

**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., January 18, 1994, it being the third Tuesday, following the third Monday, 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  
Dempsey B. Herring,  
Special Projects Coordinator

Chairman Koonce called the meeting to order and Commissioner Dial Gray gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 6, 1994 Board meeting, as recorded.

**AWARD - PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED TO ROSE ANN LANGSTON**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to present a "Plaque of Appreciation" to Rose Ann Langston, who retired December 31, 1993.

IN APPRECIATION OF

ROSE ANN LANGSTON

FOR HER LOYAL AND DEDICATED SERVICE

IN PUBLIC HEALTH MANAGEMENT SUPPORT DIVISION

5-5-75 - 12-31-93

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1-18-94

AUDIT CONTRACT (W.A. WAYNE) - TABLED UNTIL CONTRACT CAN BE REVIEWED

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray and seconded by Commissioner Williams to renew the Contract to audit accounts of Columbus County with W.A. Wayne & Associates for a proposed fee not to exceed \$29,500 for fiscal year 1993-94.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to table the Audit Contract until Chairman Koonce and Administrator Lowe reviews the contract with W. A. Wayne and Associates in reference to the date of the contract to be completed and submitted to the Board as of October 31, 1994, as the last audit report was not received until December, 1993.

COUNTY DISTRICTED WATER - PHASE I UPDATE

Eric Weatherly and Mike Koonce, Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates Representatives, updated the Board on the Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, stating the package was complete except for a few items to be completed by the County Attorney, and Farmers Home Administration. The following is a plan for user connection:

<u>Step</u>	<u>Target Date</u>
Begin water sign-ups	January 10, 1994
Obtain regulatory agency approval	January 28, 1994
Complete FmHA Checklist, request closing instructions	February 4, 1994
Receive authorization to advertise and receive bids	February 18, 1994
Bid opening	March 4, 1994
End sign-up procedure	March 18, 1994
Send out notice to proceed	March 18, 1994
Begin construction	April 1, 1994

COLUMBUS COUNTY DISTRICTED WATER - PHASE II APPLICATION APPROVED

Eric Weatherly and Mike Koonce, Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates Representatives, presented the Board with a proposed map of the Columbus County Water District II, which consists of the Fair Bluff, Cerro Gordo and Chadbourn Townships at a total construction cost of THREE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED, SIXTY THREE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED, NINETY AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$3,563,190.00) and requested the Board to allow their firm to submit the application to Farmers Home Administration for consideration of

funding.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to allow Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates to prepare and submit an application to Farmers Home Administration for funding the proposed Columbus County Districted Water Phase II.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT II - MUNICIPALITIES TO BE CONTACTED IN REFERENCE TO PROVIDING WATER**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to contact all municipalities within the Columbus County Water & Sewer District II to see if they are interested in providing water for the proposed District.

Further, Roy L. Lowe, County Administrator, was advised to conduct a meeting with Chadbourn, Fair Bluff, Cerro Gordo, Evergreen and Boardman to discuss their interest in the participation of the water and sewer projects within the municipalities.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT I - COMMISSIONERS NORRIS AND RICHARDSON TO APPOINT FIVE (5) MEMBER BOARD**

Chairman Koonce appointed Commissioners Lynwood Norris and Mike Richardson to appoint a five (5) member Board to serve as the Columbus County Water & Sewer District I Authority.

**APPOINTMENT - LOWER CAPE FEAR WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to appoint Roy L. Lowe to serve on the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority for a three (3) year term, with term expiring October 31, 1996.

**APPOINTMENTS - AIRPORT BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS**

The following persons were appointed by the Board of Commissioners from their respective zones to serve on the Airport Board of Adjustments:

Zone 1 - C. W. Williams:

Robert Baldwin, Route 5, Box 160, Whiteville, NC 28472  
Telephone: 642-4225

Zone 2 - Ed Worley:

Billy Prease, Route 1, Whiteville, NC 28472  
Telephone: 642-2686

Zone 3 - Sammie Jacobs:

Haynes Graham, Route 1, Box 713-A, Lake Waccamaw, NC  
Telephone: 646-3759

Zone 4 - A. Dial Gray, III:

Robert Ferguson, 102 E. Smith Street, Whiteville, NC  
Telephone: 642-9792

Zone 5 - Lynwood Norris:

Jack Duffell, Route 3, Box 87-A, Tabor City, NC 28463  
Telephone: 653-2172

Zone 6 - Samuel G. Koonce:

R. W. Weaver, Jr., 314 Pinecrest Drive, Chadbourn, NC  
Telephone: 654-5323

Zone 7 - Mike Richardson:

Danny Duncan, Route 2, Box 37, Whiteville, NC 28472  
Telephone: 642-3178

**SENIOR CENTER/AGING - PROPOSAL TO PREPARE LOT TABLED**

Roy Lowe, County Administrator, advised the Board the County needs to prepare a location for the Veteran's Medical bus that comes to Columbus County every 6 to 8 weeks and suggested to haul in and stabilize the lot at the rear of the Senior Citizens's Center. One bid was received at a cost of \$3,000.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to table the request until more bids are received for the project.

**PERSONNEL POLICY - AMENDMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to amend the County Personnel Administration Policy effective January 1, 1994 as follows:

Rescind the following sentence in Article IV, Section 9 Probationary Period of Employment: At the conclusion of the probationary period, the employee shall be advanced one-half step (2.4%) on the salary scale providing the initial salary was at the entrance level when employed.

**TAX RELEASES**

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

Judith Thompson Carr; I-6-86, canceled and rebilled with 11 acres valued \$11,800. Dwelling was rebilled to Elmer Thompson Heirs on I-6-86A. Amount \$214.09, valuation \$27,100, year 1993,

account #01-12743.

Joe B. & Carrie Evans; FB-1-82, one building only, other building double-listed to Church FB-1-82A. Amount \$65.52, valuation \$9,100, year 1993, account #10-05000.

Jeffrey Greene; licensed vehicle already billed on account 1993-11-02278. Amount \$3.24, valuation \$450, year 1993, account #16-06284.

Robert Delane Hilbourn; mobile home double-listed on regular listing as Robert Hilburn. Amount \$99.31, valuation \$12,220, years 1992-93, account #01-40053.

Modern Developers, Inc.; CH-2-105, double-listed to CH-2-104, Samuel & Sarah Koonce. Amount \$12.96, valuation \$1,800, year 1993, account #13-27960.

Curley J. Oxendine; M-12-2B, not in Whiteville Rescue. Amount \$9.98, year 1993, account #03-17250.

Donna Skipper licensed vehicle (1982 Buick) already billed on account #1993-11-00958. Amount \$10.66, valuation \$1,480, year 1983, account #01-83970.

Juanita S. Stanley; WH-3-502, double listed to Gloria Roodhouse on #01-76679. Amount \$50.40, valuation \$7,000, year 1993, account #01-88033.

Mrs. S. P. Stanley; J-5-99A, double listed to Elwood Price - property sold 4-10-92. Amount \$12.58, valuation \$1,700, year 1993, account #01-88740.

Ervin W. Stocks; WS-2-65, pier gone prior to 1-1-93. Amount \$25.20, valuation \$3,500, year 1993, account #11-26340.

Elmer Thompson Heirs; I-6-86A, billed incorrectly with value of \$27,900. Per request, rebilled with valuation of \$43,500 (house added on property). Amount \$220.41, valuation \$27,900, year 1993, account #01-93580.

Avery B. Ward; Roanoke barn located on K-13-18, one half of value already billed to Thelbert Murray Ward. Amount \$9.00, valuation \$1,250, year 1993, account #03-25960.

Robert & Theresa Ward; mobile home already listed on regular listing on #16-16985 to Robert Ward (mobile home not affixed). Amount \$194.40, valuation \$24,000, year 1993, account #03-27824.

Late Douglas & Sandra Weavil; I-2-59, I-2-63B and J-2-32, not in Whiteville Rescue District. Amount \$38.79, year 1993, account #05-07400.

Rostella Smith Williams; mobile home double-listed on #06-43140, Estelle Williams. Amount \$297.11, valuation \$32,080, years 1992-93, account #06-43442.

Wade Lenwood Williams; per survey, H-9-19, acres corrected to 28.20 acres. Amount \$25.74, valuation \$3,300, year 1993, account #09-33713.

