

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in the Superior Courtroom, Columbus County Courthouse, Whiteville, NC, at 7:30 P.M., January 19, 1993, it being the third Tuesday, following the third Monday, it being an observed Holiday.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman

Mike Richardson, Vice Chairman

A. Dial Gray, III

Sammie Jacobs

Lynwood Norris

C. W. Williams

Ed Worley

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

Chairman Koonce called the meeting to order and the Reverend Claude King gave the invocation.

MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 4, 1993 Board meeting, as recorded.

ORDINANCE - NOISE (AMENDMENT)

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to amend the Noise Ordinance, Book 1, page 114, paragraph (8) as follows: Delete paragraph (8), Pets. The keeping of any animal or bird, which by causing frequent or long continued noise, shall disturb the comfort or repose of any person in the vicinity.

RESOLUTION - APPRECIATION TO RETHA STURDIVANT

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Retha Sturdivant has served as a member of the Health Board for nine (9) years with dedication and distinction; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Commissioners are cognizant of Retha's special talents and the invaluable service she has given our County in serving on the Board of Health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners

of Columbus County does hereby convey to Retha Sturdivant our heart-felt appreciation and commend her for the long-time service and exemplary spirit in carrying out the duties as a member of the Columbus County Board of Health.

Adopted this the 19th day of January, 1993.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: /s/ Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman
/s/ Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

ORATORIO SOCIETY - REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Mr. George M. Edwards, President of the Southeastern Oratorio Society, requested the Board consider funding the Oratorio Society an additional \$2,500.00 for the 1992-93 fiscal year.

The Board appropriated \$1,500.00 for the Oratorio Society when the 1992-93 Columbus County Operating Budget was adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to direct the Oratorio Society to contact the Arts Council and any other sources of funding available and call Chairman Koonce and advise him of the amount of funding received.

TAX - AUDIT FARM EQUIPMENT VALUES REQUEST BY FARM BUREAU

Bobby Sessions, spokesperson for members of the Farm Bureau, requested the Board to consider the farmers when auditing farm equipment values and make sure the process is fair. Mr. Sessions stated he was relieved after meeting with tax officials, including Bill Brooks, Tax Administrator, and a private auditor hired by the County to do the audits.

Bill Brooks, Tax Administrator, assured the persons in attendance, that the farm equipment auditing process will be fair. The farmer will need to show the auditor their depreciation schedules and make sure that any equipment not listed is not in use. Mr. Brooks further stated that farmers who list their property properly will not have any problem; those that have not listed their property correctly this year, may face audits for the past five years. Tax officials will assist farmers who need help listing taxes and will look for listings already filed that may have been in error.

TAX - EXTEND TAX LISTING UNTIL FEBRUARY 10, 1993

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to extend the regular tax listing date through February 10, 1993.

FIRE & RESCUE - NORTH WHITEVILLE PUBLIC HEARING DATE SET FOR FIRE TAX DISTRICT

Mr. William K. Brock, Chairman of the North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department, requested the Board to hold a public hearing, to consider setting a fire service district tax rate in the area of Columbus County known as the North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to set the date, time and place for holding the public hearing on February 16, 1993, at 7:00 P.M. at the North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Brooks was directed to place an advertisement in the paper announcing that the public hearing will be held.

N.C. ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVED TO FUND HUMAN SERVICES AUTOMATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Administrator presented a memorandum from the N.C. Association of County Commissioners in reference to the Human Services Automation Policy and Planning Council is initiating a three-phased plan of analysis and system improvements to meet county and state automation needs for public assistance programs. The North Carolina Counties share is \$150,000 based on their population proportions resulting in Columbus County's share being \$1,088.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appropriate funds in the amount of \$1,088.00 from Non-Departmental - Contingency (10-660-9999) to be expended in Special Appropriations - Contribution for Human Services Automation Policy and Planning Council's Automation Study (10-690-9600).

