

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 8:00 A.M., Monday, March 4, 1991, it being the first Monday.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lynwood Norris, Chairman

Ed Worley, Vice Chairman

Junior Dew

Samuel G. Koonce

Mike Richardson

James E. Hill, Attorney  
(arrived at 8:30 A.M.)

Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Norris called the meeting to order and the Reverend Wade Fowler gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 18, 1991, Board meeting, as recorded.

**APPOINTMENTS - YOUTH TASK FORCE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Columbus County Youth Task Force Board of Directors:

**NAME & ADDRESS:**

Mary Thompson  
P.O. Box 337  
Whiteville, NC 28472

Tommy Holmes  
300 Jefferson Street  
Whiteville, NC 28472

Michelle Rohde  
704 Jefferson Street  
Whiteville, NC 28472

Val Sutton  
P.O. Box 1187  
Whiteville, NC 28472

Royce Beasley  
% Phyllis McKoy  
P.O. Drawer 609  
Whiteville, NC 28472

Peggy Willis  
200 Jefferson Street  
Whiteville, NC 28472

**ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING:**

Department of Social Services  
(replacing Sally Marks)

Columbus County Mental Health  
(replacing Kim Winn)

Juvenile Court Division  
Guardian Ad Litem  
(replacing Pam Ward)

Council for the Aging  
(replacing Wray Thompson)

Whiteville High School Student

Community

**APPOINTMENT - SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to appoint Mr. C. W. Todd to serve on the Southeastern Regional Mental Health Board of Directors with term of office expiring November 30, 1994.

APPOINTMENTS - BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Columbus County Board of Equalization and Review for 1991.

C. L. "Buddy" Tate, Jr., P.O. Box 249, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450

Jane Frink, P.O. Box 150, Hallsboro, NC 28442

Danny Peacock, 303 East 5th Avenue, Chadbourn, NC 28463

Robert Dale Inman, Route 3, Tabor City, NC 28463

Anne Williamson, Route 1, Box 69, Whiteville, NC 28472

Vance Maultsby, P.O. Box 764, Whiteville, NC 28472

Also, the Board appointed Mrs. Anne Williamson to serve as Chairperson and Mr. W.D. "Bill" Brooks, Jr., Tax Administrator, to serve as Clerk to the Board.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - AGING

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to approve a budget amendment for the Department of Aging as follows:

Accept 12-348-0600 Long Term Screening	\$40,000
Accept 12-348-0700 Personal Care Services	\$44,843

To be expended:

12-609-0500 F.I.C.A.	\$60,000
10-609-0900 Liability	20,000
12-610-4500 Contracted Services	2,843

SENIOR CENTER/AGING - LETTER OF APPRECIATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to write a "letter of appreciation" to the Aging Department Employees for their dedicated committment to the senior citizens in Columbus County.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - FINANCE

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to transfer funds from the Capital Reserve Fund to pay taxes on land purchased as follows:

10-397-0000 Transfer from Capital Reserve Fund	\$142.00
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To be expended:

10-506-7100 Public Buildings - Land Purchase	\$142.00
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BUDGET AMENDMENT - SOCIAL SERVICES

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve an amendment to the Social Services budget as follows:

Accept 10-348-1600 Aid to Social Services Adm.	\$3,221.00
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To be expended:

10-610-1500 CP&L - Energy	\$3,221.00
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PROCLAMATION - SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS' WEEK

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to proclaim March 18, through 24, 1991, as "School Social Workers' Week", in Columbus County.

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS' WEEK  
1991  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes the right of every citizen to obtain a basic education. The State also recognizes that some students with special needs and concerns need help in receiving that education. Working to provide that assistance, school social workers in our education system offer essential services to promote the maximum development of student potential; and

WHEREAS, among their many duties, school social workers encourage parents to take an active role in the education of their children. They also prepare reports and make referrals concerning class misbehavior and student attendance; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their assistance with primary and secondary education, school social workers offer interpretation and assessment to identify the specific needs of exceptional children. They also work closely with the local Department of Social Services to investigate possible instances of child abuse and neglect.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 18 through March 24, 1991, as "School Social Workers' Week", in Columbus County, and urge our citizens to recognize the many contributions school social workers make to the education of our youth.

Adopted the 4th day of March, 1991

ATTESTED BY:

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

/s/ Lynwood Norris, Chairman

TELEPHONE - DID CAPABILITY APPROVED

The Administrator requested the Board consider upgrading the ROLM CBX telephone system by adding Direct Inward Dialing (DID) capability to the system and provide forty DID numbers and four DID trunks (equipped for 8 trunks) for the following cost.