Release the following solid waste user fees:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>
Luretha Brown	\$12.00	1993	01-09471
Andrew S. Burgess	12.00	1993	08-02000
Giles & Eloise Byrd	60.00	1993	11-04800
Judith Thompson Carr & Elmer Thompson	30.00	1993	01-12743
R.C. Coleman	30.00	1993	03-03870
A.J. & Thelma G. Eason	30.00	1993	15-12700
Joe B. & Carrie Evans	18.00	1993	10-05000
Mrs. A.J. Harris	18.00	1993	04-07000
Charles M. Herring	30.00	1993	12-11700
Robert Delane Hilbourn	60.00	1992-93	01-40053
Ernest Mayo Kissam, Jr.	30.00	1993	12-14280
Thurman O. Lanier	30.00	1993	09-16580
James Elton & Phyllis Long	30.00	1993	01-54000
S.C. Long Heirs	30.00	1993	09-17040
Audrey Dale McLamb	30.00	1993	07-11560
Frances Owens	30.00	1993	15-28860
Bonnie Kay Prince	30.00	1993	09-24220
John E. Register	30.00	1993	03-19221
Singletary Sanderson	30.00	1993	05-06003
Mrs. Arthealia Sellers	30.00	1993	01-79980
Taft & Beulah J. Turbeville	30.00	1993	09-30880
Richard & Ethel Ward	30.00	1993	11-29265
Robert & Theresa Ward	30.00	1993	03-27824
Roger Dale & Rhonda Ward	30.00	1993	09-32610
Wilbur D. Ward	30.00	1993	03-28120
Rostella Smith Williams	60.00	1992-93	06-43442

Ordered; that a refund check be issued to Joe Evans, P.O. Box 242, Fair Bluff, NC 28439 (Natalie Evans), in the amount of \$143.58 for years 1991-92. FB-1-82, one building double listed to FB-1-82-A, church property. Released 1993. Valuation \$18,200, account #10-05025.

Ordered; that a refund check be issued to Thelton G. and Nancy H. King, Route 2, Box 69, Riegelwood, NC 28456, in the amount of \$30.00, for year 1993. Z-2-40, one house vacant. Account #15-22480.

Ordered; that a refund check be issued to Troy Waymond Price, Route 2, Box 215-A, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$7.42, for year 1993. 1983 Honda was licensed and billed on account #1993-06-03393. Valuation \$1,030, account #01-73135.

Ordered; that a refund check be issued to Leonard Walker, Route 5, Box 223, Whiteville, NC 28472 in the amount of \$6.90, for year 1992 billed in 1993 on discovery. Deferred taxes on I-6-16 billed in 1992 and taxes paid 4-22-93. Valuation \$1,000, account #01-99560.

Ordered; that a refund check be issued to Frances Whitty, Post Office Box 512, Riegelwood, NC 28456, in the amount of \$21.31 for year 1993. 1986 Ford Taurus was licensed and billed on account #1993-09-01167. Valuation \$2,960, account #14-38770.

Ordered; that a refund check be issued to Mrs. Mildred B. Ferguson, Post Office Box 12448, Florence, SC 29504, in the amount of \$330.72, for years 1992-93. F-5-10A, house was sold and billed to William George Harris on #12-11080, map F-5-10, since 1992. Valuation \$38,400, account #12-07600.

**DRAINAGE DISTRICTS - REQUEST ANNUAL ACCOUNTING REPORT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Worley and passed unanimously to respectively request annual accounting reports and activities relating to drainage improvements from the four (4) watershed districts within Columbus County.

**RESOLUTION - SUPPORTING TOBACCO IN COLUMBUS COUNTY**

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to present a copy of the Resolution supporting tobacco that was adopted on March 13, 1993 to Michael Shaw, Associate Extension Agent with Columbus County

Cooperative Extension, who will be traveling to Washington D. C. to represent Columbus County in a UNITED EFFORT TOBACCO RALLY, to be held January 26, 1994 with United States Congress and the White House.

Chairman Koonce suggested that a County Commissioner attend the meeting, if anyone could arrange their schedule to do so.

**SOCIAL SERVICES - LETTER OF RECOGNITION TO AFDC AND FOOD STAMP EMPLOYEES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to write a letter of recognition to the employees of Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Food Stamps in Social Services for receiving a 0% error rate from September 1992-June 1993. Columbus County was the only county in the region with 0% errors.

