

COLUMBUS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, NC, at 7:30 P.M., November 15, 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 C. W. Williams gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 1, 1993, Board meeting as recorded.

PUBLIC HEARING - INSTALLMENT FINANCING E-911 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to enter into a public hearing for the purpose to receive public comment concerning a proposal for the County to finance an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000 to acquire and construct central E-911 communications equipment pursuant to an installment financing contract.

Chairman Koonce requested comments from anyone present in reference to the public hearing.

There were no comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to close the public

hearing.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (E-911) - APPROVAL OF FINANCING

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to proceed with the financing and development of the E-911 communications system for Columbus County.

PROCLAMATION - FARM CITY WEEK

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

PROCLAMATION

FARM-CITY WEEK

1993

WHEREAS, the growth and development of the County and the well-being of all of its citizens are dependent upon cooperation and exchange between the two essential environments of our society; farmers and city people; and

WHEREAS, the complexities of their individual problems and the divergence of their activities may lead to a widening gap of misunderstanding; and

WHEREAS, any gap of misunderstanding must be eliminated, and each group must understand the other if our American way of life is to endure; and

WHEREAS, Farm-City Week provides an unparalleled experience for farm and city people to become better acquainted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the period of November 19 through November 25, 1993 to be Farm-City Week; and encourage Columbus County Citizens to participate in various activities associated with Farm-City Week.

Adopted this the 15th day of November, 1993.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

BONDS (SCHOOL) - REFINANCING 1990 & 1991 SERIES

John M. Phelps, II, Vice President of Public Finance, with J. Lee Peeler & Company, Incorporated, asked the Board to consider refunding the School Bonds, Series 1990 and 1991 Series bearing higher interest rates in order to achieve debt service savings. The projected savings from 2-1-94 through 2-10-10 would be \$482,981.67.

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING WITH THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION OF
NORTH CAROLINA OF AN APPLICATION FOR
THE APPROVAL OF REFUNDING BONDS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus, (the "Board"), has been informed that interest rates in the tax-exempt bond market are at or near their lowest levels in many years; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator of the County of Columbus (the "County") has been exploring opportunities to refund all or a portion of certain bonds of the County bearing higher interest rates in order to achieve debt service savings, including, particularly the County's outstanding \$7,950,000 School Bonds, Series 1990 and \$1,050,000 Community College Bonds, Series 1990 (collectively the "Series 1990 Bonds") and the County's outstanding \$7,600,000 School Bonds, Series 1991 (the "Series 1991 Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the County to proceed with the authorization process for the issuance of refunding bonds of the County in order to best position itself to take advantage of any debt service savings, it being the intent of the Board not to proceed with the refunding unless acceptable debt service savings can be achieved;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus that:

S E C T I O N 1

ROY L. LOWE, County Administrator, is hereby authorized to file an application with the Local Government Commission of North Carolina for the approval of \$14,250,000 refunding bonds of the County in order to refund all or a portion of the Series 1990 Bonds and the Series 1991 Bonds.

S E C T I O N 2

ROY L. LOWE, County Administrator, is hereby directed to authorize Brown & Wood, New York City, Bond Counsel to the County, to commence the preparation of the documents necessary to authorize said refunding bond and employ J. Lee Peeler & Company, Inc. as financial advisor for the County for the purpose of preparing analyses and otherwise providing financial consultation services as needed in the process.

S E C T I O N 3

The proposed refunding bonds shall not be issued unless the County is able to achieve acceptable present value debt service savings.

S E C T I O N 4

The Clerk of the Board of Commissioners is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Local Government Commission of North Carolina.

S E C T I O N 5

Such other officers, agents and representatives of the County as are necessary are hereby authorized and directed to take such further actions as are appropriate in order to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

S E C T I O N 6

This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Duly adopted this 15th day of November, 1993, upon a motion made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ATTEST:

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

/s/ Ida L. Smith
Clerk to the Board

/s/ SAMUEL G. KOONCE, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

BUDGET AMENDMENTS - HEALTH

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendments for the Health Department.

