

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 111 Washington Street, Whiteville NC, at 7:30 P.M., May 17, 1993, it being the third Monday.

**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  
 Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

**ABSENT:**

Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

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

**BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 3, 1993, Board meeting, as recorded.

**PUBLIC HEARING - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into a public hearing.

Chairman Koonce stated that this was the second public hearing in reference to the proposed filing of a Community Revitalization Grant under the 1993 Community Development Block Grant Program.

Chairman Koonce then turned the meeting over to Tony Patnode, E.I.T., with Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, P.A.

Mr. Patnode stated that the purpose of the public hearing is to gather citizen's views and comments prior to the submission of the application request up to \$600,000 in CDBG assistance to provide public facilities as well as housing rehabilitation for a

concentrated area of need within the county's jurisdiction.

Chairman Koonce then announced that all those interested persons wishing to contend for or protest against the Community Revitalization Grant to be recognized by raising their hand and stating their name.

Mr. Patnode identified specific target areas are located on State Road 1436 and the Georgia-Pacific Road. The grant will include the rehabilitation of twenty-four (24) dwellings and extension of 12" water main lines. The cost of the total project is estimated to be \$600,000 Grant funding with the County to contribute \$125,000. Mr. Patnode requested the Board to adopt a Resolution of participation if they desire to continue with the grant application as it is due by May 28, 1993.

There were several comments by the Board members on how was the area chosen for the grant and if the water and sewer lines were to be connected to the Industrial Park.

There were no comments by the public.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to table the Resolution request until the Economic Development Director and Administrator can enlighten the Board on how the County can benefit from the grant, if awarded. Roy Lowe, County Administrator, is to advise Chairman Koonce and the Chairman can call a meeting concerning the Grant application, if necessary.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - REQUEST DATE FOR MEETING WITH NCEMC**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to table the request from John Moore, Emergency Management Coordinator, to schedule a date to meet with the North Carolina Emergency Management Coordinator from the Area "C" office in Wallace until the middle of June, 1993.

**ARTS COUNCIL - MARVELLA DORMAN REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

Marvella Dorman, Arts Council Chairman, gave a report on the Arts Council for 1992 and requested the Board to consider funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the Arts Council for Budget Year 1993-94, if possible.

Ms. Dorman also introduced Michelle Formyduval as the Arts Council Manager.

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS - HEALTH**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to amend the Health Department's budget as follows:

Accept 10-348-09 Home Health State Funds	\$3,472.00
Expend 10-593-4503 Contracted Services	\$3,472.00
Accept 10-348-07 Title X State Funds	\$2,392.00
Expend 10-591-46 Drugs and Supplies	\$2,392.00

**BUDGET AMENDMENT - FIRE MARSHAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to approve the Fire Marshal's budget amendment as follows:

Accept 10-335-0000 Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 250.00
Expend as follows:	
Decrease 10-501-16 M/R Equipment	(\$ 300.00)
Decrease 10-501-54 Insurance	( 158.00)
Decrease 10-515-57 Miscellaneous	( 334.00)
Increase 10-501-74 Capital Outlay	\$ 792.00
Increase 10-530-36 Uniforms	\$ 250.00

**BUDGET AMENDMENT - CORONER**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to approve the Coroner's budget amendment as follows:

Increase 10-600-0200 Salaries	\$3,100.00
Increase 10-600-0400 Pro. Ser./Autopsies	3,500.00
Increase 10-600-0500 FICA	237.00
Decrease 10-660-9999 Non Dept.-Contingency	\$6,837.00

**RECREATION - ACCEPT FUNDING FROM TABOR CITY CIVITANS FOR ATHLETIC**

**COMPLEX**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to accept funds in the amount of \$2,500.00, in Miscellaneous Revenue, from the Tabor City Civitans as a contribution to the Tabor City Athletic Complex lighting to replace expenditures made from Non-Departmental

Contingencies.

**APPOINTMENT - TOWN OF BRUNSWICK**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to appoint Caletta Faulk to serve on the Town of Brunswick Planning Board representing the extraterritorial area of the Town of Brunswick.

**SENIOR CENTER/AGING - DESIGNATED AS SOLE PROVIDER**

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to combine the Department of Aging monies (\$252,037.00) and Department of Social Services Grant monies (\$46,456.00) funded through the Cape Fear Council of Governments to the Department of Aging and designate the Department of Aging as the Sole Service Provider.

**SENIOR CENTER/AGING - ALLOCATION APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the allocation level for the Grant monies to the Department of Aging, as listed below for the next fiscal year:

In-Home Aide	\$62,618.00
Transportation	37,168.00
Senior Center Operations	44,336.00
Minor Home Repairs	2,000.00
Case Assistance	28,252.00
Congregate Meals	76,474.00
Home Delivered Meals	<u>47,645.00</u>
TOTAL	\$298,493.00

**APPOINTMENT - SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to reappoint John C. Williams to serve on the Southeastern Community College Board of Directors, for a four (4) year term, with term expiring June 30, 1997.