Reconfiguration to add 8 DID trunks 256K Memory Card, Floppy Disk Drive	\$5,250.00
Installation charge will be approximately	\$ 325.50
The monthly costs for upgrading the system will be	\$ 372.84.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to approve the request for the Direct Inward Dialing capability to the present ROLM CBX telephone system at a cost for equipment of \$5,250.00 and a installation charge of approximately \$325.50. Funding for upgrading the telephone system will be appropriated from the Internal Service Telephone Fund.

LUMBER RIVER CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE - REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Administrator presented a letter of request from the Lumber River Citizens' Advisory Committee, requesting the Board to release \$5,000 that was allocated to them on August 2, 1990 for the Lumber River clean-up project on a pro-rata share with Robeson, Hoke and Scotland Counties, with Robeson allocating \$10,000 and Columbus, Hoke and Scotland allocating 5,000 each for the clean-up of the Lumber River. The request for the funding is as follows:

Boat, motor trailer and chainsaw	\$ 322.00
Biological survey	\$2,500.00
Clean-up river project	\$2,178.00

The Board reached a general concensus to table the request until more information can be obtained from David Scott, Lumber River Citizens' Advisory Committee, Co-Chairman as the Board allocated the money for the Lumber River clean-up project and has not been made aware of the Lumber River being designated a State Park.

PERMIT APPROVED - FEDERAL STORM-WATER

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to join a pool of about 200 counties and municipalities to apply for a new federal storm-water permit as follows:

MEMORANDUM OF PARTICIPATION  
NORTH CAROLINA LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES-NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS-JOINT STORMWATER PROJECT  
GROUP APPLICATION PROGRAM

Unit of Government: County of Columbus

Mailing Address: 111 Washington Street  
Whiteville, NC 28472

Contact Person: Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

On behalf of the unit of government noted above, I agree to participate in Part I of the Joint Stormwater Project Group Application Program offered through the North Carolina League of Municipalities and the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. I understand that ERCE has been selected as the consulting firm to develop, prepare, submit and execute all aspects of Part I of the application process for group applications responsive to the requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as they relate to national Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for storm water discharges addressed in the Federal Register dated 11-16-90, Volume 55, No. 222.

I understand that our portion of the costs for Part I of this program shall be \$150.00 per facility to be permitted.

I have been authorized to execute this memorandum of participation by authority of a resolution of our governing board adopted on the 4th day of March, 1991.

Signed this 4th day of March 1991.

## Facilities to be Permitted:

Roy L. Lowe  
County Administrator

1. Landfill
2. Airport
3. Land for new Government complex

TAX RELEASES & REFUNDS

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

John Wesley Allen; 1979 Mercury was listed in Bladen County. Amount \$7.40, valuation \$990, account #15-00295.

John Milton & Eugenia Blake; G-6A-69 double-listed to Frank Earl Stephens on account #13-38000. Amount \$5.25, valuation \$700, year 1990, account #13-02940.

John Milton Blake (Special); CH-6-58 double-listed to James E. Barber #13-00860. Amount \$18.36, valuation \$2,700, year 1990, account #13-02900.

John A. & Estelle Buck; billed with user fees through error. House vacant. Amount \$30.11, valuation \$800, year 1990; account #07-00980.

C. & C. Timber; airplane double-listed on account #15-08415, Jerry Caines and account #15-08380, Anthony Caines. Amount \$131.58, valuation \$19,350, year 1990, account #15-08374.

Vonda Cothron & John Spiro; leasehold (Grill) on K-7A-225 was sold in 1989 and double-listed to Larry Soles on #01-87220. Amount \$128.56, valuation \$12,800, year 1990, account #01-17375.

Myrtle J. Garrell; H-12-112D double-listed to B.C. Jenrette on H-12-112 on account #06-20700. Amount \$74.10, valuation \$9,500, year 1990, account #06-13393.

Sarah Grainger Heris % E.W. Bowen; failed to receive the senior-citizen's exemption on lot and house W-1-110. Amount \$81.60, valuation \$12,000, year 1990, account #15-16640.

B.C. & Thelma Jenrette Heirs % Roberta J. Ward; deferred taxes on H-12-112, billed incorrectly. Amount \$235.48, valuation \$32,290, years 1989, 90, account #06-20700.

Heather Harris; 1984 Honda double-listed on regular list, same account, receipt #96115. Amount \$21.08, valuation \$3,100, year 1990, account #01-37757.

William Edwin & Kathleen Hobbs; old dwelling located on Q-2-15, vacant. Amount \$30.00, year 1990, account #08-09040.

Robert R. & Marion Jackson; one house located on HB-2-35. Amount \$30.00, year 1990, account #11-14060.

Tammy Sue Frick; only one mobile home located on L-3-17-A. Amount \$30.00, year 1990, account #14-05370.

