$133,400 instead of \$107,300, land use value. Amount \$203.58, valuation \$26,100, year 1990, account #06-44443.

Mack Canady, Jr.; 92/100 acre, map H-5-52A double-listed to Donnell Dixon #13-10505. Amount \$22.44, valuation \$3,300, year 1990, account #13-06723.

Gene Austin & Frances Inman; flat bed trailers mistakingly taken for mobile home, user fee applied through error. Taxes were paid in August with 2% discount, leaving a balance of \$31.98. Amount \$31.98, year 1990, account #01-4583.

## Release 1990 "user fees" as follows:

NAME	AMOUNT	ACCOUNT NO.
William Edwin & Kathleen Hobbs	\$ 30.00	08-09040
Barney Rouse	18.00	01-78017
Linwood & Estalene Tedder % Leavie Tedder	30.00	01-92457
Elsie H. Todd	30.00	14-16750
Robert Criss Ward	30.00	13-42400
Lacy James & Dorothy Gore	30.00	07-06660
Stevie Lennon (a refund of \$22.85)	30.00	12-15978

Andy Allen; vehicle listed in Bladen County where he resides. Amount \$112.21, valuation \$1,220, year 1988, account #17-00075.

Charles Andrew Bailey; vehicle listed in Brunswick County where he resides. Amount \$223.64, valuation \$16,530.00, year 1990, account #17-00651.

James Edward Buffkin; personal property double-listed on #15-07280, regular listing (1978 Motorcycle wrecked in 1985). Amount \$59.60, valuation \$6,300, year 1986, account #17-04730.

Robert Allen Frommelt; Resides in Myrtle Beach, S.C. since February, 1989. Amount \$137.10, valuation \$4,960, year 1990, account #17-12835.

Annie Lee Gore; 1971 Ford & 1980 Ford junked prior to 1989. Amount \$111.22, valuation \$1,500, year 1989, account #17-14215.

James Patrick McCormick; vehicle listed on regular list #12-17040 as a 1986 Chevrolet. Amount \$125.36, valuation \$3,390, year 1990, account #17-24264.

Leona Sealey Norris; listed on account #13-31225, Leola Sealey Norris. Amount \$149.37, valuation \$6,600, year 1990, account #17-28287.

Sarah George Spaulding; 1987 Mercury listed in Bladen County. Refund for 1989. Amount \$138.52, valuation \$5,150, year 1990, account #17-34971.

Jerry Clay Stephens; 1979 Ford not in Columbus County on 1-1-90. Amount \$110.18, valuation \$1,360, year 1990, account #17-35591.

Veda Lennon Thompson; 1987 Chevrolet listed as Vera Lennon on #01-52600. Amount \$165.23, valuation \$8,720, year 1990, account #17-37517.

Jill Ray Tylton; 1980 Chevrolet listed on #03-15141, Jill Lytton; taxes paid. Amount \$112.42, valuation \$1,660, year 1990, account #17-38271.

Barbara Lynn Tomberlin; 1987 Toyota listed, Joe Luther Tomberlin on #04-51179. Amount \$143.46, valuation \$5,810, year 1990, account #17-37884.

Brian O'Neal Williams; 1982 Chevrolet repossessed by Wachovia Bank in 1989. Amount \$108.45, valuation \$1,130, year 1990, account #17-40726.

Dwan Jevan Williams (Heirs); vehicle listed in New Hanover County where Mrs. D.J. Williams resides. Amount \$109.88, valuation \$1,320, year 1989, account #17-40761.

Jacqueline Louise Williams; resides in Brunswick County as of March, 1988. Amount \$153.41, valuation \$7,140, year 1990, account #17-40841.

William David Williams; 1974 Chevrolet and 1978 Oldsmobile junked prior to 1-1-90. Amount \$9.35, valuation \$1,250, year 1990, account #17-41075.

Ronald Patrick Wilson; moved to Minnesota prior to January 1, 1990. Amount \$150.12, valuation \$6,700, year 1990, account #17-41767.

Mary Lou Young; 1982 Mercury totaled in 1988. Amount \$113.01, valuation \$1,740, year 1990, account #17-42451.

Daniel Franklin Young; 1988 GMC listed Tanya Young on #06-45590. Amount \$163.28, valuation \$8,460, year 1990, account #17-42164.

