

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 7:30 P.M., Monday, April 15, 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 Mr. Davis Godwin 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 April 1, 1991 Board meeting, as recorded.

ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS - FUNDING REQUEST FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS

Ms. Mavis Carroll, President of the Association of Retarded Citizens of Columbus County, requested the Board's consideration in funding the summer programs for the mentally handicapped persons to be included in the 1991-92 Columbus County Operating Budget. Ms. Carroll also invited the Commissioners to attend the ARC Annual Picnic, to be held May 15 1991 at Lake Waccamaw, N.C.

1990-91 OPERATING BUDGET - COUNTY BUSINESS TRAVEL

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to curtail all county travel immediately with the exception of the day to day travel necessary in carrying out the functions of each department within the County. Any travel outside the County is to be approved by Chairman Lynwood Norris and Administrator Roy L. Lowe.

INTERAGENCY TRANSPORTATION - REQUEST & APPROVAL FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Davis Godwin, Interagency Transportation Director, requested the Board to consider funding the Interagency Transportation Handicapped Program for the months of April, May, and June, 1991 in the amount of \$16,500.

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to fund the Sheltered Workshop Transportation Program up to \$5,200 per month through June 30, 1991. Further, amend the budget by appropriating funds from Non-Departmental - Contingencies (10-660-9999) in the amount of \$15,600.00 to be expended in Special Appropriations - Sheltered Workshop Transportation (10-690-9502).

COUNTY BUILDINGS - CONCERNED CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dial Gray, Jr., a concerned citizen, addressed the Board in reference to the construction of a social services building requesting how much space will be needed and parking facilities. Mr. Gray questioned the Board if a study has been done to consider the possibility of renovating existing buildings to accommodate the county building needs that would possibly minimize the cost instead of constructing a new building.

The Chairman informed Mr. Gray that the County has only interviewed Architectural Firms to consider drawing up a master plan for the approximately 55 acres that was purchased in 1990 North of Whiteville and at such time that constructing a building is considered, every feasible possibility will be explored and considered.

HOSPITAL (NEW HANOVER) - BOARD ENDORSES REHAB CENTER

David Plate, president of the New Hanover Regional Medical Center requested the Commissioners endorsement on a 45-bed rehabilitation hospital, stating that the closest rehab hospital to Columbus County is Fayetteville, NC.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to draft a "Resolution of Support" for the New Hanover Regional Medical Center's application for a 45-bed rehabilitation hospital contingent upon the approval of the Columbus County Hospital Board of Trustees.

Mr. Slate advised the Board that he has met with Mr. Ralph Rogers, Columbus County Hospital Administrator, and the Hospital Board endorses the application.

R E S O L U T I O N :

The Columbus County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting on April 15, 1991, unanimously adopted the following Resolution:

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, New Hanover Regional Medical Center is filing an application with the State Department of Human Resources for a Certificate of Need to build a 45-bed Adult Comprehensive Medical Rehabilitation Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Southeastern North Carolina is not presently being served by said facility within a reasonable driving distance; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County would benefit by the establishment of said facility in Wilmington, North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that they do hereby unanimously endorse the Application of New Hanover Regional Medical Center for a Certificate of Need to construct and operate a 45-bed Adult Comprehensive Medical Rehabilitation Hospital, and do hereby further direct that the Columbus County Administrator forward a copy of this Resolution to the State Department of Human Resources, Division of Facility Services, Certificate of Need Section, and to the New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

Respectfully submitted the day and year first above written.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board

/s/ Lynwood Norris, Chairman

COMMUNITY BASED ALTERNATIVES - 1990-91 BUDGET APPROVAL

The Administrator presented a letter from Judy Spivey, Chairperson of the Columbus County Youth Task Force requesting approval of the Community Based Alternatives 1991-92 Operating Budget in the amount of \$87,819 with the division as follows:

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>AMT. REQUESTED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
Court Psychologist	\$ 4,560.00	\$ 4,560.00
Whiteville Work study	8,000.00	7,000.00
Whiteville Student Assistance	36,000.00	33,000.00
Columbus Co. Home-School Counselors	62,299.00	43,009.00
CBA	250.00	250.00
TOTAL	\$111,109.00	\$ 87,819.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve the 1991-92 Community Based Alternatives Budget as recommended by the Youth Task Force Board of Directors and presented by the County Administrator. The complete 1991-92 Community Based Alternatives Budget is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

WAR MEMORIAL - REQUEST TO PLACE ON LIBRARY GROUNDS

Mrs. Fauzia Graham reported to the Board that she has met with Robert Crumpler with the Department of Transportation and the State does not approve of the memorial being placed on a traffic island at the courthouse. Mrs. Graham also met with Amanda Bible, the Library Director requesting the Library Board consider the placing of the war memorial on the Columbus County Public Library grounds.

Amanda Bible reported to the Commissioners that the Library Board does not meet until April 22, 1991, and a poll was conducted and it was agreeable to place the monument on the Library property with the stipulation that the Library Board would like to approve the design and placement and the monument must honor all servicemen from all wars.

The Commissioners suggested that Ms. Graham get other artists involved and possibly have contests within all county schools to get input in the design of the monument.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to accept Ms. Graham's proposal on the monument concept and authorized the appointment of a War Memorial Committee to be presented to the Commissioners at the next Board meeting for their approval.

APPOINTMENT - SEDC APPOINTMENT DELETED FROM AGENDA

The Chairman requested that the appointment to the Southeastern Economic Development Commission be deleted from the agenda until the next Board meeting.

The Board members concurred with the Chairman.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - HEALTH

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to approve to accept Jordan Adams State Funds (10-348-08) in the amount of \$2,053 to be expended in Maternal Health - Salaries (10-592-02).

BUDGET AMENDMENT - SOCIAL SERVICES

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to approve the Social Services Department inter-budget transfer as follows:

10-610-15 CPL Energy S.S. Administration	(\$5,650.16)
10-611-15 CP&L Energy Social Service Programs	5,650.16

RESOLUTION - ENDORSEMENT OF TRANSFERRING STATE LAND RECORDS

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to adopt the Resolution 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 15th day of April, unanimously adopted the following resolution:

R E S O L V E D :

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County are cognizant of the fact that the State of North Carolina is at the present time considering closing the state land records' office, which is presently under the Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners are also cognizant of the fact that the State of North Carolina is in a financially depressed condition, but that the said state land records' office should be maintained with little or no cost to the state; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners understand that the North Carolina Secretary of State is willing to maintain this office, with minor appropriations which are not in excess of the present appropriations.

BE IT, HEREBY, RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, that they do hereby endorse the transfer of the state land records' office from the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources to the Secretary of State's office with financial appropriations not to exceed their present funding level; and

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that they do hereby endorse the forwarding of this resolution to the Honorable Marc Basnight, State Senator and Chairman of the Appropriations' Committee, as well as, to the Honorable Robert Charles Soles, Jr., State Senator for Columbus County and the Honorable Leo Mercer, State Representative for Columbus County.

RESPECTFULLY submitted this the 15th day of April, 1991.

ATTESTED BY:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Ida L. Smith
Clerk to the Board

/s/ Lynwood Norris, Chairman

RESOLUTION - TAX FORM INCORPORATED

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to adopt the Resolution 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 15th day of April, 1991, unanimously adopted the following Resolution:

R E S O L V E D :

WHEREAS, Columbus County is presently required as a taxing unit to keep a sales assessment ratio in order to comply with the provisions which relate public utilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Revenue has suggested that certain forms be complied in order to properly maintain this said ratio; and

WHEREAS, W.D. Brooks, the duly appointed and acting Tax Administrator for Columbus County has simplified the *forms to identify only the material which is needed to maintain this ratio and all parties have agreed that the said forms shall remain confidential in the Columbus County Tax Administrator's office.

