

**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., March 9, 1994, to continue a meeting that was recessed on February 28, 1994.

**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 Jacobs gave the invocation.

**SOCIAL SERVICES - 1993 EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING PERFORMANCE AWARD**

Sarah DeLancey, Regional Manager, with the Division of Social Services, advised the Board that Columbus county is one of nine (9) North Carolina counties to receive a 1993 Food Stamp Employment and Training Performance Award. The program was jointly administered by the Department of Social Services and the Whiteville office of the Employment Security Commission.

Mrs. DeLancey presented an award to Jo Anne Vereen, Social Services Director and supervisors Becky Williamson and Brenda Eason. Also, an award was presented to Henry Norton, Employment Security Commission Manager.

**RESOLUTION - SUPPORT OF PEANUT PROGRAM**

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by

Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Nineteen Hundred Ninety Four (1994) will be an important year for the future of farmers in Columbus County; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic impact of agriculture on Columbus County is sizeable with a large portion of the base being the peanut program; and

**WHEREAS**, there are 920 acres of peanuts grown in Columbus County annually which in turn provides over \$1,302,000.00 of income for the County; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the current farm programs are being attacked as wasteful and there is little understanding of current programs and how they have provided the United States with the best supply of healthy, economical food in the world.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners does hereby support the peanut program and other farm programs that have an economical impact on Columbus County and respectfully request that when considering the 1995 Farm Bill to consider the impact the agriculture programs will have on the communities whose livelihood depends on the actions taken by the United States Congress.

**ADOPTED** this the 9th day of March, 1994.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

/s/ Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

**4-H YOUTH LIVESTOCK BUILDING (FAIRGROUNDS) - FUNDING APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve funding for the 4-H Youth Livestock Building and bleachers at the Columbus County Agricultural Fairgrounds in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be appropriated from Non-Departmental Contingency (10-660-9999) and to be expended in Recreation - Special Projects (10-620-3400) with the Recreation Department to fund an additional \$1,000.00 toward the project.

LIVESTOCK ADVISORY COMMITTEE - REQUEST FUNDING FROM STATE

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to appoint a Committee consisting of Dempsey Herring, James Norris and Gene Wilson to randomly select and monitor well water in the communities where livestock farms operate and report findings to Board. Further, that a request be made to the State Legislature to provide the necessary funding for the employment of qualified personnel to regularly inspect facilities of all registered livestock operations.

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY I - GOVERNING BODY RESIGNED AS WATER AUTHORITY

The following members of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners resigned as the Columbus County Water & Sewer Authority I:

Commissioners Mike Richardson, A. Dial Gray, III, Samuel G. Koonce, C.W. Williams, Sammie Jacobs, and Ed Worley.

APPOINTMENTS - COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY I

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Columbus County Water & Sewer District I Authority for a three (3) year term:

Commissioner Lynwood Norris, Chairman  
Route 3, Box 257, Tabor City, NC 28463

Margie Gore  
Route 1, Box 171-J, Clarendon, NC 28432

Henry Milligan  
Route 3, Box 302, Tabor City, NC 28463

Roger Dale Ward  
Route 3, Box 288-A, Whiteville, NC 28472

William Hannah  
Route 3, Whiteville, NC 28472

Ida L. Smith, Secretary  
111 Washington Street, Whiteville, NC 28472

FIREWORKS DISPLAY - PERMISSION GRANTED TO STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to authorize the display of discharge of fireworks in accordance with N.C.G.S. 14-410 for

the N. C. Strawberry Festival Committee to be held at the Strawberry Festival on May 7, 1994.

**CONTRACT - TIRE REMOVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the Tire Removal Contract between B.T. Sanitation, Incorporated /dba/ Central Carolina Tire Disposal and Columbus County commencing January 1, 1994 and ending December 31, 1995, at the rate of \$71.40 per ton of scrap tires.

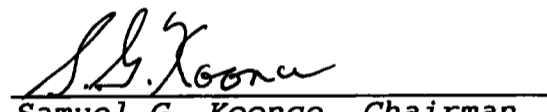
A copy of the properly executed Contract Agreement is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY - REQUEST & APPROVAL FOR COUNTY TO ACT AS FISCAL AGENT FOR FAMILIES FIRST GRANT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by commissioner Richardson and passed unanimously to approve the Columbus County Finance Office to act as the fiscal agent for the Families First Grant, from the N. C. Department of Crime Control & Public Safety, as requested by District Attorney, Rex Gore. The grant will be included in the preparation of the Columbus County 1994-95 Operating Budget.

APPROVED:

  
Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

  
Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman

**BUILDINGS (COUNTY COMPLEX) - INFRASTRUCTURE BID OPENED**

The bid for the infrastructure (water and sewer) to the County Complex was opened by James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, from Frank Horne Construction, in the presence of Chairman Koonce. Since there was only one bid at the original bid date, the ten (10) day waiting period lapsed for rebids. The single original bid was opened for review as follows:

Frank Horne Construction Company    \$264,072.00  
P.O.Box 338  
Fair Bluff, NC 28439

This procedure follows the North Carolina Building practice when one (1) bid is received.

The above item was handled after the meeting adjourned.