

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, NC, at 8:00 A.M., Monday, October 4, 1993, it being the first Monday.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman

Mike Richardson, Vice-Chairman

A. Dial Gray, III

Lynwood Norris

C.W. Williams

Ed Worley

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

ABSENT:

Sammie Jacobs

Chairman Koonce called the meeting to order and Reverend Wade Fowler, gave the invocation.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 20, 1993 Board meeting, as recorded.

RESOLUTION - SUPPORT OF I-73

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION CONCERNING PROPOSED INTERSTATE 73

WHEREAS, on or about December 18, 1991 Congress mandated a Federal Interstate to be known as Interstate 73 to commence in Detroit, Michigan and to terminate at Charleston, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the route was proposed to pass through West Virginia, through Winston-Salem, North Carolina, West of Fayetteville, and terminate in Charleston, South Carolina, but with the exact route not mandated; and

WHEREAS, there is some evidence that a later amendment

required that the proposed Interstate 73, while terminating in Charleston, South Carolina, would pass through or near Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, a final decision as to the proposed route is to be made on or before December 18, 1993; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation in May, 1993, approved a proposed corridor which would enter North Carolina just west of Mount Airy and follow existing routes which meet Interstate standards with the corridor proceeding from Asheboro, North Carolina along 220 to Rockingham; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has indicated, at a hearing in Columbus County on September 21, 1993, at Southeastern Community College attended by business and political leaders from Robeson, Columbus, New Hanover and Brunswick Counties that it is reconsidering the Route which proposed Interstate 73 would follow from Rockingham, North Carolina prior to entering the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, indications are that if the Route entered South Carolina directly southwest of Rockingham, that it would proceed to Florence, South Carolina, which is already served by Interstate 20 and Interstate 95 and proceed thence to Charleston, South Carolina, which is already served by Interstate 77 and Interstate 26; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 74 leading eastward from Rockingham, North Carolina, just north of the North Carolina-South Carolina state line to Wilmington is upgraded in part to Interstate standards and is scheduled to be completely upgraded to Interstate standards during or before 1996; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 74 passes through a series of counties, including Scotland, Robeson, Columbus and Brunswick in southeastern North Carolina which are economically deprived but which have great economic potential; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 74 terminates in New Hanover County, North Carolina, which has exceptional beaches, a historic downtown, outlying point of historic interests and North Carolina's major

port; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has never provided adequate access from the major manufacturing centers in the Piedmont to the port at Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick County beaches would greatly benefit from improved access from the Midwestern states of our great nation and from the Piedmont of our state; and

WHEREAS, commerce and trade increase in Scotland, Robeson, Columbus, Brunswick and New Hanover Counties when routes from east to west and from west to east are improved; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County is developing an industrial park just east of Southeastern Community College and adjacent to U.S. Highway 74-76 which Columbus County hopes will become a Southeastern regional business park; and

WHEREAS, at the meeting of regional counties held at Southeastern Community College on September 21, 1993, the consensus was that the Interstate 73 corridor should follow U.S. Highway 74 from Rockingham and east to a point east of Chadbourn and west of Whiteville near Southeastern Community College and the proposed business and industrial park;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The North Carolina Department of Transportation recommends that the I-73 corridor follow a route from near Mount Airy, North Carolina to Rockingham, North Carolina, and that the corridor then proceed along U.S. Highway 74 to a point adjacent to Southeastern Community College and the proposed Southeastern Regional Business Park;

2. That the Interstate 73 corridor then cross the Southeastern Regional Business Park and follow a route which would be the shortest and most direct route along Highways 410 and 701 to the intersection of 701 and South Carolina Highway 9;

3. That the corridor then follow such route as would be favored by the State of South Carolina as it provides very much needed access to North Myrtle Beach and Myrtle Beach, and thence to Charleston, South Carolina;