Macon Lennon Etals; personal property (radio tower) double-listed on business personal listing. Amount \$63.92, valuation \$9,400, year 1990, account #13-23393.

Orlando Lennon; billed with house that is located on H-5A-52; rebilled to Valeria E. Southern on #13-37523. Amount \$123.75, valuation \$12,500, year 1990, account #13-23420.

Mrs. William A. Love; LW-4-221 (house, pier & shed) already listed to Rebekah Proctor. Amount \$474.96, valuation \$67,200, year 1990, account #08-11180.

Debi McKeithan; leasehold (mobile home) sold in 1989 and double-listed to George Becker on #01-04122. Amount \$206.86, valuation \$23,900, year 1990, account #13-25903.

McRae Graphics, Inc.; business personal listed properly per extension date. Amount \$3.26, valuation \$4,789, year 1990, account #16-10637.

Paul Milton Page; 1988 VW priced incorrectly. Amount \$42.03, valuation \$6,180, year 1990, account #01-67730.

Eshmael & Hilda Pridgen; 1983 Chevrolet was listed in Conway, S.C., where they reside. Amount \$16.93, valuation \$2,490, year 1990, account #01-73600. Also, N-2-32, double-listed on N-2-31 of Canal Industries, Inc. Amount \$15.48, valuation \$1,800, years 1982-86, account #14-12400.

Pridgen Brothers Enterprises, Inc.; deferred taxes, J-4-52 not transferred. Amount \$399.16, valuation \$58,700, year 1990, account #01-73200.

Lewis Cooper Ransom; camping trailer keyed-in through error. Amount \$30.00, year 1990, account #01-74805.

Morris Marcus Schmidt; mobile home not lived in. Amount \$30.00, year 1990, account #15-32902.

Julie Hilburn Bartrop; lives in Bladen County. Amount \$112.42, valuation \$1,660, year 1990, account #17-01223.

Frances L. Baldwin; 1986 Pontiac listed in Brunswick County where she resides. Amount \$187.84, valuation \$10,000, years 1987, 1990, account #17-00755.

James Matthew Baldwin; listing in Bladen County where he resides. Amount \$117.42, valuation \$1,980, years 1987, 1990, account #17-00689.

Verssie Baldwin; listed in Bladen County where she resides. Amount \$106.95, valuation \$930, year 1990, account #17-00759.

Jerelene Williams Best; 1981 Buick double-listed on regular list #01-05373. Amount \$112.12, valuation \$1,620, year 1990, account #17-02225.

Danny Evans Bress; 1989 Nissan listed in Bladen County where he resides. Amount \$149.52, valuation \$6,620, year 1990, account #17-03382.

Allyson Formyduval Creech; listed vehicle in Brunswick County. Amount \$113.54, valuation \$1,810, year 1990, account #17-07827.

Rolie Dicker; 1980 Chevrolet traded for 1984 Pontiac, listed Rollie Dickers on #01-40760. Amount \$124.46, valuation \$3,270, year 1990, account #17-09086.

Patricia Kemp Dukes; 1984 Chrysler double-listed on regular list #01-49607, same name. Amount \$135.75, valuation \$4,780, year 1990, account #17-09442.

Linda Owens Flynn; vehicle listed in New Hanover County; moved out of Columbus County. Amount \$112.12, valuation \$1,620, year 1990, account #17-11392.

Eva Butler Gore; vehicle listed on Anthony Gore #07-05528 (1982 Pontiac). Amount \$107.18, valuation \$960, year 1990, account #17-14455.

George Laine Graham, Jr.; 1988 Ford and 1989 Dodge listed in Bladen County where he resides. Amount \$223.05, valuation \$16,450, year 1990, account #17-15273.

Frances Earl Hollis; 1983 GMC truck traded for 1988 Ford Ranger listed on regular list on account #08-09158. Amount \$119.90, valuation \$2,660, year 1990, account #17-18593.

Dorothy Evans Hudson; 1987 Oldsmobile listed in Pitt County where she resides. Amount \$179.82, valuation \$10,670, year 1990, account #17-18927.

Elwanda Johnson; 1986 Ford was listed on 1-30-90 to Gwendolyn Wilson on #06-43921, but was not priced. Amount \$100.00, valuation \$2,980, year 1990, account #17-20577.

Gayle Miller; 1981 Chevrolet junked in 1989. Amount \$106.95, valuation \$930, year 1990, account #17-26126.

Glenda Mitchell Moore; 1980 Toyota junked in 1986. Amount \$129.55, valuation \$3,430, years 1987, 1990, account #17-26703.

Mable Moore; 1976 Ford double-listed to Glendora Moore #04-11880. Amount \$12.30, valuation \$1,300, year 1986, account #17-26810. Amount \$12.30, valuation \$1,300, year 1986, account #17-26820.

