

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 August 21, 7:15 P.M., 1995, for the purpose of holding a public hearing in the development of a Community Development Block Grant application for Economic Development.

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

*Dempsey B. Herring
Interim County Administrator*

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

Chairman Jacobs called the public hearing to order. Chairman Jacobs stated the purpose of the public hearing is to receive views and opinions from the citizens of Columbus County on a Community Development Block Grant for an expansion project for Whiteville Plywood.

Chairman Jacobs requested anyone who wished to comment to state their name.

David Holland, representing Holland Consulting Planners, stated that his firm is preparing the application and a second public hearing will need to be scheduled.

Steve Yost, Economic Development Director, advised the Board that a SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLAR (\$60,000.00) grant will be awarded to Whiteville Plywood to extend water and sewer lines. The state will fund 75% of the grant and the remaining 25% must be funded by local entities. The proposal for the local match funds

is as follows.

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| City of Whiteville | \$3,750.00 (Committed) |
| Whiteville Development Corp. | \$3,750.00 (Committed) |
| Committee of 100 | \$3,750.00 (Committed) |
| Columbus County | \$3,750.00 (Requested) |

The Board concurred to direct Steve Yost to use funds for the County's portion from the Columbus County Economic Development Initiative Funds.

There were no comments by the public.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to close the public hearing at 7:23 P.M.

* * * * *

REGULAR SESSION

At 7:30 P.M., Chairman Jacobs called the meeting to order and Commissioner Gene Wilson, gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams, and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the August 7, 1995 Board Meeting, as recorded with the exclusion of the Natural Gas Line Agreement pages 286 - 292 of the Minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to approve the following consent agenda items with the exception of the following tax release:

C. E and Eloise Wilson: 1 dwelling only. User fees \$60.00, Account #05-07613.

AYES: Commissioners Dutton, Norris, Gray, Jacobs, Williams and Britt.

Commissioner Wilson was excused from voting.

Tax Releases:

NANCY ALLEN c/o BETTY RUSSELL: J-8A-115, mobile home double listed on real, also on personal property. Amount \$222.69, valuation \$19,140.00, year 1995, account #03-00049.

A T & T CREDIT CORPORATION: Business equipment

incorrectly billed with valuation of \$288,407.00, should have been \$228,407.00. Amount \$468.00, valuation \$60,000.00, year 1995, account #15-00963.

SAMUEL E. & AMY BALDWIN BAILEY: Mobile home (1990 Fleetwood) was sold in November 1994 to Sammy and Jenny Lacks on account #11-15242. Amount \$135.09, valuation \$11,260.00, year 1995, account #01-01825.

EUGENE & META BLACK: Failed to get senior citizen's exemption on lot and house I-4-80. Amount \$120.00, valuation \$15,000.00, year 1995, account #01-05880.

COLONEL RAY BLACKWELL: John Deer tractor (1975) sold prior to 1-01-95. Amount \$9.68, valuation \$1,100.00, year 1995, account #16-00783.

JOHNNY LEE BRIGMAN, JR.: Mobile home (year 1976) sold and listed to Vicky Charlene Barnhill on #11-01317. Amount \$15.44, valuation \$1,800.00, year 1995, account #01-08635.

CHURCH OF GOD & TRUE HOLINESS: FB-1-82-A, tax exempt (in town). Amount \$144.42, valuation \$13,900.00, year 1995, account #10-50029.

D & F PAINT & BODY SHOP: J-7A-27, not in Brunswick Fire District. Business is inside Whiteville City limits. Amount \$34.44, no valuation listed, year 1995, account #01-18984.

COLUMBUS, JR. & RONALD FOWLER: G-12-29 in Land Use. Also not in Yam City Fire District. House vacant. Amount \$168.50, valuation \$1,000.00, year 1995, account #06-10803.

LENZY & PAULINE GRAHAM: BT-1-56, one (1) dwelling only in town, three (3) trailers listed through error. Amount \$272.15, valuation \$10,970.00, year 1995, account #04-06306.