BE IT, HEREBY, RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, that they do hereby instruct W.D. Brooks, Jr., Columbus County Tax Administrator, to begin on the 1st day of June, 1991, to require, prior to the filing of any deeds in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Columbus County, North Carolina, that the preparers of the deed complete the attached form for the purpose of keeping and maintaining a sales assessment ratio, and that the said W.D. Brooks maintain these records in a separate area which is not generally inspected by the public. The Columbus County Tax Administrator's Office should not approve for recordation any deed which does not have with it the accompanying form completed by the person seeking to record the deed to the best of that said person's knowledge.

This the 15th day of April, 1991.

ATTESTED BY:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Ida L. Smith
Clerk to the Board

/s/ Lynwood Norris, Chairman

*Copy of form is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

GOVERNING BODY - REQUESTS SPECIAL LEGISLATION ON "DESIGN BUILT"

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to direct the County Attorney to request Senator R.C. Soles, Jr. and Representative Leo Mercer to request special state legislation to exempt Columbus County from N.C.G.S., Chapter 143, Article 3D (which will exempt Columbus County from the Bidding Statutes) and allow a "design built" construction for the Columbus County Department of Social Services.

TAX RELEASES AND REFUNDS

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

Harold Dean Blackwell; 1965 mobile home was double-listed to Howard Blackwell on account #16-01000. Amount \$6.80, valuation \$1,000, year 1990, account #16-00945.

Raymond & Edith Edwards; billed with two User Fees. One dwelling located on C-7-23. Amount \$30.00, year 1990, account #10-03960.

Strange Edward Fields; double-wide mobile home was affixed on real property E-2-55 also listed on personal property. Taxes were paid 3/7/90. Amount \$18.61, valuation \$2,740, year 1989, account #12-07980.

J. Roland Gore; properties map I-13-78, J-13-1 and J-13-9, double-listed to William Prince and Keith Prince. Amount \$848.49, valuation \$103,590, years 1982-1990, account #06-14720.

Matthew Hawkins & Ollie Mish; building (store) no longer in use. Amount \$18.00, year 1990, account #01-38200.

Jolly & Esther Rose Jacobs; failed to receive the senior-citizen's exemption on the building site where mobile home is located. Amount \$17.95, valuation \$2,640, year 1990, account #04-08360.

Myrtle Beach Central Leasing; vehicle (1984 Max.) listed to Franklin C. Walters on account #02-00260. Amount \$28.15, valuation \$4,140, year 1990, account #06-26610.

Isaiah B. & Eloise Snowten; failed to receive the Disability exemption on J-6B-58. Amount \$81.60, valuation \$12,000, year 1990, account #01-86965.

B.F. Turbeville; unidentified land (no map identification) does not own. No record of ownership. Amount \$1,187.92, valuation \$148,200, years 1981-1990, account #10-17120.

Hattie Frink Williams; % Jacqueline Vereen; 1981 Oldsmobile double-listed to Jacqueline Vereen on #13-41201. Amount \$13.60, valuation \$2,000, year 1990, account #13-43969.

Sanford Neil Hardee; personal property not in the Yam City Fire District. Amount \$45.06, valuation \$45,060, year 1990, account #09-12460.

Joyce Darlene Harrelson; 1978 Datsun double-listed Darlene Harrelson on #06-17450. Amount \$10.59, valuation \$1,120, year 1987, account #17-17205.

Ella Louise Harris; 1977 Buick junked prior to 1-1-90. Amount \$105.61, valuation \$750, year 1990, account #17-17267.

Nathan McCray; 1976 Ford junked in 1988. Amount \$162.47, valuation \$1,260, years 1989, 1990, account #17-24191.

Carroll Gray Meares; 1980 VW not in Columbus County since 1989. Amount \$107.85, valuation \$1,050, year 1990, account #17-25888.

Linda Formyduval Pope; 1979 Ford double-listed to James E. Pope on #11-20700. Amount \$107.11, valuation \$950, year 1990, account #17-29725.