4. That U.S. 74 be upgraded to Interstate standards from Southeastern Community College and the Southeastern Regional Business Park to Wilmington where it would serve not only the New Hanover Beaches and historic areas but also the port of Wilmington which is so vital to the economic progress of Southeastern North Carolina and where it would interact with U.S. Highway 17 which has been greatly improved and which is slated for significant additional improvements;

5. That North Carolina Highways 904, 130, 410, 211, 87 and other such highways which provide access to the New Hanover and Brunswick County Beaches be upgraded; and

6. That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable James B. Hunt, Governor, the Honorable Sam Hunt, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Transportation; the Honorable Charlie Rose, United States Congressman, and to Mr. Lyndo Tippet, Mr. David Green and Mr. Odell Williamson, regional members of the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

Adopted this the 4th day of October, 1993.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

/s/ Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman

/s/ Mike Richardson, Vice Chairman

/s/ A. Dial Gray, III

/s/ Sammie Jacobs

/s/ Lynwood Norris

/s/ C. W. Williams

/s/ Ed Worley

ATTESTED BY:

Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

BUDGET AMENDMENT - AIRPORT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendment for the Airport:

Appropriate 10-660-9999 - Non Dept.- Contingency (\$1,354)

Expend 10-650-7400 - Airport - Beacon Replacement \$1,354

ORDINANCE - AIRPORT HEIGHT HAZARD (PROVIDE ALL ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS COPIES)

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to provide all adjacent property owners to the Columbus County Airport a copy of the Airport Height Ordinance. Further, for each Commissioner to be prepared to appoint a member from their respective zone to serve on the Airport Height Hazard Board of Adjustments, at the next Board Meeting.

SOCIAL SERVICES - APPROVAL OF SOCIAL WORKER POSITION

Jo Anne Vereen, Social Services Director, requested the Board to approve a new Social Worker position, to be funded with 75% new state funds and 25% from Title XX funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the Social Worker position with 75% to be funded by State and 25% Federal funds. Further, advised Ms. Vereen that if at anytime the position was not totally funded by State and Federal monies, the position will be discontinued.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - ALSICO PROJECT REPORT

Roy L. Lowe, County Administrator, and Dempsey Herring, Recreation Director, reported that a meeting was held with ALSICO officials and Columbus County will be responsible for the following:

- a. Liaison for project between Town of Fair Bluff, State of North Carolina and ALSICO, Inc.;
- b. Serve as guarantor of the Industrial Project; and
- c. Serve as conduit for funds which will take a special project ordinance from Commissioners.

ARTS COUNCIL - REPORT BY DAN MASON

Dan Mason, Columbus County Arts Council Executive Director, updated the Board on the Arts Council and invited the Commissioners and their spouses to attend the welcoming reception for the Ballet Folklorico Colombiano.

HOSPITAL (COLUMBUS COUNTY) - LEASE AGREEMENT TABLED

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to table the Columbus County Hospital Lease Agreement.

TAX RELEASES AND REFUNDS

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

Crystal Renee & Steven Babson; X-5-44 (5/10 acre tract) rebilled to Bobby Lee Babson. Amount \$9.36, valuation \$1,300.00, year 1993, account #15-01153.

Steven L. & Crystal Babson; X-6-48, garage gone prior to 1-1-93. Amount \$5.76, valuation \$800.00, year 1993, account #15-01167.

William & Gena Canady; WH-3-531, sold and rebilled to Ann B. White on #02-04223. Amount \$498.76, valuation \$67,400.00, year 1993, account #01-12273.

Randall Cartrette; I-10-93, house rebilled on I-10-92A, same name. H-9-21, leasehold, already billed on I-10-92A, Randall Cartrette. Amount \$300.20, valuation \$38,500.00, year 1993, account #09-03800.

Judith P. & Guy Franklin Conway; TC-3-297, lot and house rebilled to William H. & Gayle Thompson on #06-39527. Amount \$642.96, valuation \$89,300.00, year 1993, account #06-05937.