Decrease 10-348-0901 Aids Revenue	(\$9,374.00)
Increase 10-348-1402 Communicable Disease	\$9,374.00
Expend as follows:	
Decrease 10-585-02 Salaries	(\$1,966.00)
Decrease 10-585-05 FICA	(150.40)
Decrease 10-585-06 Insurance	(200.51)
Decrease 10-585-07 Retirement	(188.54)
Increase 10-581-02 Salaries	1,966.00
Increase 10-581-05 FICA	150.40
Increase 10-581-06 Insurance	200.51
Increase 10-581-07 Retirement	188.54
Decrease 10-348-15 Tuberculosis Revenue	(\$24,072.00)
Increase 10-348-1402 Comm. Disease Revenue	\$24,072.00
Expend as follows:	
Decrease 10-596-02 Salaries	(\$2,792.83)
Decrease 10-596-05 FICA	(213.65)
Decrease 10-596-06 Insurance	(385.96)
Decrease 10-596-07 Retirement	(267.83)
Increase 10-581-02 Salaries	\$2,792.83
Increase 10-581-05 FICA	213.65
Increase 10-581-06 Insurance	385.96
Increase 10-581-07 Retirement	267.83
Fund Balance Appropriated (Carry-over funds from FY 92-93 State and Federal Grants and money earned)	\$751,502.00
To be expended as follows:	
Increase 10-591-46 Drugs and Supplies	\$36,240.00
Increase 10-592-46 Drugs and Supplies	173,925.00
Increase 10-589-46 Drugs and Supplies	69,281.00
Increase 10-593-46 Drugs and Supplies	451,423.00
Increase 10-595-46 Drugs and Supplies	16,176.00
Increase 10-597-46 Drugs and Supplies	4,457.00

AUDIT REPORT - DELETED FROM AGENDA

Chairman Koonce reported that he received a call from Andy Wayne, representing W.A. Wayne Audit Firm, and reported that the audit report for Columbus County was not ready to present.

WAGE & SALARY COMPENSATION STUDY PAY PLAN - TABLED UNTIL AUDIT IS COMPLETE

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to table the Wage & Salary Compensation Study Pay Plan until the Columbus County Audit Report is complete.

APPOINTMENTS - LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Local Emergency Planning Committee with indefinite length of terms as follows:

Frank Carroll, Dupont Safety Director, Wilmington, NC
 Marian Duncan, Health Department Director, Whiteville, NC
 C.W. FormyDuval, Highway Maintenance Engineer, Whiteville, NC
 Wade Fowler, Dept. of Aging Director, Whiteville, NC
 William Gore, County Schools Trans. Supv., Whiteville, NC
 Ronald Hayes, Brunswick Electric Dis. Mgr., Whiteville, NC
 Lee Hinnant, News Reporter, Whiteville, NC
 William Horne, Environmental Health Coord., Whiteville, NC
 Jimmy Jackson, Fire Marshal, Whiteville, NC
 Samuel G. Koonce, Commissioner Chairman, Chadbourn, NC
 Hardy Ledbetter, Hospital Asst. Adm., Whiteville, NC
 Guy Long, Royster Operator, Nakina, NC
 Garland McCullen, Extension Director, Whiteville, NC
 David McPherson, LEPC Chairman, Linden Chemicals & Plastics,
 Riegelwood, NC
 Deuce Niven, Tabor City Tribune, Tabor City, NC
 Alan Capps or J.A. McVicker, NC Highway Patrol, Whiteville,
 NC
 Leigh Powell, WWAY Channel 3 TV, Whiteville, NC
 David Ransom, SCC Training Coordinator, Whiteville, NC
 Joan Rhodes, American Red Cross Director, Whiteville, NC
 Charles Russell, WENC Radio Station, Whiteville, NC

*Kenneth Sasser, President Fire & Rescue Association,
Hallsboro, NC*

*David Swart or Lisa Porter, Wright Chemical Company Area
Manager, Riegelwood, NC*

*Howard Turbeville, Sheriff's Department Captain, Whiteville
NC*

*Bobby Ward, National Spinning Company Plant Engineer,
Whiteville, NC*

*Jerry Vuoso, Federal Paper Board Fire Protection Engineer,
Riegelwood, NC*

*Joseph Zuncich, Federal Paper Board Environmental Resources,
Riegelwood, NC*

APPOINTMENTS - AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Aging Advisory Council in Zone 7:

Randall Evans, Route 1, Nakina, NC

Lucille Vereen, Route 1, Nakina, NC

Dewayne Gore, Route 1, Nakina, NC

**APPOINTMENT RESIGNATION - NURSING/DOMICILIARY HOME COMMUNITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris, and passed unanimously to accept the resignation of Miriam G. Holt from the Columbus County Nursing/Domiciliary Homes Community Advisory Committee, effective December 31, 1993.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION - MIRIAM G. HOLT

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to send Mrs. Miriam G. Holt a letter of appreciation for her years of service on the Nursing/Domiciliary Homes Community Advisory Committee.

