

**COLUMBUS COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES**

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office, at 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, NC, February 20, 1995, at 7:30 P.M., it being the third Monday.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sammie Jacobs, Chairman

Lynwood Norris, Vice Chairman

Spruell Randolph Britt

David L. Dutton, Jr.

A. Dial Gray, III

C.W. Williams

C.E. "Gene" Wilson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

Dempsey B. Herring,  
Special Projects Coordinator

Chairman Jacobs called the meeting to order and Commissioner C. W. Williams gave the invocation.

**BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the February 6, 1995, Board Meeting, as recorded.

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS - VARIOUS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the following various budget amendments.

Accept 10-348-0701 Maternal Health Rural OB Care	\$30,000.00
Expend 10-592-45 Rural OB Care Incentive	\$30,000.00
Appropriate 10-660-9999 Non-Departmental	(\$2,392.66)
Contingency	
Expend 10-607-7400 Vet. Adm. - Computer/Printer	\$2,392.66

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by

Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to schedule a public hearing for March 13, 1995 at 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of updating the zoning guidelines that affect a one-mile radius around Southeastern Community College.

Also, in the same motion, a second public hearing was scheduled for March 13, 1995 at 7:15 P.M., for the Community Development Block Grant Microenterprise Loan Program.

**AGING (DEPT.) - FAIR BLUFF SENIOR CENTER APPROVED**

Ed Worley, Department of Aging Director, requested the Board to consider leasing the former "Red and White Grocery Store" in Fair Bluff for a Senior Center. Columbus County is eligible for a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Cape Fear Council of Governments with Columbus County matching 10%. Mr. Worley reported that the 10% match can be funded from the Department of Aging's budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to formally endorse the need for the Senior Center in Fair Bluff; agreed to name the Columbus County Senior Center as the sponsoring agency for the Fair Bluff Center; and to make a commitment to use local funds to support the ongoing operation of the center. The County's match money for the Fair Bluff Senior Center for the balance of Fiscal Year 1994-95 is to be appropriated from the Aging Department's budget.

**AGING (DEPT.) - APPOINTED AS LEAD AGENCY**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to appoint the Columbus County Department of Aging as the Lead Agency for planning and coordination of Fiscal Year 1995-96 for the Home and Community Care Block Grant for Aging Services.

**AGING (DEPT.) - HEALTH PROMOTION WITHIN THE SENIOR CENTER APPROVED**

Ed Worley, Aging Director, advised the Board that the Cape Fear Council of Governments has notified the Department of Aging of Title III-F allocation money that is available to be applied to health promotion within the Columbus County Senior Centers. The amounts that are available are as follows:

<u>Funding</u>	<u>COG Amount</u>	<u>County Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current	\$6,198.00	\$ 689.00 (10%)	\$6,887.00
Additional	\$5,696.00	\$1,005.00 (15%)	\$6,701.00
Total	<u>\$11,894.00</u>	<u>\$1,694.00</u>	<u>\$13,588.00</u>

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to allow the Columbus County Department of Aging to accept the Title III-F allocation money that is available to Columbus County to be applied to health promotion, with the County's match to be absorbed within the Department of Aging's budget.

**APPOINTMENT - REGION O AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to appoint Lester Drew to the Region O Advisory Council to fill the unexpired term of Charles Enzor, deceased.

**APPOINTMENT - LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to appoint Commissioner Sammie Jacobs to serve on the Library Board of Trustees, the length of his term, to replace former Commissioner Samuel G. Koonce.

**APPOINTMENTS - PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, one (1) member from each Commissioner's respective zone.

District I - C. W. Williams:

Clarence Williams, Route 1, Box 205A, Whiteville, NC 28472

District II - C. E. Wilson:

Charles Lennon, Route 2, Box 126, Clarkton, NC 28433

District III - Sammie Jacobs:

Gary Jacobs, Route 1, Box 115A, Bolton, NC 28423

District IV - A. Dial Gray, III:

Larry Williamson, 601 Robeson Street, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450

District V - Lynwood Norris:

Clarence Willoughby, Route 2, Box 105, Tabor City, NC 28463

District VI - Spruell R. Britt:

Sammy Nobles, Route 1, Box 305, Fair Bluff, NC 28439

District VII - David L. Dutton, Jr.:

Thurman Ward, Route 4, Box 196, Whiteville, NC 28472

**APPOINTMENT - SOUTHEASTERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to reappoint Mr. Leo Mercer to serve on the Southeastern Economic Development Commission for a two (2) year term, to expire April 1, 1997.