Norris & Brenda Ebron; V-1-29A and V-1-32, not in Acme-Delco Fire District. Amount \$85.80, year 1993, account #15-12760.

Joe Weldon, Jr. & Betty Edmund; F-6-65, house valued \$90,299.00, rebilled to F-6-65A, Joe W., III and Kelli Edmund on 13-11243. Amount \$712.58, valuation \$90,200.00, year 1993, account #13-11244.

Oscar (Jr.) & Gladys Edwards; WH-3-171 sold to Connie Young. Account #02-09753. Amount \$105.82, valuation \$14,300.00, year 1993, account #01-23320.

Horace A. & Margaret Fipps; affixed double-wide mobile home, double listed on real and personal property. Amount \$72.29, valuation \$10,040.00, year 1993, account #13-13007.

Roger Allen & Juanita Godwin; double-wide mobile home (leasehold on K-8-187A) rebilled to Robert & Theresa Ward on #03-27824. Also, house located on K-8-187A, only 10% complete on 1-1-93. Amount \$196.02, valuation 24,200, year 1993, account #03-

08723.

Grover Green; TC-3-466, double-wide mobile home rebilled to Jimmy W. & Sarah Billings on TC-3-466A, #06-01719. Amount \$228.96, valuation \$31,800.00, year 1993, account #06-16700.

Randell Milton Johnson; X-5-2, W-4-66 and W-4-68, not in Acme Delco Fire District. (X-5-2): amount \$.70, valuation \$700.00, year 1993, account #15-20580. (W4-66 & W4-68): amount \$139.70, valuation \$139,700.00, year 1993, account #15-20600.

Larry Waddell Lennon; 1981 mobile home double listed to Venita & Larry Lennon 12-15985. Amount \$51.17, valuation \$6,180.00, year 1993, account #01-52538.

Thaddus Lennon; per deed 410-667 of 5/4/90, F-2-35A was sold to Theodore M. Lennon and rebilled on #12-15984. Refunded for years 91 and 92. Amount \$12.96, valuation \$1,800.00, year 1993, account #12-15983.

James Howard & Martha McPherson; personal property (valuation \$10,200/ combine and other equipment) was already listed to Howard McPherson on #01-57780. Amount \$79.56, valuation \$10,200.00, year 1993, account #09-18900.

Howard McPherson; some farming equipment valued \$38,044, double listed in Williams Township on #09-18900, James H. & Martha McPherson. Amount \$273.92, valuation \$38,044.00, year 1993, account #01-57780.

Willie Myles; CH-1-278, does not own. Already billed to Furnie Glenn Nobles, Jr. Amount \$38.16, valuation \$5,300.00, year 1993, account #13-28535.

L.R. Odham (DDS); requested that business equipment which is located in town be rebilled separately. Amount \$101.77, valuation \$14,135.00, year 1993, account #10-13180.

Judy Ann Scott; FB-2-198, lot and house on Academy Street, rebilled to John Scott, Jr. Amount \$545.76, valuation \$75,800.00, year 1993, account #10-14971.

Wadis Milton & Doretha Simmons; old boat junked for the past five (5) years. Billed through error. Amount \$1.48, valuation \$200.00, year 1993, account #01-83580.

Henry W. & Lamertis Smith; HB-4-102 (3.45 acre/tract)

rebilled to Wyatt Smith Heirs on #11-25380. Amount \$36.66, valuation \$4,700.00, year 1993, account #11-24947.

Wyatt Smith Heirs; HB-4-101, acreage corrected to 17 acres, woodland. Amount \$20.88, valuation \$2,900.00, year 1993, account #11-25380.

Brenda Gaye Spivey; mobile home double listed to Brenda Spivey Ward #01-87763. Amount \$174.72, valuation \$16,420.00, year 1993, for 1990, account #03-23353.