BUILDINGS (ADMINISTRATION) - BID AWARDED FOR CARPET

The Administrator presented three (3) bids for carpeting the Commissioners Chambers', Finance Office and adjoining rooms on first floor of the Administration building. The bids are as follows:

<i>Cindy's Paint and Wall Paper Center</i>	<i>\$2,226.44</i>
<i>The Sherwin Williams Company</i>	<i>2,319.34</i>
<i>Todd Furniture Company</i>	<i>2,350.00</i>

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to award the bid to the low bidder, Cindy's Paint and Wall Paper Center, in the amount of \$2,226.44. Further, approve a budget amendment to transfer line items as follows:

<i>10-410-74 Governing Body Capital Outlay</i>	<i>(\$2,000.00)</i>
<i>10-503-15 Adm. Building Main./Repairs</i>	<i>(227.00)</i>

To be expended as follows:

<i>10-503-72 Adm. Bldg.- Improvements</i>	<i>\$2,227.00</i>
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SCHOOLS (COLUMBUS COUNTY) - ADVANCE FUNDING APPROVED

The Administrator presented a letter from Mr. Thomas Nance, Columbus County Schools Superintendent, requesting the Board of Commissioners to provide an advance from projected sales tax revenue for the current year in the amount of \$200,000 with \$100,000 to be repaid from sales tax by February 15, 1993 and the other \$100,000 to be repaid from the same source after May 15, 1993.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to advance the Columbus County Schools sales tax revenue for the current year in the amount of \$200,000 with \$100,000 to be repaid from sales tax by February 15, 1993 and the remaining \$100,000 to be paid before the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1993.

LITERACY PROGRAMS - ADULT SPELLING BEE PARTICIPATION APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to participate in the fifth annual Adult Spelling Bee for Literacy and sponsor a team of three for the sum of \$150.00. Amanda Bible was appointed to participate as the team leader. Further, appropriate funds in the amount of \$150.00 from Non-Departmental - Contingency (10-660-9999) to be expended in Special Appropriations - Literacy Council Spelling Bee (10-690-9802).

BUDGET AMENDMENTS - VARIOUS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by

Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendments.

EXTENSION SERVICE:

Accept 10-335-00 Farm City Week Dinner Funds \$ 580.00

Expend 10-605-33 Demonstration Supplies \$ 580.00

HEALTH (WIC):

Accept 10-348-14 WIC Federal Funds \$18,506.00

Expend as follows:

10-598-02 Salaries 15,400.00

10-598-05 FICA 1,400.00

10-598-07 Retirement 1,706.00

HEALTH (IMMUNIZATION)

Accept 10-348-0702 Immunization Plan Funds \$2,899.00

Expend as follows:

10-579-02 Salaries 835.00

10-579-05 FICA 68.00

10-579-33 Departmental Supplies 1,996.00

BUDGET AMENDMENTS - VARIOUS (LINE ITEM TRANSFERS)

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendments, line item transfers.

GOVERNING BODY:

Decrease 10-410-53 Dues and Subs. (\$ 700.00)

Increase 10-410-57 Miscellaneous 700.00

ELECTIONS:

Decrease 10-430-32 Office Supplies (\$1,475.00)

Increase 10-430-03 Temp./Part-time services \$1,475.00

AGING:

Decrease 12-607-32 Office Supplies (\$ 150.00)

Decrease 12-613-32 Office Supplies (\$ 365.00)

Increase 12-607-74 Capital Outlay 150.00

Increase 12-610-32 Office Supplies 215.00

Increase 12-610-74 Capital Outlay 150.00

HUD:

Decrease 50-410-4170 Acct. & Auditing (\$1,500.00)

Increase 50-410-4190 Sundry (Misc.) 1,500.00

FIRE MARSHAL:

Decrease 10-530-14 Travel	(\$ 200.00)
Decrease 10-530-57 Miscellaneous	(216.00)
Decrease 10-530-74 Capital Outlay	(114.00)
Increase 10-530-11 Telephone	\$ 530.00

HEALTH (FAMILY PLANNING):

Decrease 10-591-02 Salaries	(\$ 1.00)
Increase 10-591-0201 Longevity	1.00

HEALTH (GENERAL)

Decrease 10-590-32 Office Supplies	(\$ 400.00)
Increase 10-590-21 Rent - Bldg. Equip.	400.00

HEALTH (MATERNAL OUTREACH):

Decrease 10-588-33 Departmental Supplies	(\$2,000.00)
Increase 10-588-14 Travel	2,000.00

HEALTH (CHILD)

Decrease 10-589-46 Drugs and Supplies	(\$2,000.00)
Increase 10-589-32 Office Supplies	\$2,000.00

APPOINTMENT - LIBRARY BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to appoint Viola Jacobs to serve on the Library Board of Trustees to serve a three and one-half year term to expire June 30, 1996, to replace Juanita Corbin.

