

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, NC, at 7:30 P.M., August 16, 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

Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

Chairman Koonce called the meeting to order and Commissioner Sammie Jacobs, gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the August 2, 1993 minutes, as recorded.

**SALARIES - WAGE AND SALARY COMPENSATION STUDY PRESENTATION**

Hal Scott and Beth Meldau, representing David M. Griffith & Associates, presented the Wage and Salary Compensation study that was prepared by their organization for Columbus County. The cost to the County to implement the plan, should the Commissioners approve the study is as follows:

Retroactive to July 1, 1993	\$405,826.00
Effective October 1, 1993	\$304,370.00
Effective January 1, 1994	\$202,913.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to accept the information presented by David M. Griffith & Associates for further study.

**APPOINTMENT - WHITEVILLE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appoint George Inman to serve on the Whiteville Board of Adjustment Board of Directors

as an extra-territorial member for a three (3) year term, expiring August 1, 1996.

TAX RELEASES

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

Cathy Lillie Baldwin; M-2-4A double-listed to Kathy Baldwin on # 14-01003. Amount \$16.80, valuation \$2,100, year 1993, account # 14-00457.

Frances L. Batten; failed to receive disability exemption on mobile home. Amount 86.40, valuation \$12,000, year 1993, account #11-01585.

Glenn J. Biddle; 1985 Toyota Van wrecked and totalled in July, 1992. Amount \$20.95. valuation \$2,910, year 1993, account # 03-01223.

Daniel Bracey; T-3-57, sold to Town of Bolton over 10 years ago (Tax exempt). Amount \$193.61, valuation \$25,100, years 1983 through 1992, account # 04-01340.

Linda R. Britt; 1983 Plymouth, licenced vehicle. Amount \$7.27, valuation \$1,010, year 1993, account # 13-03988.

Ruth Wright Brown; failed to receive Senior Citizens's exemption on her lot and house. Amount \$91.84, valuation \$11,200, year 1993, account # 09-1640.

Junior and Clara Duncan; failed to receive the Senior-Citizen's exemption on lot and house H-9-109. Amount \$90.60, valuation \$12,000, year 1993, account # 09-07101.

Ruth Faulk; failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption on mobile home located on FB-2-223. Amount \$7.20, valuation \$1,000, year 1993, account # 10-05280.

Jesse Garrell; failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption on mobile home located on F-5-46. Amount \$19.43, valuation \$2,370, year 1993, account # 12-08880.

Charles Gore; W-4-49A, not in Acme-Delco Fire District. Amount \$10.44, year 1993, account # 15-15621.

Tiny and Zudie Bell Gore; W-4-45E, not in Acme-Delco Fire District. Amount \$31.16, year 1993, account # 15-15910.

Mrs. Ruth G. Harrelson; mobile Home affixed for 1993; failed to receive Senior Citizen's exemption. Amount \$30.50, valuation \$3,720, year 1993, account # 06-17860.

Frank and Uleah Hutsell; N-8-28B does not exist. Same as N-8-22, Lee Roy Evans. Amount \$64.80, valuation \$8,100, year 1993, account # 03-11600.

Sammy and Jean Jacobs; S-2-44, S-1-42A and S-1-45; not in Fire District. Amount \$21.06, year 1993, account # 04-08760.

Donald Earl and Debra James; mobile home located on H-11-79D is not affixed. Already listed as Personal Property on # 06-20502, South Williams Township. Amount \$323.06, valuation \$44,800, years 1992 and 1993, account #09-15507.

Jeff and Beth M. Kelly; licensed vehicles listed and billed through error on this account. Amount \$62.50, valuation \$8,680, year 1993, account # 15-22183.

Claudie and Rachel J. Kirksey; BT-1-188 not in Buckhead Fire District. Amount \$2.28, year 1993, account # 04-09700.

McNeill's Cleaners; HB-3-154, building burned in 1991. Amount \$59.50, valuation \$7,500, year 1993, account # 11-6880.

David R. & Gayle Memory; B-2-5A, wrong occupancy code. Amount \$483.84, (501.84-18.00), valuation \$69,700, year 1993, account #10-12140.

National Spinning Co., Inc.; machinery and equipment prior to 1981; used 25% depreciation instead of 15%. Amount \$3,060.48, valuation \$377,837, year 1993, account # 01-64880.

Dorothy Little; W-4-76, mobile home not hooked up, salvaged. Amount \$18.00 valuation \$1,000 (P) + \$1,500 (R), year 1993, account #15-24080.