GEORGE ORBY & LORRAINE HARDWICK: Failed to get S.C. exemption on L-11-20. Amount \$117.00, valuation \$15,000.00, year 1995, account #03-10147.

JESSIE WOODUS HAYES: Tractor (1978 M/F) sold prior to 1-01-95. Amount \$21.02, valuation \$2,450.00, year 1995, account #16-07820.

RUBY B. MOORE LEACH (SAME AS RUBY MOORE): Mobile home does not exist on K-7A-193. Lives in a brick house located on this

tract. Amount \$242.40, valuation \$25,800.00, year 1995, account #01-51615.

MICHAEL KEITH & NANCY McPHERSON: H-3-66B, not in North Whiteville District. \$50.00 North Whiteville District, no valuation listed, year 1995, Account #12-18165.

MAPLE STREET HOMEOWNERS: LW-5-112-A, tax exempt. Amount \$144.30, valuation \$18,500.00, year 1995, account #08-11799.

GAY K. MERCER: WS-1-26, incorrect frontage value, reduced to \$49,500.00 valuation. Amount \$289.38, valuation \$37,100.00, year 1995, account #11-17200.

WANDA MINTZ: Mobile home was already listed as Wanda Little on #15-24197. Amount \$168.28, valuation \$12,620.00, year 1995, account #15-27257.

RUBY MAE MOORE (SAME AS RUBY MAE LEACH): K-7A-117, double-wide mobile home is listed to Reuben Moore, Jr. on #01-63577. Amount \$252.27, valuation \$22,100.00, year 1995, account #01-63560.

GRACE McQUAY: Mobile home listed in Cumberland County where she moved in June of 1994. Amount \$156.61, valuation \$11,260.00, year 1995, account #01-58045.

KENNETH P. NANCE: Double-wide mobile home listed to Kenneth and Susan M. Nance on 09-212-34. Amount \$150.47, valuation \$10,770.00, year 1995, account #09-21233.

GEORGE T. MUNN: V-1-70, not in Acme Delco Fire District. Located in Town of Sandyfield. Amount \$32.30, no valuation listed, year 1995, account #15-28140.

LARRY NOBLES: F-8-51A, double-wide mobile home, double listed as real property, also as personal property. Amount \$224.97, valuation \$19,640.00, year 1995, account #13-30270.

LAVERNE NOBLES: Listed mobile home that was already billed on real property H-7-61A. Amount \$9.33, valuation \$1,110.00, year 1995, account #13-30280.

L.R. ODHAM (DDS): Listed business equipment incorrectly. Amount \$106.59, valuation \$13,665.00, year 1995, account #10-13180.

MORRIS A. PATTERSON: Mobile home sold in 1994 prior to moving to Brunswick County. Amount \$110.30, valuation \$5,380.00, year 1995, account #13-32023.

ESTHER M. POPE (MRS.): J-7A-49, house already listed to Mike Shuman on Map I-8-23A, account #01-82835. Amount \$264.85, valuation \$24,100.00, year 1995, account #01-70760.

DAVID PRIDGEN: Mobile home already listed on H-2-136 was also listed as personal property. Amount \$330.04, valuation \$34,620.00, year 1995, account #12-22683.

ESTHER W. RAY: Failed to get S.C. exemption on I-10-66. Amount \$115.92, valuation \$13,800.00, year 1995, account #09-24480.

SANTEE REGISTER (ETAL): 09-116, In Land Use. Amount \$456.30, valuation \$58,500.00, year 1995, account #03-19481.

JAMES H. RUNNION: 1963 Mobile home, junked and replaced by double-wide listed to James Hugh Runnion on #01-782990. Amount \$9.35, valuation \$1,000.00, year 1995, account #01-78287.

HAROLD & BRENDA BOWEN: North Whiteville fees applied on house located on Map J-5-7. No dwelling on J-5-7A. Amount \$110.00, no valuation listed, year 1995, account #01-07540.