TAX RELEASES AND REFUNDS

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

Lloyd & Cora Best; lot frontage of WH-3-935 corrected per survey. Amount \$139.87, valuation \$19,700, year 1992, account #01-05520.

Shirley L. Carmichael; affixed mobile home double-listed on real and personal property. Amount \$121.60, valuation \$15,590, year 1992, account #01-12475.

Henry Gregg & Joy Renee' Cole; billed with affixed mobile home already billed to Thomas Ford on #16-04840. Amount \$256.75, valuation \$32,500, year 1992, account #16-02847.

Ronald Regan Enzor; I-5-109; house destroyed by fire in 1991. Lot only. Amount \$566.28, valuation \$72,600, year 1992, account #01-02847.

Jeffrey Lynn, Jr. and Betty Fisher; 1987 Ford Mustang already listed on #17-1116, Tara M. Fipps. Amount \$48.27; valuation \$6,230, year 1992, account #01-16740.

Mary Katherine Fort; K-5-24A, not in Welches Creek Fire District. Amount \$206.17, year 1992, account #01-29005.

Joseph Aaron Gore; building used as repair shop, moved off since 1989. Amount \$115.50, valuation \$15,400, year 1991, account #09-11500.

Jason Craig Hill; 1990 Chevrolet, valuation too high. Amount \$41.19, valuation \$5,970, year 1992, account #01-40472.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lawson; E-5-31B, double-listed to E-5-31-L, Eddie L. Williamson #12-30383. Amount \$28,98, valuation \$4,200, year 1992, account #12-14560.

Lydia Mae Lennon; X-5-7, not in Acme Delco Fire District. Amount \$40.88, year 1992, account #15-23620.

Robert Edison & Geraldine Lennon; X-5-10, not in Acme-Delco Fire District; Amount \$40.00, year 1992, account #15-23740.

R. Duncan McFayden; 1958 Piper Aircraft double-listed on his regular listing #07-11525. Amount \$43.99, valuation \$6,375, year 1992, account #07-11532.

Louis G. Meares; 1988 Dodge traded for 1992 Ford Truck, already listed for 1992 (valuation \$6,580); also, farm tractor (valuation \$18,000) was double-listed on regular listing and business listing. Amount \$169.60, valuation \$24,580; year 1992, account #16-11077.

Barry & Mary Lou Norris; vehicles valued at \$5,420. not in Roseland Fire District (see 1-04-93 releases). Amount \$3.25, year 1992, account #09-22400.

Curley J. Oxendine; M-12-2B not in Whiteville Rescue. Amount \$11.09, year 1992, account #03-17250.

Doris Stephens J. Penny; M-4-3 (15.65 acres) and M-4-7 (46.80 acres) on land use value. Amount \$120.87; valuation \$15,300, year 1992, account #14-11820.

Leo Vandyke & Annie B. Smith; BT-2-147, acreage reduced from 5.57 acres to 1 acre tract. Amount \$101.25, valuation \$13,500, year 1992, account #04-14817.

Mitchel & Mary E. Stephens; H-4-3, not in Whiteville Rescue. Amount \$11.72, year 1992, account # 01-89540,

Mickey D. Strickland; failed to receive the Disability exemption on his mobile home. Amount \$57.13, valuation \$8,280, year 1992, account #03-24550.

Thomas E. & Jenny B. Ward; P5-1C, home 80% complete since 1991. Amount \$48.99, valuation \$7,100, year 1992, account # 11-29323.

Perritt E. Alford; vehicle listed in Brunswick County in January, 1992. Amount \$42.96, valuation \$5,660, year 1992, account #17-00081.

Jackie Jo Andel; 1986 BMW listed on #05-00098, same name. Amount \$71.19, valuation \$9,380, year 1992, account #17-00273.

Cheryl Malpass Beck; 1989 Nissan listed in Brunswick County. Amount \$40.46; valuation \$5,330; year 1992, account #17-01589.