**BEAVERS - EXTERMINATION PLAN**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to direct Administration to devise a plan on exterminating beavers to help reduce the population in Columbus County.

**AGREEMENT (INDEMNIFICATION) - APPROVAL & AUTHORIZATION FOR CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE DOCUMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to approve the Indemnification Agreement and authorize the Chairman to execute the document as follows:

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

**COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that COLUMBUS COUNTY, a body politic, organized and existing under and by virtue of laws of the State of North Carolina, hereinafter called "The County, and UNITED CAROLINA BANK of Whiteville, North Carolina, hereinafter called "UCB", execute this contractual General Indemnity Agreement, concerning the matters herein contained.**

That for and in consideration of the premises and further consideration of the sum of twenty-one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three and 36/100 (\$21,783.36) dollars, this date paid by the said UCB to the said County, the receipt of which is hereby



acknowledged, the Indemnitors, Columbus County, by itself, its successors and assigns, jointly and severally, and do hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. United Carolina Bank has issued three (3) cashiers check which remain outstanding, to wit: Check Number - 1397675, payable to William Tracy Floyd or Thomas Lake Floyd, in the amount of nine thousand six hundred eighty-one and 49/100 (\$9,681.49) dollars; Check Number - 1397676, with the original payee of William Tracy Floyd or Thomas Lake Floyd, in the amount of nine thousand six hundred eighty-one and 49/100 (\$9,681.49) dollars; and Check Number - 1397679, with the original payee of William Tracy Floyd or Marilyn Floyd, in the amount of nine thousand six hundred eighty-one and 50/100 (\$9,681.50). These check total the sum of twenty-nine thousand forty-four and 48/100 (\$29,044.48) dollars.

2. The said William Tracy Floyd is now deceased and Marilyn Floyd is also deceased.

3. The State of North Carolina has a state tax lien in the sum of two million five hundred sixty-two thousand four hundred thirty-eight and 24/10 (\$2,562,438.24) dollars.

4. The said Thomas Lake Floyd, as Administrator of the Estate of William Tracy Floyd, has signed an Affidavit and Release which agrees to relinquish, assign, convey or transfer all rights in and to Check Number 1397675, and Check Number 1397676, unto the Columbus County Sheriff's Department and the North Carolina Department of Revenue.

5. The Columbus County Commissioners have considered the request of the Columbus County Sheriff and are in agreement to receiver the sum of seventy-five (75%) percent of the outstanding balance of the cashiers checks or twenty-one thousand seven hundred eighty-three and 36/100 (\$21,783.36) dollars. This check should be payable to the Columbus County Sheriff's Department and used in accordance with the rules, regulations and applicable laws for that department's requirements.

6. Columbus County is hereby agreeing to be bound to reimburse and indemnify United Carolina Bank, upon demand, in an amount up to but not exceeding (in the aggregate) the sum of twenty-one thousand seven hundred eighty-three and 36/100 (\$21,783.36) dollars should any person, firm or corporation present

for payment at any time hereafter any of the above mentioned foregoing checks to United Carolina Bank. Payment by Columbus County for reimbursement of the checks shall not exceed the total aggregate amount of twenty-one thousand seven hundred eighty-three and 36/100 (\$21,783.36) dollars.

7. It is further agreed that United Carolina Bank shall have no obligation of any kind to contest the presentation of the payment of the said cashiers checks. United Carolina Bank agrees to notify the County of Columbus and the North Carolina Department of Revenue of its payment of any of the said instruments as soon as practical thereafter.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said County of Columbus, has agreed to be contractually bound to United Carolina Bank by their actions of the 18th day of January, 1994, and the said Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners has executed this Contract, attested by the Clerk of said Commissioners, all under the authority duly given this 18th day of January, 1994.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD  
OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ IDA L. SMITH  
CLERK TO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ SAMUEL G. KOONCE  
CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:35 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

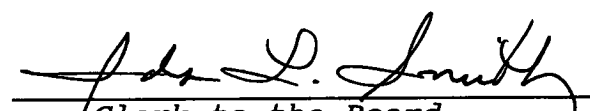
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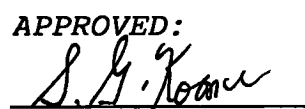
At 9:15 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to adjourn executive session and resume regular session.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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

  
Clerk to the Board

APPROVED:  
  
Chairman