**N.C. STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL - FIREWORKS APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to grant authority in accordance with N.C.G.S 14-410 to the North Carolina Strawberry Association to display fireworks for Saturday evening, April 29, 1995, at 9:00 P.M. in Chadbourn, North Carolina for the 63rd North Carolina Strawberry Festival.

**WILDLIFE - COMPLAINT OF HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

Ray Ward of the Fair Bluff Community, addressed the Board in reference to hunting on private property. Mr. Ward reported of hunters shooting from vehicles which is endangering peoples lives in the area and requested the Board's help in solving the problem.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to table the request until a representative from the N. C. Department of Wildlife can be present and James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, can give the Board a legal opinion as to what action can be taken.

**BUILDINGS (COUNTY) - SPACE STUDY NEEDS PROPOSAL TABLED**

Roy L. Lowe, County Administrator, advised the Board that only one (1) proposal has been received for the space study needs which was from Ballard Architects.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, and seconded by Commissioner Dutton to award the contract to Ballard Architects to perform the space study with a cost not to exceed \$15,500.00.

AYES: Commissioners Dutton, Gray and Wilson

NOES: Commissioners Norris, Jacobs, Williams and  
Britt

The motion failed on a 4 - 3 vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to contact Ballard Architects and other architectural firms who would be interested in presenting a proposal and request new proposals to be presented orally to the Board at the next Board meeting.

RESOLUTION - GOVERNING BODY CANCELING BOARD MEETING FOR MARCH 6, 1995

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

NOTICE and RESOLUTION to CANCEL MEETING  
of the BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
of COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

The Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, unanimously approved on February 20, 1995, to adopt the following Resolution.

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, has presently scheduled meetings at 7:30 P.M. on the first and third Mondays of each month; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, is planning to attend the National Association of Commissioners' Legislative Conference on March 6, 1995; and.

WHEREAS, a majority is needed to form a quorum under North Carolina law.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, North Carolina, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-40, shall cancel the regular meeting of the said Board scheduled for March 6th, 1995 and shall reschedule the meeting in the Columbus County Commissioners' Chambers, 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina on Monday, March 13th, 1995, at 7:30 P.M.

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that a copy of this Resolution and Notice shall be

placed on the Courthouse Bulletin Board, as well as mailed to all of the news media who has requested notice.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**/s/ SAMMIE JACOBS, CHAIRMAN**

**ATTESTED BY:**

**/s/ Ida L. Smith, CLERK TO BOARD**

**RESOLUTION - COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE-COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP ACT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve Columbus County's participation in the North Carolina State-County Criminal Justice Partnership Act with no County funds to be appropriated. Also, the Board concurred to request the list of proposed Committee Members to serve on the Board to be presented to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

**RESOLUTION FOR COLUMBUS COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION**

**IN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE-COUNTY**

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina General Assembly ratified an amendment to Chapter 143B of the General Statutes in 1993, thereby creating the North Carolina State-County Criminal Justice Partnership Act; and

**WHEREAS**, this new legislation is an attempt by the State of North Carolina to:

- (1) Provide \$12 million and technical assistance to counties for developing supplemental community-based corrections programs which appropriately punish and rehabilitate non-violent criminals;
- (2) Expand the sentencing options available to local judges for non-violent criminals who receive non-incarcerative sentences;
- (3) Promote effective coordination between State and County community-based corrections programs; and
- (4) Improve public confidence in the criminal justice system by educating the public regarding the role of community-based corrections programs; and

*WHEREAS, under the new law, counties wishing to apply for technical assistance (effective July, 1994) and funding (effective April 1, 1995) must first have their Board of Commissioners approve the decision to apply and appoint a local County Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is strongly encouraging County initiatives and offering financial incentives for such efforts; and*

*WHEREAS, Columbus County would most certainly benefit from the Criminal Justice Partnership Act.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Columbus County Board of Commissioners agrees to work to ensure that the following eligibility requirements for initiatives under the NC State-County Criminal Justice Partnership Act are duly realized. To ensure creation of a Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board for Columbus County which shall have the following powers and duties:*