John Wallace Young; 1987 Ford listed in Bladen County. Amount \$129.17, valuation \$3,900, year 1990, account #17-42444.

Frances Brown Edwards; 1980 Ford already listed as Jack & Mary Edwards on #01-23140. Amount \$112.94, valuation \$1,730, year 1990, account #17-09973.

Franklin Odell Graham; vehicle listed in Bladen County. Amount \$172.85, valuation \$9,740, year 1990, account #17-15272.

Gina Dawn King; vehicle listed in Bladen County. Amount \$169.41, valuation \$9,280, year 1990, account #17-21778.

David Lowery; vehicles listed in Scotland County. Amount \$128.95, valuation \$3,870, year 1990, account #17-23806.

Ordered: that a tax refund be issued to J.C. & Kathleen F. Caines, Route 5, Box 421, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$30.00 for year 1990. House located on H-5A-96 is unoccupied. All taxes paid. Account #13-06420.

Ordered: that a tax refund be issued to Jerry W. & Donnice S. Carrette, Route 5, Box 216, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$9.00, for year 1990. Per survey, acreage of I-6-68 reduced from 30.6 to 2.51 acres. Taxes paid. Account #01-13480.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Ms. Mamie Lene Davis, P.O. Box 144, Cerro Gordo, NC 28430, in the amount of \$117.00 for years 1989 and 1990. House located on CG-2-33, only 75% complete. All taxes paid. Valuation \$15,000, account #16-03480.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Leroy Jackson & Anna Hall, Route 2, Box 246A, Chadbourn, NC 28431, in the amount of \$121.85, for year 1990. Personal property (vehicles) traded in 1989. Other vehicles already listed on #13-17145. All taxes paid. Valuation \$2,920, account #17-16554.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Don Thomas Peacock, P.O. Box 586, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$58.28, for years 1986 and 1987. Motorcycle trailer, wrong value. Valuation \$6,160, account #17-29130.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Tabor City Associates, P.O. Box 488, Erwin, NC 28339, in the amount of \$493.32, for years 1988, 89 and 90. Portion of depreciable personal property (business listing) already listed on property card. Valuation \$64,259, account #06-39015.

Ordered; that a refund check be issued to Sarah George Spaulding, Route 2, Box 3, (Quail Ridge Trailer Park), Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$143.01, for year 1989. Vehicle listed in Bladen County. Taxes paid through error. Valuation \$5,750, account #17-34971.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Mrs. Cleo G. Ward, P.O. Box 14, Nakina, NC, 28455, in the amount of \$310.08, for years 1989 and 1990. 1978 mobile home was billed through error to Mrs. Cleo G. Ward (already listed to Lemon C. Ward, Jr.), also building site with septic tank. All taxes paid. Valuation \$45,600, account #03-26200.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Barry Williams, Route 1, Box 125-A, Clarendon, NC 28432, in the amount of \$56.92, for year 1990. 1986 truck double-listed to Barry Williams on #09-33265. All taxes paid. Valuation \$8,370, account #06-42082.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Stevie Lennon, Route 1, Box 420, Evergreen, NC 28438, in the amount of \$22.85, for year 1990. 1972 Mobile home, listed through error; already listed on #13-23457 as a 1976 model. Taxes paid 1-31-91. Valuation \$3,600, account #12-15978.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Kathy Godwin Norris, Route 3, Box 225, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$157.82, for year 1989. 1979 Ford and 1987 Ford double-listed to Kathy Sue Godwin on #09-10540. All taxes paid. Valuation \$6,470, account #17-28056.

#### COUNTY SUPPLUS VEHICLES - APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR SALE

The Administrator advised the Board that Columbus County has several surplus vehicles that need to be sold and requested the Board's permission to allow him to compile a list and advertise for sale.

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to permit the Administrator prepare a list of surplus vehicles and advertise for sale.

#### COUNTY COMPLEX PROPERTY - APPROVAL TO INTERVIEW ARCHITECTS

The Board reached a general concensus to direct the Administrator to contact the architect firms, that have been considered for preparing plans for the County-office Complex Property, for interviews and advise the Board of the tentative schedule.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:30 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

#### RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 9:05 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to resume regular session.

No action was taken.



ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED:

Iola L. Smith  
Clerk to the Board

Lywood Norris  
Chairman