Sterling Dale Beck; 1991 Ford listed in Brunswick County. Amount \$98.75, valuation \$13,010, year 1992; account #17-01616.

Kay Reaves Benton; listed on #03-01137, Kay Reaves Benton. Amount \$21.93, valuation \$2,890, year 1992, account # 17-02140.

Bigford Masonry & Construction; all vehicles listed in Bladen County. Amount \$74.38, valuation \$9,800, year 1992, account #17-02381.

Joel Everette Bullock; 1984 Datsun double-listed on Joe Everette Bullock, regular listing # 13-05600. Amount \$27.40, valuation \$3,610, year 1992, account #17-04966.

Edward Gene Cartrette, 1978 Chevrolet double-listed on #13-07540, Edward Gene & Rita Cartrette as a 1978 Chevrolet El Camino. Amount \$10.10, valuation \$1,330, year 1992, account #17-06275.

Henry Eva Campbell; 1977 Chevrolet junked in 1991. Amount \$9.26, valuation \$1,220, year 1992, account #17-05729.

Franklin Deland Clark, Jr.; vehicle listed in Cumberland County. Amount \$108.16; valuation \$14,250, year 1992; account # 17-06737.

Davis Jewelers, Inc.; 1985 Oldsmobile double-listed to Lloyd C. & Geneva Higgs #06-19160. Amount \$22.09; valuation \$2,910, year 1992, account #17-08564.

Connie Sue Davis; vehicle listed to Clarence Truman Buffkin on #16-01890. Amount \$11.62, valuation \$1,530, year 1992, account #17-08675.

Kathleen McDuffie Davis; 1976 Mercury and 1990 Dodge double-listed on # 13-42660, Kathleen M. Washington. Amount \$91.31, valuation \$12,030, year 1992, account #17-08683.

Eugene Edmund; 1977 Harley D. listed on #12-06693, Charles Eugene Edmund. Amount \$8.43, valuation \$1,110, year 1992, account #17-09758.

Robin Gail Edwards; vehicle listed on #13-11755, Randy & Gail Edwards. Amount \$44.78, valuation \$5,900, year 1992, account #17-10072.

Stanley Jay Falls; all vehicles listed on #06-09338, regular listing. Amount \$51.08, valuation \$6,730, year 1992, account #17-10778.

Janelle Frances Faulk; vehicle was listed in Pitt County. Amount \$12.95, valuation \$1,570, year 1992, account #17-10888.

Randolph Ford; 1984 Chevrolet double-listed on #06-10445, Janie N. & Randolph Ford. Amount \$29.07, valuation \$3,830, year 1992, account #17-11484.

Stephen L. Gore; 1987 Ford sold October, 1991. Amount \$27.40, valuation \$3,620, year 1992, account #17-14926.

Ophelia Munn; 1991 Jeep listed in Bladen County for 1992. Now lives in Pennsylvania. Amount \$128.43, valuation \$16,920, year 1992, account #17-27186.

Charles Bryant Smith, Inc; 2 vehicles listed on #04-14550, Charles Byrant & Barbara Smith. Amount \$117.27, valuation \$15,450, year 1992, account #17-33754.

Stephen Orlando Smith; 1982 Toyota junked December 7, 1990. Amount \$11.23; valuation \$1,480, year 1992; account #17-34485.

Rebecca Jean Stanley; vehicle double-listed on #06-35873, Jean Stanley and Arthur Simoneau. Amount \$22.32, valuation \$2,940, year 1992, account #17-35506.

Rebecca Jeanne Stout; not in Columbus County Janaury 1, 1991.
Lives in Rocky Point. Amount \$14.27, valuation \$1,880, year 1992,
account #17-36179.