- (1) To conduct the planning process for development of a comprehensive community-based corrections plan for Columbus County;*
- (2) To submit the plan to the Board of County Commissioners for approval within one (1) year of the last appointment to the Advisory Board;*
- (3) To review and revise the plan on a continual basis and make formal recommendations annually to the Board of County Commissioners concerning its implementation and operation for the ensuing year; and*
- (4) To monitor and evaluate the impact of any Community-Based Corrections Programming already in existence or implemented under the NC State-County Criminal Justice Partnership Act and prepare semi-annual written reports with recommendations for the Board of County Commissioners.*

*ADOPTED this the 20th day of February, 1995, by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners in a regular public meeting in Whiteville, North Carolina.*

## COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ SAMMIE JACOBS, CHAIRMAN

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

RESOLUTION - FAMILIES FIRST

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF  
FAMILIES FIRST TO CREATE A SAFE HOUSE  
FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,  
RAPE AND CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is on the rise in Columbus County and North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the victims of rape, child sexual abuse and domestic violence most often have to leave their homes and be transported out of Columbus County, and

**WHEREAS**, at present, Columbus County has no shelter for the victims of domestic violence in regards to rape, child sexual abuse and domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the large geographical area of Columbus County, the transportation of victims usually compounds the problems because distances to the victim and then the distance to a safe shelter creates added stress on the victims; and

**WHEREAS**, Families First, a non-profit organization, created by the 13th Prosecutorial District, desires the support of Columbus County in its efforts to secure grant funding for the purpose of creating a safe haven for victims of rape, child sexual abuse and spousal abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, Families First would help serve the needs of victims of Columbus County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners endorses and supports the efforts of Families First in their efforts to seek funds and establish a safe haven for victims of family violence.

**ADOPTED**, this the 20th day of February, 1995.



## COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman

## ATTESTED BY:

/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

FINANCE - SOCIAL SERVICES LOAN PROCEEDS TO BE DEPOSITED IN GENERAL FUND

Gayle Godwin, Finance Officer, requested by letter for reimbursed funds from the loan proceeds to be placed in fund balance due to using funds up front for construction of the Social Services Building has reduced the fund balance to 5.68% for Fiscal Year 1993-94. The total funds that were reimbursed are \$609,850.00, less the estimated purchase of furniture of \$120,000.00, leaving a balance of \$489,850.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the Finance Office to deposit funds in the amount of \$609,850.00, reimbursed for Social Services Building construction, to the unappropriated fund balance for Fiscal Year 1993-94 to increase the percentage to 7.24%.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - COUNTY HALL & GROUNDS

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to amend the County Hall & Grounds Budget as follows:

Appropriate 10-399-0000 - Fund Balance \$120,000.00

Expend as follows:

10-502-3300 Departmental Supplies \$ 64,000.00

10-502-7400 Capital Outlay \$ 56,000.00

FIRE & RESCUE - NORTH WHITEVILLE FIRE DISTRICT FEE SCHEDULEAPPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to accept the North Whiteville Fire District Fee Schedule as presented on February 9, 1995 by the North Whiteville Fire Department.

1. A single-family dwelling or manufactured home, and appurtenant structures, plus up to five (5) acres of surrounding land. The fee on this class of property with valuation up to \$25,000.00 will be \$25.00. Valuation from \$25,001.00 and up will be \$50.00. The fee on this class of property may not exceed \$50.00 per site per

year.

2. Unimproved land other than the five (5) acres of land classified as part of a single-family dwelling or manufactured home. The fee on this class of property may not exceed two cents (2¢) per acre per year. The county may establish a minimum fee for unimproved land of not more than five dollars (\$5.00) per year.
3. An animal production or horticultural operation. The fee on this class of property may not exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) per site per year.
4. A commercial facility other than an animal production or horticultural operation. The fee on this class of property may not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) per site per year for commercial facilities with structures encompassing less than 5,000 square feet and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per site per year for commercial facilities with structures encompassing 5,000 square feet or more.
5. A multiple-family dwelling. The fee on a duplex may not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) per building per year. The fee on a triplex may not exceed seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per building per year. The fee on any other multiple-family dwelling may not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per building per year.
6. Any other class of property selected by the county. The fee on these classes of property may not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) per year.

**LIBRARY - AMANDA BIBLE, DIRECTOR, RETIREMENT ACCEPTED**

Amanda Bible, Library Director, announced to the Board that effective July 31, 1995, she will be retiring as Columbus County's Public Library Director.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to accept Amanda Bible's letter of resignation as Library Director as of July 31, 1995.