Levi Daniel Powell; 1984 Pontiac not in Columbus County since July, 1986. Amount \$62.62, valuation \$6,620, year 1987, account #17-29975.

Julian C. Prevatte: WS-2-86A, vacant lot. Valuation of \$49,500 keyed in through error. Should be \$13,750. Amount \$257.40, valuation \$35,750, year 1993, account # 11-21410.

Mildred McCumbee Prince; failed to receive Senior-Citizen's exemption on Mobile Home located on G-11-62. Amount

\$20.91, valuation \$2,680, year 1993, account # 09-24352.

Lucille & U. V. Sellers; failed to receive Disability exemption on I-8-92. Amount \$96.00, valuation \$12,000, year 1993, account #01-80860.

Rudolph Shaw; J-6B-178A; affixed mobile home double-listed on real and personal property. Amount \$136.66, valuation \$18,980, year 1993, account #01-81763.

Fred Jefferson Simmons; double-wide mobile home double-listed to Deborah Simmons on account # 12-23976. Amount \$42.61, valuation \$5,380, year 1993, account #12-24983.

Elbert Frank and Nellie M. Smith; failed to receive Disability exemption on their residence. Amount \$26.93, valuation \$4,940, year 1993, account # 03-22410.

George Jerome Smith; J-10-24B, not in Whiteville Rescue. Amount \$1.76, year 1993, account # 09-27223.

George Calvin and Mary Lou Smith; mobile home double-listed, J-10-15A. Amount \$18.48, valuation \$2,370, year 1993, account # 09-27200.

Mark and Deborah Stephens; licensed vehicles, (1991 Honda and 1981 Toyota) listed through error on this account. Amount \$109.49, valuation \$13,860, year 1993, account # 03-23053.

Mary Alice Teichmann; licensed vehicle listed on this account through error. Amount \$19.22, valuation \$2,670, year 1993, account # 01-86092.

Angela D. Todd; mobile home double-listed on account # 13-00176, Gary and Melissa Anderson. Amount \$81.86, valuation \$11,370, year 1993, account # 13-40341.

United States of America; K-9-72B, property of USA, tax exempt. Amount \$277.83, valuation \$34,300, year 1993, account # 03-17163.

Liston David Ward; I-13-79, double-listed to Richard and Vickie Fowler, # 06-12443. Amount \$27.36, valuation \$3,800, year 1993, account # 06-41060.

Fred D. Webb, Jr.; X-4-33 double-listed on account # 15-37927, same name, Fred D. Jr. and Julie Webb. Amount \$11.84, valuation \$1,600, years 1991 and 1992, account # 15-37928.

Charles K. and Carolyn J. Young; J-5-14A square footage calculated incorrectly. Amount \$205.98, valuation \$27,700, year 1993, account # 02-09735.

Ruth Wright Brown; exempted due to Senior-Citizens exemption. Amount \$30.00 user fees, year 1993, account # 09-01640.

Doretha A. Cox; K-13-4, one house only. Amount \$30.00 user fees, year 1993, account # 09-05080.

Howard Lofton Cox, Sr.; I-14-40, one house occupied only. Amount \$30.00 user fees, year 1993, account # 07-02700.

Michael and Paula Davis; K-5-22, one house only. Amount \$30.00 user fees, year 1993, account # 01-19956.

Timothy Lee and Vicki Lynn Drexler; served by commercial hauler. Amount \$30.00 user fees, year 1993, account # 01-21357.

James Wesley Duncan; I-9-78A, house vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fees, year 1993, account # 09-07040.

Elton May Fowler; dwelling unoccupied for the past 10 years. Amount \$30.00 user fees, year 1993, account # 06-11006.

Jesse Garrell; no user fees due to total Senior-Citizens's exemption. Map F-5-46. Amount \$30.00 user fees, year 1993, account # 12-08880.

William T. and Kathleen Garrell; I-8-24, dwelling vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fees, year 1993, account # 01-30720.

M. Rachel Gore; M-15-26, house vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fees. Year 1993, account # 07-06940.

Terry Dale Hayes; vehicle keyed in as a mobile home through error. Amount \$30.00 user fees, year 1993, account # 16-07923.

Martin Jervie Hinson; H-6-62, no billing. Amount \$30.00 user fees, year 1993, account # 13-19320.

Ruth Owens Lane; mobile home vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fees, year 1993, account # 01-50976.