SAINT JAMES AME CHURCH: WH-3-1056, tax exempt; in town. Amount \$143.20, valuation \$13,400.00, year 1995, account #01-78654.

ROY SELLERS c/o ROSEMARY THOMPSON: Mobile homes sold prior to 1-01-95. Amount \$17.16, valuation \$2,000.00, year 1995, account #01-81041.

ALLEN LEE & LINDA L. SMITH: X5-17C, not in any fire district. Amount \$75.11, no valuation listed, year 1995, account #15-34368.

LOTTIE SNEED: W-2-70, failed to get S.C. exemption on lot and house. Amount \$132.00, valuation \$15,000.00, year 1995, account #15-35120.

KENNETH & PANSY STRICKLAND: Mobile home that was billed on real property was also listed on personal property, Map B-4-24. Amount \$232.85, valuation \$22,160.00, year 1995, account #10-16417.

LISTON DAVID STRICKLAND: H-13-2B, not in Yam City Fire District. Amount \$21.70, no valuation listed, year 1995, account #06-38528.

ROSEMARY S. THOMPSON & BONNIE S.: I-8-91, I-8-47A, I-8-93, I-8-67 and I-8-80, properties in Land Use. Amount \$566.54, valuation \$58,900.00, year 1995, account #01-94727.

UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH: M-5-36, tax exempt. Amount \$434.10, valuation \$43,500, year 1995, account #11-28224.

MARY VANCIE WILLIAMS: Failed to get the S.C. exemption on mobile home (she lives in mobile home). Amount \$8.80, valuation \$1,000.00, year 1995, account #12-29480.

CLIFTON REAVES: L-13-4, failed to get the S.C. exemption on lot and house. Amount \$117.00, valuation \$15,000.00, year 1995, account #07-13600.

WILSON FARM NUSERY, INC.: Extension granted on business listing. No late list. Amount \$7.00 late listing, no valuation listed, year 1995, account #16-17945.

JIMMY (HEIRS) & MARIE PORTER WHITE: Mobile home double listed on Marie Vincent White. Amount \$8.58, valuation \$1,000.00, year 1995, account #15-38694.

C.Y, SR. & LOUISE POWELL: M-5-21, value of house billed incorrectly. Amount \$226.18, valuation \$26,300.00, year 1995, account #11-20880.

CHARLES R. & RUBY ROSS: M-10-7A, failed to get the Veteran's disability on his house per G.S. 105-275 (21). Amount \$326.80, valuation \$38,000.00, year 1995, account #03-20140.

THE FOLLOWING BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TAX ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE:

1995 USER FEES

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u> |
|---|---------------|--------------------|
| Vernon & Betty B. Babson; house vacant. | \$60.00 | 12-00400 |
| Thelba & Essie Benson; mobile home in city limits. | \$24.00 | 08-01164 |
| Betty Merle Clayter; one dwelling only (Y-2A-87) | \$60.00 | 15-09280 |
| Howard Lofton Cox, Jr.; 1 house vacant (I-14-40) | \$60.00 | 07-02700 |
| John Robert Crawford, III; 1 dwelling only (M-17-52A) | \$60.00 | 07-03020 |
| William & Kathleen Garrell; house vacant (I-8-24) | \$60.00 | 01-30720 |