**911 COMMISSIONERS' STUDY COMMITTEE - RECOMMENDATIONS & APPROVAL**

Commissioner Richardson, Chairman of the 911 Commissioners' Study Committee, presented the following recommendations from the Commissioner' Study Committee for the 911

project:

1. Utilizing existing facility (Miller Building Wing) to provide E911 services with the funding from E911 to pay for all renovation costs.
2. The cost of \$1.50 surcharge per month will substantiate the cost of the system, plus the cost of equipment and the renovation of the existing building.
3. The County will provide at least six (6) employees to man the E911 system.
4. Contact Carolina Telephone to implement the surcharge as soon as possible (120 days).
5. Recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the proposal from Specialized Data Systems, (Manatron) in the amount of \$1,384,260.00.
6. Authorize the County Administrator to execute a loan for the amount of \$1,384,260.00 with Southern National Leasing with the understanding that the loan will be repaid with the E911 Surcharge funding.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to accept the E911 Surcharge Commissioners' Committee report and directed the County Attorney, James E. Hill, Jr., to assist in the development of a Contract with Specialized Data Systems, Incorporated, a subsidiary of Manatron, Greenville, NC, in accordance with the above recommendations and present to the Board for approval at the next Board meeting.

**BUILDINGS (SOCIAL SERVICES) - UPDATE ON BIDS**

Dempsey Herring, Recreation Director, updated the Board on the bid progress for the Social Services' Building and stated that the bids should be ready to advertise in approximately four (4) weeks.

**TAX RELEASES & REFUNDS**

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

Frances Baldwin; Vehicle listed in Bladen County where

she resides. Amount \$57.38, valuation \$7,560, year 1992, account # 17-00755

Viola Barden; 1988 Nissan double-listed to Georgia Hardy on # 01-37254. Amount \$51.01, valuation \$6,720, year 1992, account # 17-01022.

Arlene Bullard Blue (Mrs.); unidentified property. Does not exist. Amount \$418.12, valuation \$55,840, years 1983 through 1992, account # 12-01880.

J. A. Chathman c/o Samuel Stanley; unidentified property. Does not exist. Amount \$30.36, valuation \$4,400, year 1992, account # 07-01700.

A. Badger Campbell (Heirs); G-3-10, house unoccupied. Amount \$30.00 User fees, year 1992, account # 12-05060.

East Coast Timber Company; unidentified property. Does not exist. Amount \$133.60, valuation \$19,680, years 1984 through 1992, account # 07-03860.

Italy Evans; unidentified land. Does not exist. Amount \$98.30, valuation \$13,000, years 1983 through 1992, account # 12-07180.

Karen DeRosa Fowler; vehicle double-listed to Karen DeRosa Bullock on # 12-04698. Amount \$11.91, valuation \$1,570, year 1992, account # 17-11793.

Lewis Jacobs; unidentified property. Does not exist. Amount \$148.00, valuation \$20,000, years 1983 through 1992, account #11-14260.

Liller Patrick Lee; listing in Bladen County where she has been living since 1986. Amount \$241.29, valuation \$18,080, years 1987 through 1992, account # 17-22280.

D. G. Mercer; unidentified land. Does not exist. Amount \$353.94, valuation \$42,800, years 1983 through 1992, account # 13-27540.

Colson Lemuel McKee; vehicle junked prior to 1-1-92. Amount \$17.08, valuation \$2,250, year 1992, account # 17-24556.

Frances McLelland (Heirs); unidentified property. Does not exist. Amount \$318.62, valuation \$42,160, years 1983 through 1992, account # 13-26160.

Terry Lee Nance; 1981 Datsun and 1986 Oldsmobile were listed in Robeson County for years 1991 and 1992. Amount \$38.90, valuation \$4,980, year 1992, account # 17-27506.

Valiery Patrick; vehicle listed in Bladen County where she resides. Amount \$16.84, valuation \$1,780, year 1987, account # 17-28995.

Henry Pierce (Heirs); unidentified property. Does not exist. Amount \$222.83, valuation \$34,700, years 1990 through 1992, account # 11-19800.

Edwina Yvonne Prince; 1988 Chevrolet double-listed on # 07-13240. 1987 Nissan repossessed. Amount \$73.55, valuation \$9,690, year 1991, account # 17-30361.

Dora Pittman; unidentified property. Does not exist. Amount \$32.07, valuation 4,200, years 1983 through 1992, account # 10-13500.

Edward Dewey Ray; deferred taxes billed through error. K-9-72 in Present Use Value. Amount \$161.46, valuation \$20,700, year 1992, account # 03-18325.

Irene W. Reynolds; failed to receive the Senior Citizens's exemption on her mobile home. Amount \$6.90, valuation \$1,000, year 1992, account # 15-31460.

Susie Richardson; unidentified property. Land does not exist. Amount \$112.38, valuation \$14,800, years 1983 through 1992, account # 12-23280.