McNeill's Cleaners; HB-3-154, vacant tract (building burned in 1991). Amount \$30.00 user fees, year 1993, account # 11-16880.

Mildred McCumbee Prince; totally exempted due to Senior-

*Citizens Exemption. Amount \$30.00 user fees, year 1993, account # 09-24352.*

*Paul Sanderson; D-1-11, one house vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fees, year 1993, account # 12-23940.*

*Rudolph Shaw; mobile home double-listed on Real and Personal. Amount \$30.00 user fees, year 1993, account # 01-81763.*

*Fred Jefferson Simmons; mobile home was listed on Debra Simmons, account # 12-24976. Amount \$30.00 user fees, year 1993, account # 12-24983.*

*Iola Peay; mobile home vacant since 1991. Amount \$30.00 user fees, year 1993, account # 13-32331.*

*Elbert Frank and Nellie Smith; K-12-29A1 totally exempted due to Disability Exemption. Amount \$30.00 user fees, year 1993, account # 03-22410.*

*George Calvin and Mary Lou Smith; mobile home double-listed on real and personal. Amount \$30.00 user fees, year 1993, account # 09-27200.*

*Ernest D. Spaulding; dwelling vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fees, year 1993, account # 14-15140.*

*Calton and Ella Lee Thompson; J-7A-22 and J-7A-93 annexed by City of Whiteville. Amount \$24.00, year 1993, account # 01-93200.*

*Angela D. Todd; mobile home listed on account # 13-00176. Amount \$30.00 user fees, year 1993, account # 13-40341.*

*Billy Ray and Edna Walker; camper, seasonal. Amount \$20.00 user fees, year 1993, account # 07-18460.*

*Robert Lee Freeman; small houses on CH-5-20 and CH-5-21 vacant. Amount \$180.00 user fees, years 1990 through 1992, account # 13-13800.*

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - REQUEST FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF HUG-A-TREE & SURVIVE PLAN**

*Janie Disher, Emergency Management Secretary, requested the Board to allow the Emergency Management Office to solicit funds for the Hug-A-Tree and Survive Program to provide identification cards for the safety and protection of children in Columbus County. Through local sponsorship the Emergency Management Office is*

planning to sponsor a booth at the Columbus County Fair.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to allow the Emergency Management Office to solicit funds to provide identification cards for children, as requested.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT - SOIL CONSERVATION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendment for Soil Conservation.

Appropriate 10-399-00 Fund Bal./Good Earth Pro.	\$2,896.00
Expend 10-606-60 Demonstration Project	\$2,896.00

**CONTRACT - SOCIAL SERVICES (DON W. VIETS, JR., ATTORNEY)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to approve the Contract for legal services with D. W. Viets, Jr., Attorney, as follows:

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**

**CONTRACT**

**THIS CONTRACT OF PRIMARY EMPLOYMENT** by and between the Columbus County Commissioners (hereinafter referred to as "DEPARTMENT"), and Don W. Viets, Jr., Attorney at Law (hereinafter referred to as "ATTORNEY"), to provide for the legal services needed by the Columbus County Child Support Agency (hereinafter referred to as "AGENCY").

**W I T N E S S E T H:**

**WHEREAS**, the DEPARTMENT desires to employ the ATTORNEY to provide legal services needed by the AGENCY upon the following terms:

1. This Contract shall begin September 1, 1993, and continue through August 31, 1994, unless terminated or renewed as hereinafter provided.

2. The ATTORNEY, upon reasonable notice, shall be available for consultation, legal advise and representation as required by the AGENCY on legal matters arising under Article 9, Chapter 110 of the North Carolina General Statutes, Title 42 United States Code, Section 651 et seq., and the regulations promulgated

thereunder.

3. The **ATTORNEY** agrees to comply with all of the requirements of Article 9, Chapter 110 of the North Carolina General Statutes, Title 42 United States Code, Section 651 et seq., and the regulations promulgated thereunder, regarding the performance of program legal services. These requirements include, but are not limited to, maintaining such records as are required by the **DEPARTMENT** or **AGENCY**, making such records available for Federal or State Audit if required and making any financial, statistical, and program progress reports.