L.B. Stubbs; camper was priced incorrectly. Amount \$15.84, valuation \$2,200.00, year 1993, account #15-35647.

Tabor City Family Medicine, PA; personal property (leasehold improvements) already billed as real estate. Amount \$535.80, valuation \$74,416.00, year 1993, account #06-39083.

James M. Turner; F-3-1A, rebilled to James C. Turner Heirs on #12-28020. Amount \$571.68, valuation \$79,400.00, year 1993, account #12-28000.

Alvin J. Vann, etal; D-6-32B, per deed, acres corrected to 7.6 acres. Amount \$9.02, valuation \$1,100.00, year 1993, account #16-16450.

Louvanie Fowler Ward; K-12-23, 22.03 acre/tract, on Land Use Value. Amount \$142.56, valuation \$19,800, year 1993, account #09-32369.

Terry J. & Ceci Weaver; house and shop rebilled to Harry Hart on T-5-11C. Amount \$435.60, valuation \$60,500.00, year 1993, account #04-16463.

Herbert Hoover & Clara White; I-2-2, vacant tract. Dwelling rebilled to Herbert Ray White on I-2-3A. Amount \$320.42, valuation \$43,300.00, year 1993, account #02-04700.

Eunice S. Wood; WH-3-505 and WH-3-506, combined and rebilled to William C. & Gena Canady on #01-12273. Amount \$337.44, valuation \$45,600.00, year 1993, account #02-08515.

Woodmen of the World/Lodge 130; D-5-51R, tax exempt. Amount \$344.40, valuation \$42,000.00, year 1993, account #16-18055.

Sadie Lee; J-7A-100, in city limits. Amount \$12.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #01-52200.

William & Gena Canady; WH-3-531, sold to Ann R. White. Amount \$18.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #01-12273.

Randall Cartrette; I-10-93, rebilled to I-10-92A. Also, no house on H-9-21. Amount \$60.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #09-03800.

Judith Parker & Guy Franklin Conway; TC-3-297, rebilled to William H. Thompson. Amount \$18.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #06-05937.

Joe Weldon, Jr. & Betty Edmund; F-6-65, house rebilled to Joe W., III & Kelli Edmund. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #13-11244.

Oscar, Jr. & Gladys Edwards; WH-3-171, rebilled to Connie Young. Amount \$18.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #01-23320.

Horace A. & Margaret Fipps; mobile home double listed, real and personal. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #13-13007.

Grover Green; mobile home rebilled to Jimmy & Sarah Billings. Amount \$18.00 user fee, Year 1993, account #06-16700.

Larry Waddell Lennon; personal property double listed on Venita & Larry Lennon. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #01-52538.

Carl & Mary McPherson, I-9-119, camper billed as a dwelling. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #09-18080.

Judy Ann Scott; FB-2-198, rebilled to John Scott, Jr. Amount \$18.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #10-14971.

L.B. Stubbs; camper exempted through senior-citizen's exemption. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #15-35647.

Brenda Gaye Spivey, mobile home double listed to Brenda Spivey Ward. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, for 1990, account #03-23353.

Bessie Spivey; G-11-67, one (1) house only. Amount \$30.00 user fee, Year 1993, account #09-27780.

James M. Turner; F-3-1A, rebilled to James C. Turner Heirs on #12-28020. Amount \$60.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #12-28000.

Herbert Hoover & Clara White; I-2-2, house transferred

to Herbert Ray White on I-2-3A. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #02-04700.

Eunice S. Wood; WH-3-505 & 506, transferred to William C. & Gena Canady. Amount \$18.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #02-08515.

Woodmen of the World/ Lodge 130; tax exempt, D-5-51R. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #95668.