Mable Daniels Powell; 1978 Cadillac traded for a 1988 Cadillac, already listed on regular list #01-71920. Amount \$115.26, valuation \$2,040, year 1990, account #17-29838.

James Gregory Robinson (Heirs); 1987 BMW was registered in Georgia in 1988. Amount \$294.70, valuation \$19,450, year 1990, account #17-31493.

Daniel Leon Rorie; 1987 Ford Ranger double-listed to Vickie Porter on regular list 13-32820. Amount \$134.11, valuation \$4,560, year 1990, account #17-31717.

Vickie Gail Rorie; 1978 Pontiac junked in 1989. Amount \$107.63, valuation \$1,020, year 1990, account #17-31770.

Manuel Pantoja; vehicle not located in Columbus County, NC on 1-1-91. Amount \$107.18, valuation \$960, year 1990, account #17-28728.

Patricia Ann Blackmon; 1977 Chevrolet sold for junk in 1989, 1986 Chevrolet traded for 1989 Chevrolet already listed to Patrick Joel Blackmon on #03-01683. Amount \$151.46, valuation \$9,790, year 1990, account #17-02524.

Kenneth Ray Hyatt; did not own 1989 Ford on 1-1-90. Vehicle was returned to Dealer. The 1987 Buick was listed on regular list to Kenneth Hyatt on #01-45210. Amount \$173.23, valuation \$9,790, year 1990, account #17-19185.

Welton Meares; 1979 Mercury listed in Bladen County where he resides. Amount \$110.63, valuation \$1,420, year 1990, account #17-25901.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Martha Stout, Box 675, Tabor City, NC 28463, in the amount of \$263.43 for year 1990. Leased vehicle was already listed by General Electric Capital Auto on account #06-13716. Taxes were paid 11-6-90. Account #06-38161.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Strange Edward Fields, Route 1, Box 261, Evergreen, NC 28438, in the amount of \$166.46, for year 1989. 1988 mobile home was double-listed on real (mobile home affixed) and personal property. Taxes were paid 3-7-90. Account #12-07980.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Sanford Neil Hardee, Route 3, Box 34-A, Tabor City, NC 28463, in the amount of \$48.00, for year 1989. Personal property not in Yam City Fire District. Account #09-12460.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - RAPE CRISIS

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to approve a budget revision for Rape Crisis as follows:

Accept 10-361-0000 Rape Crisis Funds	\$4,000.00
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To be expended:

10-514-0200 Salaries	\$1,000.00
10-514-1400 Travel	3,000.00

COMMUNITY BASED ALTERNATIVES - BUDGET REVISION

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to amend the Community Based Alternatives Budget to transfer funds not used within the Court Psychologist Program to the Cooperative Work Experience Program within the Whiteville City Schools.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:05 P.M., A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 9:35 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to resume regular session

No action was taken.

COUNTY DISTRICTED WATER - BOND REFERENDUM SCHEDULED

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to schedule the Columbus County Districted Water Bond Referendum for July 23, 1991 and schedule three public hearings within each of the following precincts with the public hearing dates to be scheduled at the next Board meeting:

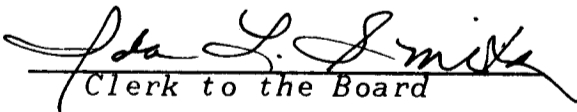
Williams 1 - Williams Township Fire Department
Williams 2 - Bethel or Sweethome Church
South Williams - Tabor City Town Hall

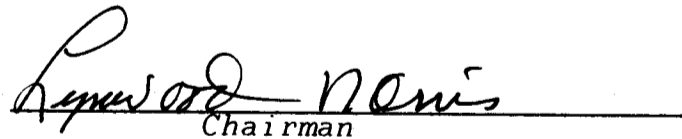
The above action is contingent upon the approval of James E. Hill, Jr. County Attorney.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:40 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVAL:


Clerk to the Board


Chairman