4. The **DEPARTMENT** agrees to pay the **ATTORNEY** Sixty (\$60.00) Dollars per hour for the time spent in performing the services required under this Contract. This hourly rate shall encompass all expenses including, but not limited to, those for salary, supplies, office space, heating and maintenance for office space, telephone service, long-distance telephone calls, and travel. The **ATTORNEY** is not to be reimbursed for incurring extraordinary expenses incident to performing the services required under this Contract, with the exception that the **DEPARTMENT** agrees to pay all Court costs and filing fees which are required to be paid in conjunction with the services provided by the **ATTORNEY** under this Contract.

5. Either party may terminate this agreement with thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.

6. This Contract may be renewed by the parties for two additional periods of one (1) year each.

7. The **ATTORNEY** shall notify the **AGENCY** when a conflict of interest arises for the **ATTORNEY**. In all such cases, referral shall be made to another attorney with whom the **DEPARTMENT** has contracted for secondary employment for the provision of legal services when conflicts arise.

8. Reimbursement for attendance at one annual training session shall be made based upon a maximum hourly rate of Sixty (\$60.00) Dollars not to exceed a maximum of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars for the full session or One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars for each day attended or the amount set by the Child Support



Enforcement Agency.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties have executed this Contract in triplicate originals, one to be retained by the ATTORNEY, one to be retained by the AGENCY, and one to be filed with the Child Support Enforcement Section, Division of Social Services, Department of Human Resources, Raleigh, North Carolina.

This the 16th day of August, 1993.

/s/ Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman  
County Board of Commissioners

/s/ Don W. Viets, Jr.  
Attorney at Law

AIRPORT - BEACON LIGHT REPLACEMENT (BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVED)

Roy L. Lowe, County Administrator presented two bids to the Board for consideration to provide, deliver and install a refurbished D.C.B-36 Crouse-Hinds rotating beacon on top of the existing 51' beacon tower at the Columbus County Airport. The bids are as follows:

Rockwell Radio & Electric	\$6,850.00
206 East Main Street, Rockwell, NC	
Aerial Design, Inc.	\$6,806.38
166 Capps Bridge Road, Princeton, NC	

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to award the bid to Rockwell Radio & Electric, Rockwell, NC, in the amount of \$6,850.00 for a refurbished D.C.B.-36 Crouse-Hinds Rotating Beacon, delivered and installed on top of the existing 51' beacon tower. The highest bid was chosen due to the past record of Rockwell Radio & Electric providing excellent services to the Columbus County Airport. Further, to approve the budget amendment listed below:

Appropriate 10-660-9999 Non-Dept. Contingency	\$7,978
Expend as follows, if necessary:	
10-650-7400 Airport - Refurbished DCB-36 Beacon	\$6,850
18" outer bulls-eye lens, if broken	\$1,050
Outer 30 degree lens segment	\$ 78

TAX - CAR VALUES QUESTIONED BY COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON

Commissioner Richardson questioned W.D. "Bill" Brooks, Tax Administrator, on what method is being used in determining the value of motor vehicles. Mr. Brooks replied that the value of

motor vehicles is determined by the retail value as listed in the Blue Book and NADA. Mr. Brooks stated that if any citizen feels their vehicle has been valued excessively, due to high mileage, etc., they have the right to appeal and he can determine if an adjustment is in order. A special Committee has been appointed by the Board of Commissioners to hear appeals of taxpayers not satisfied by decisions of the Tax Administrator.

**BUILDINGS - APPROVE PLAN TO FINANCE SOCIAL SERVICES & JAIL**

Chairman Koonce reminded the Board that they need to make a decision on whether to include financing the jail with the social services building, which was tabled at a previous meeting. The money will come from the sale of certificates of participation, similar to obligation bonds, and would enable the county to borrow money from private investors. The projected amount needed for both buildings is \$8,000,000.

Roy L. Lowe, County Administrator, advised the Board that by opting to borrow for both projects, would save the County between \$75,000 and \$90,000 in fees to bankers, lawyers and printers.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed to move ahead on the certificates of participation bonds that will give them the option of borrowing EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS (\$8,000,000.00) for building the new Social Services and Jail facilities.

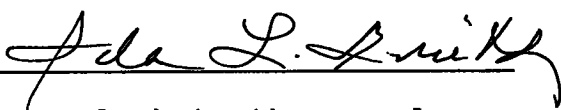
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and Worley

NOES: Commissioners Richardson and Gray

The motion passed on a 5 - 2 vote.

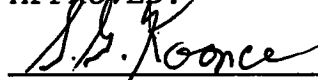
**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 P.M.



Clerk to the Board

APPROVED:



Chairman