| | | |
|--|---------|----------|
| Lois W. Gerald; WH-1-509 & WH-1-505; in town. Bill #2123 | \$24.00 | 01-31760 |
| Lois W. Gerald; WH-1-509 & WH-1-505; in town Bill #2124 | \$24.00 | 01-31760 |
| C.W. Harrelson (Mrs.); H-10-57, 1 house only. | \$60.00 | 09-12960 |
| John Christopher & Crystal Harris; mobile home sold. | \$60.00 | 12-10942 |
| Billy H. & Betty Leonard; CH-4-170B, house vacant. | \$36.00 | 13-23446 |
| Yates Lee McPherson; H-8-3, house vacant. | \$60.00 | 09-20060 |
| Gene Allen & Judy Nobles; WH-3-731, old house vacant. | \$36.00 | 01-65820 |
| Junior Lee Norris; vacant mobile home. | \$60.00 | 07-12492 |
| Kathy Leverne Pinero; seasonal dwelling. | \$40.00 | 13-32655 |
| Allen Prevatte; house vacant on FB-2-42. | \$36.00 | 10-13833 |
| Judith L. Ruth; private hauler (Rural Sant., Inc.) | \$60.00 | 01-70573 |
| Paul Sanderson; house vacant / D-1-11. | \$60.00 | 12-23940 |
| Roy Sellers; mobile home vacant. | \$60.00 | 01-81042 |
| Donald Speck; seasonal dwelling. | \$40.00 | 01-17881 |
| Willie & Eunice Strickland (Heirs); waste hailed off by ARS. Bill #21491. | \$60.00 | 09-29860 |
| Willie & Eunice Strickland (Heirs); waste hailed off by ARS. Bill #21492. | \$60.00 | 09-29860 |
| Eunice G. Strickland; private hauler, ARS. | \$60.00 | 09-29720 |
| Bessie & Benjamin Turbeville; house vacant on C-6-32. | \$60.00 | 10-17100 |
| Billy Ray & Edna Walker; seasonal dwelling on M-17-32. | \$40.00 | 07-18460 |
| Clarence Thompson (Heirs); house vacant - J-6-15. | \$60.00 | 01-93320 |
| Evelyn (Ardell) White; house vacant - J-8-17A. | \$60.00 | 03-28980 |
| Henry G. & Elizabeth Williamson; 1 dwelling only - E-5-17. | \$60.00 | 12-30757 |

Budget Amendment:

| | |
|--|----------|
| Accept 10-335-0200 Miscellaneous Revenue | \$200.00 |
| Expend 10-630-5700 Library - Misc. Revenue | \$200.00 |

RESOLUTION - RANSOM ACTIVITY CENTER

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

COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Columbus County, North Carolina, at their regular meeting on the 21st day of August,

1995, unanimously adopted the following Resolution.

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, a concerned group of parents, friends, and supporters in the Ransom Township Communities and surrounding areas, organized and established the Ransom Activity Center, Incorporated in May, 1986; and

WHEREAS, the citizens rallied together mentally, physically and financially to purchase and clear twelve acres of land, build a 150 x 60 square foot building and furnish it and pursue avenues to pay for it; and

WHEREAS, the Ransom Activity Center, Incorporated fills a void that existed for recreational activities with baseball fields, basketball courts, and adequate space for banquets, pageants, entertainment, church functions, family reunions, business meetings, educational instruction, and various other activities; and

WHEREAS, the Ransom Activity Center, Incorporated is occupied by several very worthy Columbus County agencies; the Four County Community Services Block Grant; which includes the Ransom Headstart Site, Weatherization Program, and Food Distribution, the Department of Aging, which consist of Senior Citizens Nutrition Program, and also serves as a resource center for the Drug and Alcohol Prevention Center; and

WHEREAS, the Ransom Activity Center, Incorporated has largely been financed by its citizens and all financial obligations have been met as of August 2, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Ransom Activity Center, Incorporated is available to all citizens, friends, and patrons for a minimum cost and free for any non-profit community activity; and

WHEREAS, the Ransom Activity Center, Incorporated has instilled pride, dignity, dedication, and integrity to the determined, earnest working citizens of Ransom Township. We, the people, deem this facility a successful addition to the growth of Columbus County and all its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners takes this opportunity to express special

recognition to the Ransom Activity Center, Incorporated in the Ransom Township Community and commend them on their exceptional social consciousness of the need and completion of this project.