Release Landfill User Fees for the following accounts:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>
William E. & Betty F. Beking	\$30.00	1992	03-00870
Rosabel Bullard	30.00	1992	13-05300
Shirley L. Carmichael	30.00	1992	01-12475
Ronald Regan Enzor	30.00	1992	01-24501
Esther W.B. Ford, Mrs.	30.00	1992	16-04680
Joseph Aaron Gore	60.00	1991-92	09-11500
Charles M. Herring	30.00	1992	12-11700
Thomas H. Hobbs	30.00	1992	13-19440
S.C. Long Heirs	30.00	1992	09-17040
Frances M. Owens	30.00	1992	15-28860
Bonnie Kay Prince	30.00	1992	09-24220
Mickey D. Strickland	30.00	1992	03-24550
Roger Dale & Rhonda W. Ward	30.00	1992	09-32610

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Hilda Green Jacobs,
Route 1, Box 736, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450, in the amount of \$57.23,
for year 1992. 1988 Buick, double-listed to Samuel Edwards and Hilda
Jacobs. All taxes paid. Valuation \$7,540, account #17-19915.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Vance T. & Irene G.
Maultsby, P.O. Box 764, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of
\$44.73, for year 1992. K-5A-64 sold and rebilled to Edith Mae
Russell on #01-78480. Valuation \$6,300, account #01-60442.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Curley J. Oxendine,
Route 1, Box 357C, Nakina, NC 28455, in the amount of \$19.09, for
years 1990 and 1991. M-12-2-B, not in the Whiteville Rescue
District. Account #03-17250.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Ann H. Pedro & Ann
Birmelin, 103 Edmund Street, Chadbourn, NC 28431, in the amount of
\$1.43, for year 1992. Personal property valued \$7,140, not in the
Whiteville Rescue District. Account #13-32335.

APPOINTMENT - HEALTH BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by

Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to appoint Graham Rooks to serve on the Health Board of Directors as the registered engineer representative for a three year term, with term expiring December 31, 1995. Mr. Rooks will replace Mr. William Delaney.

PAY PLAN - AUTHORIZED STUDY OF CLASSIFICATION-PAY PLAN

The Board reached a general consensus to direct the Administrator to request David M. Griffith and Associates to make a proposal to Columbus County to study our current classification and pay plan and determine what it will take to bring our plan up to date.

LEASE AGREEMENT - COLUMBUS COUNTY SCHOOLS (TABOR CITY ATHLETIC COMPLEX)

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to approve the lease agreement with the Columbus County Board of Education and the County of Columbus to lease the Tabor City Athletic Complex.

Columbus County is to pay to the Board of Education on the date this agreement is executed the sum of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND, NINETY DOLLARS (\$17,090.00) representing the sum required by the Board of Education to replace the field lights, poles and lighting equipment for use at the South Columbus High School. Funding in the amount of \$17,090.00 is to be appropriated from Non-Departmental - Contingency (10-660-9999) and is to be expended in Special Appropriations - Columbus County Schools - Tabor City Athletic Complex (10-690-9511).

Commissioner Norris reported that \$10,000.00 has been donated from the Tabor City area and he hopes to receive more donations to help toward the purchase of the lighting equipment at the Tabor City Athletic Complex. When donations are received by the County, the funds are to be credited to the Non-Departmental - Contingency account (10-660-9999).

Further, the Board agreed to give Chairman Koonce the authority to execute the lease agreement when the lease is finalized.

SCHOOLS (NAKINA) - COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON TO SELECT A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH RALEIGH PLANNING COMMITTEE ON NAKINA FACILITY

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by

Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve Commissioner Richardson to select a Community Committee to work with Bob Etheridge and the Planning Committee in Raleigh to discuss what can be done to utilize the Nakina High School facility.

DOT - REQUEST SURVEY ON S.R. 1111

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to request the Department of Transportation to do a survey on the width of State Road 1111. When school bus traffic is on the road, it is impossible for other vehicles to pass in either direction.

ROAD NAMING SIGNS - STATUS

Commissioner Worley questioned Dempsey Herring on the status of the replacement of Road naming signs.

Mr. Herring reported that the Road naming signs are here and his department is waiting for the posts which have been shipped and due Friday, January 22, 1993. The Recreation Department is scheduled to begin the installation of the signs on Monday, January 25, 1993.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve a budget amendment for the Administration Building as follows:

Decrease 10-503-15 Maintenance & Repair	(\$412.00)
Increase 10-503-72 Capital Outlay-Blinds	412.00

BUDGET AMENDMENT - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to approve a budget amendment for the Emergency Management department as follows:

Decrease 10-525-0200 Salaries	(\$1,500.00)
Increase 10-525-7400 Capital Outlay	1,500.00

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

APPROVED:


Clerk to the Board


Chairman