**LIBRARY - APPROVAL FOR ADVERTISING FOR LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S POSITION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve advertising the Library Director's position immediately and filling the position by June 1, 1995, if possible, as requested by the Library Board of Trustees.

**TAX RELEASES & REFUNDS**

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

**CRAIG DREW BUFFKIN:** 1985 Pontiac repossessed prior to 1-1-86. Amount \$18.11, valuation \$9,720.00, year 1986, account #17-04660.

**DAVID MILLER CARTER, III:** CH-2-92, clerical error. Amount \$3.58, valuation \$470.00, year 1994, account #13-07060.

**JIMMY DALE DUNCAN:** Vehicle (1979 Ford) junked prior to 1-1-92. Amount \$5.93, valuation \$780.00, year 1992, account #13-10798.

**RONALD ELLIS:** Mobile home vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #13-12123.

**FONZA GEORGE HEIRS:** H-3-100, double listed to Jethro and Anna Mae George on Map H-3-99. Amount \$211.28, valuation \$30,400.00, years 1990 through 1993, account #12-09120.

**LEWIS E. GORE:** TC-4-305, lots 14 and 15 belong to Methodist Retirement Homes (tax exempt) on #06-50147. Amount \$95.00, valuation \$12,500.00, year 1994, account #06-14820.

**CHARLES HINSON:** H-7-1, house burned in 1992. Partially rebilled in 1993 (50%). See 2/06/95 releases also. Amount \$26.82, valuation \$45,700.00, years 1992 and 1993, account #01-41220.

**WILLIAM R. HINSON:** H-9-130, no building. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #09-14782.

**INMAN SURVEYING:** Machinery/equipment, double listed on account #06-11957, receipt 35445, on regular list. Amount \$82.49, valuation \$10,854.00, year 1994, account #06-19957.

**REX ALLEN JACOBS:** Personal property (Fruehauf trailer) listed in Bladen County where he lives. Amount \$81.29, valuation \$10,710.00, year 1992, account #17-20072.

**ANNELLA MCKENZIE McCOY:** Failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption on her mobile home valued at \$1,050.00. Amount \$8.19, valuation \$1,050.00, year 1994, account #12-17080.

**MARY D. & WADE MCKENZIE:** H-6-90B (1.36 acre tract) vacant. Amount \$30.00, no valuation listed, year 1994, account #13-26065.

**BERTHA WILLIAMS NELSON:** W-3-78B, double listed to Eunice Powell #15-30532, Map W3-78K. Amount \$104.88, valuation \$12,400.00, years 1985 through 1994, account #15-28560.

**CECILE SELLERS:** Personal property, does not own. Amount \$75.89, valuation \$5,490.00, year 1994, account #13-35572.

**DARRON MARCELL SMITH:** Vehicle (1981 Pontiac) junked

prior to 1-1-92. Amount \$50.33, valuation \$6,630.00, year 1992, account #17-33769.

**ETHELENE S. & JAMES SMITH:** I-8-68, house vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #01-84953.

**ELTON H. SOLES:** J-5B-52, vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #01-87140.

**JAMES SMITH HEIRS, c/o BARBARA BARBOUR:** H-4-27, property vacant. Amount \$30.00 user fee. Year 1994, account #13-36840.

**DANIEL & BETTY SPIVEY:** 1981 Oldsmobile, valuation \$9,250.00, junked prior to 1-1-93. Priced through error. This release voids and replaces previous release of 2/06/95. Also, due a refund. Amount \$28.38, valuation \$3,940.00, year 1993, account #01-87711.

**JOHNSIE M. STRICKLAND:** Utility trailer double listed on regular list and late list. Amount \$8.36, valuation \$1,000.00, year 1994, account #16-14685.

**GRAHAM WALKER:** CH-4-216, double listed to Harold Walker on CH-4-217. Due a refund for year prior to 1994. Amount \$12.92, valuation \$1,700.00, year 1994, account #13-41360.

**JAMES RICHARD WARD:** Leasehold (house) located on N-3-16, double listed to Woodrow Ward on #14-17327. Amount \$158.44, valuation \$16,900.00, year 1994, account #02-01649.

**ORDERED:** That a refund check be issued to **EMMA MAE PRIDGEN**, Route 1, Box 227, Whiteville, NC 28472, (Solomon & James Pridgen, Heirs), in the amount of \$23.94, for year 1994. Vacant mobile home (year 1972), double listed to Solomon Pridgen, Heirs, on Map H-2-93, #12-22860. Amount \$23.94, valuation \$3,150.00, year 1994, account #01-73807.

