

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 7:30 P.M., October 19, 1992, it being the third Monday.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Worley, Chairman

Junior Dew, Vice Chairman

Lynwood Norris

Samuel G. Koonce

Mike Richardson

James E. Hill, Jr, Attorney

Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 5, and October 8, 1992 Board meetings, as recorded.

COUNTY DISTRICTED WATER - UPDATE ON PHASE I

Eric Weatherly, representing Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates, updated the Board on the progress of the Columbus County Water District Phase I project. Mr. Weatherly presented the Board with a revised Preliminary Engineering Report based on the house count survey performed in July and August, 1992 which received 460 positive household responses and would be approximately half as large as the original plan and requested the Board to allow him to send the survey to Farmers Home Administration to initiate their review process.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to allow Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates to proceed with sending the revised Preliminary Engineering Report to Farmers Home Administration for their review and approval.

LIVESTOCK ADVISORY COMMITTEE - REPORT FROM ALFRED MCPHERSON, VICE PRESIDENT

Alfred McPherson, Vice President of the Livestock Advisory Committee, reported that the Committee has held two meetings. At the present time, the committee is looking over information that the federal and state agencies have either recommended or are in the process of rewriting for guidelines for swine operations. The Committee is also collecting information from other counties with the same problems in

developing strategies. In the meantime, until the Committee has had time to sort through materials and develop some type of possible solutions to the issues, the Committee is requesting that the Commissioners establish a 90 day moratorium on the construction of new commercially confined intensive livestock operations in Columbus County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Koonce and passed unanimously to place a 90 day moratorium, to be renewed every 30 days, on the construction of new commercially confined intensive livestock operations in Columbus County.

FIRE & RESCUE - BUCKHEAD VFD REQUEST & APPROVAL OF BEGINNING ESTABLISHMENT OF SERVICE TAX DISTRICT

Walter "Tommy" Freeman, Chairman of the Buckhead Volunteer Fire Department, requested the Board to consider the establishment of a Service Tax District for the Buckhead Volunteer Fire Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to approve the preliminary work to establish a proposed Service Tax District for the Buckhead Volunteer Fire Department.

DOT - RESOLUTION TO ADD FOREST DRIVE LOCATED OFF US 74-76 BUSINESS TO STATE SYSTEM

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to approve the following Resolution:

NORTH CAROLINA STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

REQUEST FOR ADDITION TO STATE MAINTAINED SECONDARY ROAD SYSTEM

North Carolina

County of Columbus

Road Description: Forest Drive located off U.S. 74-76 Business

WHEREAS, the attached petition has been filed with the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Columbus requesting that the above described road, the location of which has been indicated in red on the attached map, be added to the Secondary Road System; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is of the opinion that the above described road should be added to the Secondary Road System, if the road meets minimum standards and criteria established by the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation for the addition of roads to the System.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Columbus that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the above described road, and to take over the road for maintenance if it meets established standards and criteria.

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus at a meeting on the 19th day of October, 1992.

WITNESS by hand and official seal this the 20th day of October, 1992.

/s/ Ida L. Smith

(SEAL)

Clerk, Board of Commissioners
County of Columbus

Further, Commissioner Dew requested that consideration be given to the following sub-divisions to be added to the State System:

Deerfield Estates - Located off old US 74-76

Lakeland (Stanley) Estates - Located off State Road 1914

Commissioner Norris requested that consideration be given to adding Sandy Acres (Buffkin Estates), located off NC 904, to the State maintained system.

DOMICILIARY/NURSING HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE - REPORT BY COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON

Commissioner Richardson, reported on behalf of the Domiciliary/Nursing Home Advisory Committee Chairman, Maxine Hinson, that there is still a vacancy that needs to be filled on the Committee and the Committee, all being female, is requesting male representation from either Fair Bluff, Chadbourn or Tabor City as there is not any representation from these areas.

Commissioner Norris stated he would contact Mr. Paul Benton from Tabor City and ask him to serve on the Domiciliary/Nursing Home Advisory Committee. The Board concurred with Commissioner Norris on the appointment of Mr. Benton if he agreed to serve.