Benjamin E. Nye; 1979 GMC & 1982 Toyota double-listed #08-13940, Benjamin & Mildred Nye Heirs. Amount \$83.25, valuation \$8,800, year 1986, account #17-28410.

Spencer May Strickland; 1988 Ford double-listed on #16-15420, same name. Amount \$148.70, valuation \$6,510, year 1990, account #17-36464.

Ray Earl Taylor, Jr.; 1976 Chevrolet truck was not in Columbus County on January 1, 1986. Amount \$30.75, valuation \$4,110, year 1986, account #17-37020.

Hassel G. Wall; listed in Georgia where he moved December of 1989. Amount \$139.42, valuation \$5,270, year 1990, account #17-38868.

Arthur Henry West; 1986 Lincoln & 1979 Cadillac double-listed to Arthur H. West on #03-08777. Amount \$197.99, valuation \$13,100, year 1990, account #17-40238.

Pedrew Everette Williamston; 1986 Toyota double-listed on regular list as Pedrew Everette Williamson #12-31604. Amount \$138.15, valuation \$5,100, year 1990, account #17-41561.

Avis Hester Ballard; lives and listed in Bladen County. Amount \$152.18, valuation \$6,280, years 1987, 1990, account #17-00783.

Richard H. Simmons; new house, 40% complete on January 1, 1990. Amount \$206.12, valuation \$23,800, year 1990, account #09-26687.

Garland Thompson; K-7A-54 not in the Whiteville Rescue District. K-7A-54A acreage included in map K-7A-43. Amount \$77.26, valuation \$56,300, year 1990, account #01-93680.

Dr. H.G. Walters & Helen; P-5-3 (3.25 acre tract) sold to State of N.C. in 1989. Amount \$70.72, valuation \$10,400, year 1990, account #11-28643.

Arthur H. West; 1979 Cadillac and 1986 Lincoln double-listed on regular list receipt #18758. Amount \$97.99, valuation \$13,100, year 1990, account #03-08777.

Edgar Young; only two (2) dwellings occupied. Amount \$30.00, year 1990, account #08-21360.

Doris R. Biddix (Mrs.); K-9-78 not in the Old Dock Fire District. Amount \$74.24, valuation \$92,800, year 1990, account #03-01240.

Virginia G. Price; Whiteville Rescue on K-7A-244 and K7-A-245 double-billed on receipts 8256 and 8257. Amount \$8.72, valuation \$43,600, year 1990, account #01-73140.

William Earl Skipper; Burnswick Fire District on property L-8-43 billed incorrectly. Amount \$4.64, valuation \$8,100, year 1990, account #03-22120.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Joseph T. & Sandra Rockwell, Route 1, Box 194, Hallsboro, NC 28442, in the amount of \$37.00, for year 1990. Small utility trailer was overpriced. Amount \$34.00, valuation \$5,000, year 1990, account #11-23015.

#### AWARD/PLAQUE - MIDDLE EAST MILITARY

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to place a plaque in the Columbus County Courthouse honoring Columbus County military personnel who served in the Middle East during Operation Desert Storm and Operation Desert Shield. Also, the names of any soldiers who gave their lives during the war are to be engraved on the plaque.

#### TELEPHONE SERVICE (AREA WIDE) - REQUEST LETTERS FROM MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

Commissioner Koonce stated that in order for the County to further pursue the area wide telephone system, it is necessary for the telephone companies to receive letters of request from municipalities, citizens, etc.

The Board concurred to direct Roy Lowe, County Administrator to coordinate the effort with John Moore, Jr., Emergency Management Coordinator, and Jimmy Jackson, Fire Marshal, to seek assistance from the fire and rescue departments, and civic club members in acquiring letters from the community requesting toll-free service throughout the county.



GOVERNING BODY - BOARD MEETING CANCELLED FOR MARCH 18, 1991

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to adopt the following resolution cancelling the March 18, 1991 Board meeting.

NOTICE TO CANCEL REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY,  
NORTH CAROLINA

The Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, at their regular meeting on the 4th day of March, 1991, unanimously adopted the following resolution and notice:

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners would hold a regular meeting on March 18, 1991 as regularly scheduled, and

WHEREAS, the majority of the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Columbus County, North Carolina are planning to attend the National Association of County Commissioners' Legislative Conference from March 16-19, 1991; and

WHEREAS, a majority is needed to form a quorum under North Carolina Law.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY that the regular meeting of the said Board scheduled for 7:30 P.M. on the 18th day of March 1991 be, and the same is hereby cancelled.

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.

ATTEST:

/s/ Lynwood Norris, Chairman  
Columbus County Board of  
Commissioners

/s/ Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:45 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION


At 9:10 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to resume regular session.


No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED:

  
Clerk to the Board

  
Chairman