**ORDERED:** That a refund check be issued to **BRADFORD LEE HICKMAN**, Route 1, Box 140, Tabor City, NC 28463, in the amount of \$25.20, for years 1993 and 1994. G-13B-9, no mobile home on property. Vacant tract. Amount \$25.20, valuation \$3,000.00, years 1993 and 1994, account #06-18696.

**ORDERED:** That a refund check be issued to **DANIEL & BETTY SPIVEY**, P.O. Box 282, Brunswick, NC 28424, in the amount of \$50.00, for year 1993. 1981 Oldsmobile junked prior to 1-1-93.

Billed through error. Taxes paid. Amount \$50.00, valuation \$9,250.00, year 1993, account #01-87711.

**ORDERED:** That a refund check be issued to **MRS. JENNIE RAE M. MYERS**, P.O. Box 191, Riegelwood, NC 28456 (Alexander Strickland Heirs), in the amount of \$77.60, for years 1991 through 1994. Z-2A-9, double listed to Charles R. Wellons on #15-38500. Amount \$77.60, valuation \$9,600.00, years 1991 through 1994, account #15-35600.

**ORDERED:** That a refund check be issued to **GRAHAM WALKER**, Route 1, Box 27, Chadbourn, NC 28431, in the amount of \$47.82, for years 1990 through 1993. CH-4-216, double listed to Harold Walker on CH-4-217, account #13-41380. Amount \$47.82, valuation \$6,800.00, years 1990 through 1993, account #13-41360.

**BUILDINGS (COURTHOUSE) - UPDATE BY DEMPSEY HERRING**

Dempsey Herring, Assistant to Administrator/Special Projects, reported that he and Leroy Sellers, Maintenance Supervisor, have toured the Courthouse and made a list of needed repairs. Mr. Sellers is in the process of getting bids for a heating and air conditioning system to replace the old boiler system. Mr. Herring also reported that in order to give the Courts additional space the Board may want to consider moving the Register of Deeds office and District Attorneys to another building.

**LUMBER RIVER - DESIGNATED AS A STATE PARK**

Dempsey Herring reported that the Lumber River has been designated as a State Park which disallows firearms and hunting in the area. The State Guidelines are in the process of being rewritten administratively and does not have to be presented to the General Assembly for approval. Mr. Herring will keep the Board updated on any action taken in reference to the Lumber River State Park.

**RESOLUTION - CAPE FEAR WATER & SEWER**

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

**ENDORSEMENT of the**

**LOWER CAPE FEAR WATER and SEWER AUTHORITY**

RESOLUTION

*THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS* fully endorses the request of the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority for the sponsor of a bill through the General Assembly in the amount of two hundred thousand (\$200,000.00) dollars for a special appropriation to fund the Cape Fear River Program.

*WHEREAS*, current proposed standards affecting point source dischargers, primarily large manufacturing facilities, are based on previous data which is inconclusive and not complete; and

*WHEREAS*, the project description allows for the placement of fifteen (15) sampling stations throughout the Lower Cape Fear River for uniform collection of data; and

*WHEREAS*, more realistic and logical future effluent limitations for users of the river can best be determined and imposed from uniform, accurate data; and

*WHEREAS*, limitations and constraints will have a widespread economic impact throughout the region; and

*WHEREAS*, the study will be conducted under the guidance of the Center for Marine Science Research at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and overseen by an advisory board representing industry, environmentalists, academia, civic organizations, local, state and federal agencies; and

*WHEREAS*, project data will be used to form the first comprehensive model for basin-wide management to protect a vital natural resource.

*BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED*, that the County of Columbus respectfully requests the support of our legislators in the region to cooperatively sponsor a bill at the request of the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority for the funding of the Cape Fear River Program.

*ADOPTED*, this the 20th day of February, 1995.

*COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS*

*/s/ SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman*

*ATTESTED BY:*

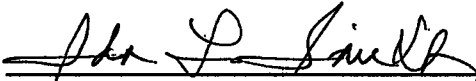
*IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board*

CONDOLENCES - RICHARD RUSSELL FAMILY

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to write a letter of condolences and appreciation in memory of Richard Russell who expired on February 17, 1995, and was a driving force in the development of the County Recreation Department in Columbus County, to his wife, Annie Lee and son, LaGrande Russell.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M.

  
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Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:

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Sammie Jacobs, Chairman