ADOPTED the 21st day of August, 1995.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Sammie Jacobs, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

PROCLAMATION - FOURTEENTH ANNUAL VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION DAY

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

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the Whiteville Vocational Rehabilitation Unit Office directed its mission and resources to help disabled consumers of Columbus County improve the quality of their lives; and

WHEREAS, since 1968, a wide range of Vocational Rehabilitation Services have been provided to Columbus County consumers with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the services rendered have benefited hundreds of consumers to prepare for, enter, engage in and retain gainful employment; and

WHEREAS, these tax-paying consumers have generated income back into the economy of Columbus County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County that September 26, 1995 is hereby **PROCLAIMED**

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REHABILITATION DAY

Adopted this 21st day of August, 1995.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Sammie Jacobs, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

PROCLAMATION - HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

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

HUNTING and FISHING DAY PROCLAMATION

Saturday, September 23, 1995

Hunting and Fishing have always been an important part of the American tradition. While these activities may no longer be necessary for survival--as they were in the early days of the nation--they are still relevant today.

Sportsmen and sportswomen recognize the critical role of habitat--quantity and quality of air, land, water, adequate cover or shelter, appropriate space, and sufficient arrangement--for the existence of all living things. For over 100 years, they have been in the forefront of the conservation movement. Not content with merely vocalizing their support, hunters and anglers requested special fees and taxes on their equipment to pay for scientific research, habitat acquisition and improvement, education, and enforcement. Over the years, funds raised total over \$18 billion for conservation.

Programs financed by the hunters and anglers have led to the dramatic comeback of many wildlife species. These included game species such as the wild turkey, tundra swan, snow geese, ducks, and white-tailed deer. However, these efforts also helped the comeback of non-game species as well as including the bald eagle, other raptures, songbirds, shore birds, alligators, fur bearers, and others.

As individuals and through their organizations, hunters and anglers volunteer countless hours of their own time for local conservation projects and to raise even more funds for conservation.

We would like to take this opportunity to commend responsible hunters and anglers for their efforts on behalf of wildlife and for their contributions to conservation.

Therefore, we the commissioners of Columbus County do proclaim Saturday, September 23, 1995, as **Hunting and Fishing Day**

in Columbus County.

We call upon our citizens to join with hunters, anglers, and other responsible conservationists to ensure the wise use and proper management of our natural resources to benefit future generations.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of August, 1995.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

AGING DEPARTMENT - REQUEST FOR PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENT

Ed Worley, Aging Director, requested the Board to consider an amendment to the Personnel Administration Policy to limit employees from taking more than two (2) weeks of vacation at a time.

Mr. Worley was advised by Administration that the Personnel Administration Manual gives each Department Head the authority to approve the amount of vacation time taken by their employees. The Personnel Manual states the following:

Page 19 - Section 8. Vacation Leave - Manner of Taking Leave

Vacation leave may be taken as earned by a permanent employee subject to the approval of the supervisor, with the exception that vacation leave of all department heads must be approved by the County Administrator.

SHERIFF - PROPOSAL FOR FLEET CARD SYSTEM TABLED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to table the request from Sheriff Jimmy Ferguson to approve a proposal from Campbell Oil Company to service the Sheriff's Department with gas for vehicles via a card system.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - REPORT ON SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL FARMERS' MARKET DELETED FROM AGENDA

Jacqueline Roseboro, Interim Cooperative Extension Agent, requested the Board to delete the report on the Southeastern Regional Farmers' Market from James Norris, Agricultural Extension Agent as Mr. Norris is attending a meeting out of town.

The Board concurred with Ms. Roseboro's request.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendment for the Cooperative Extension (Child Care Class Fees).

Appropriate 10-335-0000 Miscellaneous Rev. \$118.25

Expend 10-605-3300 Departmental Supplies \$118.25

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - DEPUTY FINANCE OFFICER

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to appoint Jacqueline Roseboro as Deputy Finance Officer for the Cooperative Extension 4-H Account, effective September 1, 1995, to replace William Tripplett who will be retiring August 31, 1995.

BUILDINGS (OLD BOARD OF ELECTIONS) - APPROVAL OF DEMOLITION

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to allow the Whiteville Fire Department to hold a training session by demolishing the old "Board of Elections Building" as it is in irreparable condition, providing there is no asbestos in the building.