TAX RELEASES & 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.

John Bellamy; K-8-157, double listed to K-8-143, Willie Davis #03-04680. Amount \$439.01, valuation \$54,850.00, years 1984 through 1993, account #03-00940.

Homer C. and Mamie T. Brown; failed to get the disability exemption on their lot and house. Amount \$93.60, valuation \$12,000.00, year 1993, account #04-01820.

Lee Thomas Cobb; vehicles double listed (traded Honda Civic for 1985 Buick which was listed on regular list #01-14980, Lee and Devora Cobb). Amount \$206.59, valuation \$14,250.00, year 1990, account #17-06856.

Commerce Realty Company; WH-5-31, double listed to James B. Reaves, III on WH-5-32. Amount \$7.40, valuation \$1,000.00, year 1993, account #01-16660.

H. W. and Mary Conner; failed to get the senior citizen's exemption on their property C5-81. Amount \$72.16, valuation \$8,800.00, year 1993, account #10-02820.

Alice Green; G-2-12E, value reduced to \$3,800.00 due to incorrect acreage breakdown/woodland. Amount \$20.16, valuation \$2,800.00, year 1993, account #12-10023.

Mrs. Myrtle P. Green; CH-2-32-A, double-wide mobile home moved to Bladen County. Amount \$202.86, valuation \$29,400.00, year 1993, account #13-166600.

Stazie Hawkins; mobile home rebilled to Mack E. Freeman on #15-14846. Amount \$114.72, valuation \$11,610.00, year 1993, account #15-17740.

Anne Jernigan; vehicle (1991 volkswagon, double listed on account #1993-08-00267). Amount \$63.07, valuation \$8,760.00, year 1993, account #06-20755.

Lucy Jane Lewis; unidentified property. Does not own. Amount \$73.73, valuation \$9,750.00, years 1984 through 1992, account #14-09240.

James and Georgianna McCoy; 1971 Chevrolet TK, junked prior to 1-01-93. Amount \$3.60, valuation \$500.00, year 1993, account #10-10580.

Pennie Miles; unidentified property. Does not own. Amount \$49.15, valuation \$6,500.00, years 1984 through 1992, account #08-12480.

David Letlo Parker; W-4-82, not in Acme Delco Fire District. Amount \$61.20, year 1993, account #15-29000.

William K. Pierce; listed wrong year model of mobile home. Amount \$16.72, valuation \$2,060.00, year 1993, account #01-70225.

Henry Coleman Smith; E-6-44A, double listed on account #16-13260, same as E-6-42 (lot only). Amount \$61.18, valuation \$7,650.00, years 1988 through 1992, account #16-13250.

John Talmadge Stanley (Heirs); N-14-14, deferred taxes billed through error. Amount \$87.84, valuation \$12,200.00, year 1993, account #07-16060.

Booker T., Jr. and Doris Wilson; vehicles double listed on regular listing and DMV vehicle list. Amount \$246.24, valuation \$31,570.00, year 1993 account #04-17040.

J. C. Stackhouse; unidentified property. Does not exist. Amount \$49.15, valuation \$6,500.00, years 1984 through 1992, account #13-37760.

Louise Smith; property unidentified. Does not own. Amount \$61.16, valuation \$8,050.00, years 1984 through 1992, account #13-36980.

Edgar D. Caines, Jr.; H-5-A 95, building used for storage only. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #13-06343.

Annie Cribb; H-9-53A, dwelling vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #09-05244.

Mrs. Myrtle P. Green; double-wide mobile home moved to Bladen County for 1993. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #13-16600.

Stazie Hawkins; Y-3-21, does not own 1988 mobile home, rebilled. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #15-17740.

Herbert H. and Sadie Hinson; business on FB-2-339 served by Commercial Hauling. Amount \$18.00 user fee. Year 1993, account #10-08860.