Joseph M. Rhodes; K-12-36, property owned by FHA since 1991. Tax exempt. Amount \$288.06, valuation \$37,400, year 1992, account # 09-24817.

Earl & Mildred S. Robbins; J-7-22 in Present Use Value for 1992. Deferred taxes billed incorrectly. Amount \$52.26, valuation \$6,700, year 1992, account # 01-76680.

J. C. Robinson (Heirs); J-6A-103, double-listed to J-6A-105. Amount \$40.47, valuation \$5,700, year 1992, account # 01-76940.

Kimberly Coleman Soles; 1990 Ford listed and taxes paid in S. C. where she resides. Amount \$57.08, valuation \$7,520, year 1992, account # 17-34792.

Daniel Thompson; J-6C-45 in Present Use Value. Deferred taxes billed through error. Amount \$160.16, valuation \$20,800, years 1990 through 1992, account # 01-93400.

Pansy Lee Todd; 1985 Chevrolet double-listed to Otis & Pansy Todd on #16-02595. Amount \$136.62, valuation \$4,820, year 1992, account # 17-37697.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to American Finance Group, Exchange Place, Boston, Mass. 02109, in the amount of \$27,319.00 for year 1991. Reason: Lease equipment double-listed to State Street Bank and Trust Company. Valuation \$3,959,287, account # 15-00405.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Virginia Ellen Gerald Motley, 453 South Main Street, Danville, Va. 24541 (Statement in Virginia Ellen Gerald), in the amount of \$94.46 for year 1989. Reason: 1975 Ford vehicle was listed in Danville, Va. in 1989 (reimbursing portion of taxes paid through error). Valuation \$780, account # 17-13653.

Ordered: that refund check be issued to Earl & Mildred Robbins, Route # 5, Box 27, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, in the amount of \$64.10 for year 1989 (billed in 1992). Reason: J-7-3 was not in "Present Use Value" in 1989. Deferred taxes prepaid through error. Valuation \$6,700, account # 01-76680.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Pansy Lee Todd, Route # 1, Box 46, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, in the amount of \$50.00 for year 1989. Reason: 1985 Chevrolet was double-listed to Otis & Pansy Todd on # 16-01595. Valuation \$5,640, account # 17-37697.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Gladys Wheeler, Post Office Box 116, Barnesville, Georgia 30204, (Norman N. Norris c/o Gladys Wheeler), in the amount of \$306.34 for years 1989 through 1992. Reason: G-11-65A in Present Use Value. Deferred taxes billed and paid through error. Valuation \$38,000, account # 09-23160.

**BUILDINGS - CONSIDERATION TO BE TAKEN SURVEY ON COUNTY AGENCIES**

**SPACE NEEDS**

Mr. Frank Ballard, Ballard Architects, AIA, Inc.



presented a proposal to survey all county owned buildings presently occupied; provide a detailed description, structure, and present condition and a generalized recommendation regarding needed repairs, mechanical systems, etc.; meet with each department head for purposes of analyzing future space requirements; and will provide 20 bound copies of a report containing these findings. Ballard Architect proposes that the planning services be conducted on a logged time basis with cost not to exceed \$15,500.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray to accept the proposal as presented by Mr. Frank Ballard, and proceed.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed to take the proposal into consideration, as presented by Mr. Frank Ballard.

AYES: Commissioners Richardson, Norris, Koonce, Williams, Jacobs, Worley

NOES: Commissioner Gray

**CORP OF ENGINEERS – REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF DEBRIS FROM WETLANDS ON FOREST DRIVE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to contact the Corp of Engineers, Wilmington, NC, to check the wetlands on Forest Drive, West of Whiteville, located off Old 74-76/130, (Chadbourn Road) as the swamp is filled with debris causing residents property to flood and needs attention.

**HOUSE BILL 1034 – LETTER OF OPPOSITION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to write letters and make verbal contact to members of the General Assembly, representing the people of Columbus County, to oppose House Bill 1034 which states: "To allow public contracts involving less than fifty thousand dollars to be awarded to nonlicensed contractors."

**HANDICAPPED TRANSPORTATION – PAUL BENTON REQUEST**

Mr. Paul Benton, representing Handicapped Transportation, requested the Board to consider funding an additional \$11,121.00 to the Handicapped Transportation Program, to complete Fiscal Year 1992-93. The Handicapped Transportation Program was funded

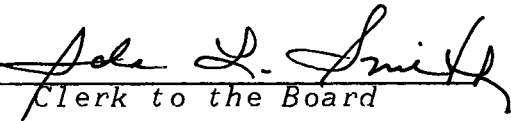
\$75,000.00 for Fiscal Year 1993-93.

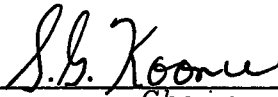
The Board reached a general consensus to advise Mr. Benton the Board will take the request into consideration and advise him at the next Board meeting.

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