Commissioner Norris called Ida Smith, Clerk to the Board, the following day and stated that he had contacted Paul Benton and he accepted the appointment to serve on the Domiciliary/Nursing Home Advisory Committee, to replace Billy Butler, who has resigned.

RECREATION - BIG CREEK PUBLIC BOAT RAMP

Dempsey Herring, Recreation Director, reported that the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission will not lease the Big Creek Public Boat Ramp at Lake Waccamaw from Federal Paper Board and requested the Board to consider the County lease the public boat ramp with the Recreation Department to service the ramp.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to direct James E. Hill, Jr., to draft a lease agreement/contract with Federal Paper Board and present to the Board for their consideration of approval.

ELECTIONS - GLOBAL REQUEST FOR BID DEPOSIT AND DENIED

Roy L. Lowe, County Administrator, advised the Board that Global Election Services has requested their bid deposit to be returned to them in the amount of \$7,658.65.

The Board reached a general consensus, for the Administrator to write a letter to Global Election Services, denying their request for their bid deposit as the equipment on the Purchase Agreement will not be put in to operations until the General Election on November 3, 1992. The stipulation of the Purchase Agreement is subject to satisfactory testing in each of our 26 precincts for the 1992 Columbus County General Election to be held November 3, 1992.

LIBRARY - LAKE WACCAMAW REQUEST FOR PARKING LOT FUNDING REFERRED TO LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to refer the request from the Town of Lake Waccamaw requesting \$1,000 toward funding the Lake Waccamaw Branch Library for paving the parking lot to the Library Board of Trustees.

AGENDA - ITEMS DELETED

The Board reached a general consensus to delete the following items from the agenda:

12. Airport - Request for \$1,000 monthly subsidy.
13. Solid Waste - Approval to purchase dumpsters from Chambers.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS - VARIOUS

A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendments:

Accept 10-348-3300 Alcohol/Drug Coalition-DHR	\$1,000
Expend 10-690-9702 Alcohol/Drug Prevention Coalition	\$1,000
Decrease 10-530-7400 Capital Outlay	(\$ 469)
Increase 10-530-1600 M/R - Equipment	\$ 469

SOLID WASTE - PROCEED WITH ARS PROPOSAL FOR ONE YEAR

The Board concurred to direct James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, to proceed with the contract proposal for operation of the existing Columbus County Landfill and Green Box System with American Refuse Systems, Incorporated, for one year, at a monthly cost of \$74,900.00, and present to the Board for their consideration of approval.

COUNTY BUILDINGS - BOARD ROOM RENOVATIONS AND FURNITURE

The Administrator presented the Board with a proposed drawing of the Board Room renovations and costs to extend the Conference Circle Table, and cost for nine (9) chairs that are necessary to accommodate the seven (7) member Board beginning December 7, 1992.

The costs are as follows:

Renovating the Board Room

Rooks Construction Company \$ 12,000.00

Extending the Conference Circle Table

Pridgen Cabinet Company \$ 4,000.00

Nine (9) new chairs

The News Reporter (state contract price) \$ 3,701.00

The Board concurred with Administrator Lowe on the extension of the Conference Circle Table and the purchase of nine chairs. The Board requested the Administrator to get two (2) additional bids on the Board Room renovations.

ATTORNEY - REQUEST & APPROVAL FOR GATE TO BE INSTALLED ON ROBINSON BUILDING AND ATTACHED TO ATTORNEY HILL'S OFFICE

Attorney James E. Hill, Jr., presented a letter from D. Jack Hooks, Jr. Chief District Court Judge, requesting the installation of a gate to enclose the alley way between the Sankey Robinson Judicial Chambers and the James E. Hill, Jr. office building to enhance the appearance of the property and make the Judicial Chambers and the Hill Building more secure at night with no cost to the County.

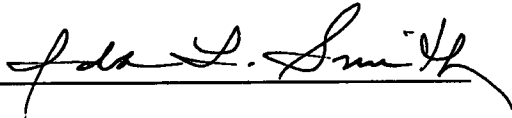
A motion was made by Commissioner Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to permit James E. Hill,

Jr., Attorney, to install a gate from his office building to the Sankey Robinson Judicial Chambers building, on County property, at Mr. Hill's expense.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

APPROVED:


Clerk to the Board


Chairman