Ordered: that a tax refund be issued to Vera Mercer Dawkins, Route 1, Box 34, Clarendon, North Carolina 28432, (F. K. Fipps Heirs), in the amount of \$30.00, for year 1993. Billed with two (2) user fees through error. One (1) house only on G-10-74. Amount \$30.00 user fee, year 1993, account #09-08100.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Ina Pearl McMillian, Route 1, Box 121-B, Chadbourn, North Carolina 28431, (Beverly June McMillian, Etal), in the amount of \$83.44, for years 1989 through 1992. Map H-8, Lots 20 and 21, double listed to Elizabeth C. and William Wilkins on H-8-28 since 1989. All taxes paid. Amount \$83.44, valuation \$11,200.00, years 1989 through 1992, account #09-17780.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to Walter L. and Vera Mills, Post Office Box 643, Riegelwood, North Carolina 28456, in the amount of \$88.23, for year 1993. Licensed camper trailer (1987 Mallard) double billed on account #15-27013 and account #1993-05-03286. All taxes paid. Amount \$88.23, valuation \$8,650.00, year 1993, account #15-27013.

Ordered: that a refund check be issued to James Edward and Frances Price, Route 2, Box 291-A, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, in the amount of \$2.34, for year 1993. Boat trailers, double billed on account #14-12351 also on licensed vehicles list. Amount \$2.34, valuation \$300.00, year 1993, account #14-12351.

Ordered: that a tax refund be issued to L. V. Reel, Post Office Box 5, Fair Bluff, North Carolina 28439, (James Hunter (Heirs) and Alma Reel), in the amount of \$30.00, for year 1993. B-2-32, house vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fees, year 1993, account #10-14000.

Ordered: that a tax refund be issued to Ermine M. Stanley, 112 E. Wyche Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, (John Talmadge Stanley - Heirs), in the amount of \$251.32, for years 1990, 1991 and 1992. N-14-4, deferred taxes double billed. Amount \$251.32, valuation \$36,600.00, year 1993 for years 1990 through 1992, account #07-16060.

CONTRACT AGREEMENT - TIRE DISPOSAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve a scrap tire management proposal as drafted by the Region 0 Solid Waste Task Force with the stipulation that Item B. and G. listed under I. PERFORMANCE: be redefined and amended and presented to the Board for final approval.

SOLID WASTE - DRAFT TIPPING FEE SCHEDULE

The Board concurred to request Dempsey Herring, Special Projects Coordinator, to draft a schedule in reference to Landfill tire disposal tipping fees and establish a rate for businesses who transport out-of-state tires into Columbus County for recapping and present to the Board at the next Board meeting for approval.

HEALTHY CAROLINIANS 2000 TASK FORCE - ENDORSEMENT

Commissioner Williams advised the Board that he attended a meeting regarding the Healthy Carolinians 2000 Task Force and stated that the purpose of the local task force is to identify problems affecting the health of the community and to design community strategies to deal with health related problems and requested the Board's support.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to write a letter of endorsement from the Board of Commissioners to the Chairman of the Healthy Carolinians 2000 Task Force.

LITTER PATROL - EMPLOYMENT OF AN OFFICER

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to employ Jackie Strickland, as Litter Patrol Officer, at an annual salary of \$17,808.00, Grade 63-3A, plus fringe benefits.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - DIRECTOR POSITION ACCEPTED BY STEVE YOST

Roy L. Lowe, County Administrator, reported that Steve Yost has accepted the position as Economic Development Director, at a negotiated salary of \$30,000.00, plus fringe benefits and will begin work on January 3, 1994.

BUILDINGS (SOCIAL SERVICES) - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR FACILITY

Dempsey Herring, Special Projects Coordinator, presented the Board with a schedule of events for the development of the Social Services facility as follows:

November 22, 1993	Advertise for bids for water, sewer and infrastructure.
December 10, 1993	Close Bid Process.
December 17, 1993	Open Bids - County has right to accept or reject - construction to begin within thirty (30) days of awarded bid.

January 5, 1994	Advertise for bids for the Department of Social Services building.
January 26, 1994	Close Bid Process.
February 2, 1994	Open bids for Department of Social Services Building and award or reject bids. County has the right to reject all bids. Awarded bid will have twenty (20) months to complete Department of Social Services building project.

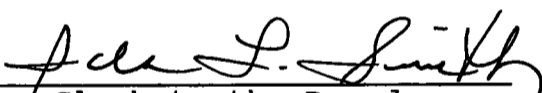
A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, and seconded by Commissioner Williams to accept the schedule as presented by Mr. Herring.


A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to accept the schedule as presented with the Board being advised of each step of the bidding process to enable each Board member to review, if they so desire.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

APPROVED:


 Clerk to the Board


 Chairman