2% Discount not absorbed by computer on releases after 8/31/93:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ACCOUNT #</u>
Robert Scott Blackwell	\$ 4.65	1993	16-01223
Zara, Jr. & Virgie Butler	11.48	1993	15-08160
Anthony & Addie Bonsignore (Heirs)	3.79	1993	15-02725
Capital Preferred Field Fund	61.50	1993	15-08551
Roosevelt Cartret	11.94	1993	09-03852
James M. Chandler	16.32	1993	08-03040
James Lewis Collier, Jr.	24.09	1993	04-02705
Columbian Land Company	21.46	1993	16-03220
Mrs. Ruth Dowless	7.51	1993	15-12380
David B. & Nancy Duncan	8.05	1993	01-21720
Floyd W. & Ila Blake Flynn	10.63	1993	15-14000
Joanne FormyDuval	11.98	1993	01-28887
Horace C. Fowler	2.21	1993	01-29220
Kenneth W. & Teresa Jackson	9.70	1993	15-19523
Mary Frances Journigan	4.85	1993	03-12500
Thurston Calvin & Myra Malpass	4.64	1993	15-25903
Penske Truck Leasing	26.91	1993	01-69237
William W. & Elizabeth Phipps	5.96	1993	06-29100
Harry A. & Mantha Simmons	2.35	1993	04-14140
W. Paul & Bernice Stephens	11.91	1993	09-29440
Martha Brooks Stout	6.89	1993	06-38160

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Benjamin Delane and Nancy Blackmon, Route 2, Box 364, Chadbourn, NC 28431, in the amount of \$5.85, for year 1993. Licensed U/Trailer and camper double listed on regular list and DMV list. Amount \$5.85, valuation \$750.00, year 1993, account #13-02520.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Thaddus Lennon, Route 1, Box 316A, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$24.84, for years 1991 and 1992. All taxes paid. F-2-35A (62/100 acre) rebilled to Theodore M. Lennon #12-15984. (Released for 1993). Amount \$24.84, valuation \$3,600.00, years 1991 and 1992, account #12-15983.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Joseph T. and Sandra K. Rockwell, Route 1, Box 194, Hallsboro, NC 28442, in the amount of \$14.97, for year 1993. Vehicles listed as junk, billed through error. Amount \$14.97, valuation \$1,920.00, year 1993, account #11-23015.

RESOLUTION - RELEASE FUNDS FOR CAPE FEAR COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

WHEREAS, in North Carolina the Lead Regional Organizations, as voluntary organizations serving municipal and county governments, have established productive working relationships with the cities and counties across this state; and

WHEREAS, the 1993 General Assembly recognized this need through the appropriation of \$864,270 to help the Lead Regional Organizations assist local governments with grant applications, economic development, community development, and to support local industrial development activities and other activities as deemed appropriate by their local governments; and

WHEREAS, these funds are not intended to be used for payment of member dues or assessments to a Lead Regional Organization or to supplant funds appropriated by the member governments; and

WHEREAS, in the event that a request is not made by June 30, 1994, for release of these funds to our Regional Council, the available funds will revert to State's general funds; and

WHEREAS, in Region 0, funds in the amount of \$48,015 will be used to/for prepare community development and land use plans,

zoning ordinances, economic development/revitalization plans and grants, and provide other technical assistance to local governments;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Columbus requests the release of its share of these funds, \$9,718.89, to the Cape Fear Council of Governments at the earliest possible time in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 321, Senate Bill 27, Section 39 of the 1993 Session Laws.

Witnessed this the 4th day of October, 1993; by:

/s/ SAMUEL G. KOONCE, CHAIRMAN
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ IDA L. SMITH
CLERK TO THE BOARD

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:30 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RECESSED

At 9:10 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to recess the executive session.

RECONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:30 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to resume executive session.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

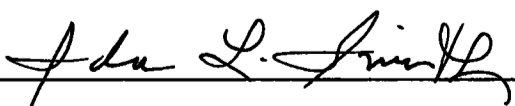
At 10:00 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn executive session and resume regular session.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Immediately, thereafter, a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:



Clerk to the Board



Chairman