APPOINTMENTS - DEPARTMENT OF AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Department of Aging Advisory Council as listed:

| <u>Zone</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Term Expires</u> |
|-------------|--|---------------------|
| 1 | Etrulia Williams (Replaces Calvin Duncan) | June 30, 1996 |
| 1 | Bernice Pierce (Reappointment) | June 30, 1998 |
| 2 | Jesse Vaught (Replaces Willis Horton) | June 30, 1998 |
| 2 | Elaine Blake (Reappointment) | June 30, 1998 |
| 2 | Barbara Sasser (Reappointment) | June 30, 1998 |
| 3 | Woodrow Moore (Replaces B. K. Goins) | June 30, 1997 |

| | | |
|---|--|---------------|
| 3 | Connie P. Young (Replaces Carl Bryant) | June 30, 1996 |
| 4 | Marshall White (New Appointment) | June 30, 1998 |
| 5 | J.C. Williams (Replaces Christine Williams) | June 30, 1997 |
| 5 | Carl McPherson (Replaces J.C. Harrelson) | June 30, 1996 |
| 5 | Lou Lovette (Replaces Mertice Dewitt) | June 30, 1997 |
| 5 | Jessie Wiggins (New Appointment) | June 30, 1998 |
| 6 | Pat Harrelson (New Appointment) | June 30, 1998 |
| 6 | Judy Enzor (New Appointment) | June 30, 1998 |
| 6 | Oliver Anderson, Jr. (New Appointment) | June 30, 1998 |
| 6 | Alice Keller (Reappointment) | June 30, 1998 |
| 7 | Kenneth Hawes (Replaces Randall Evans) | June 30, 1996 |
| 7 | Willie Burney (Replaces Lucille Vereen) | June 30, 1996 |
| 7 | Esther Moses (Reappointment) | June 30, 1998 |
| 7 | Chester Stevenson (Replaces Dewayne Gore) | June 30, 1996 |

APPOINTMENTS - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Economic Development Board of Directors and to abolish the at-large appointment reducing the voting board members to eight (8):

- Commissioner Spruell Randolph Britt to serve as the Columbus County Commissioner appointment, to replace Samuel G. Koonce, with term expiring June 30, 1997.
- Dempsey Herring, Interim Administrator, to serve as an ex-officio member, to replace Roy L. Lowe, with term expiring June 30, 1998.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to table the three (3)

remaining vacancies on the Economic Development Commission Board of Directors until the next Board Meeting.

APPOINTMENTS - HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Housing Advisory Committee for two (2) year terms, expiring June 30, 1997:

Zone 4 - Charles Langston

Zone 5 - Ralph Jolly

Zone 7 - Janice Eulean Gore

APPOINTMENTS - LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to re-appoint the following persons to serve on the Library Board of Directors for four (4) year terms, expiring June 30, 1999.

Zone 2 - Mary B. Miller

Zone 4 - Thomas A. Nicholson

APPOINTMENTS - NURSING/DOMICILIARY HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Nursing/Domiciliary Home Advisory Committee for three (3) year terms, expiring June 30, 1998:

Chrissie Turner, Chadbourn, NC
Maxine Hinson, Whiteville, NC
Arrie J. Alexander, Hallsboro, NC
Rosa Dell Martin, Lake Waccamaw, NC

APPOINTMENT - VEHICLE REVIEW COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, and passed unanimously to reappoint Vance T. Maultsby to serve on the Vehicle Review Committee for a two (2) year term, expiring February 1, 1997.

APPOINTMENT - WHITEVILLE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to appoint Tom Ray to serve on the Whiteville Planning & Zoning Board as an extra territorial member, to replace Calton Thompson who resigned, for a five (5) year term, expiring August 1, 2000.

APPOINTMENT - WHITEVILLE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to appoint Roger Davis to serve on the Whiteville Zoning Board of Adjustment, as an outside alternate member, for a three (3) year term, expiring August 1, 1998.

FIRE & RESCUE - FAIR BLUFF REQUEST & APPROVAL FOR EXTENDED FIRE COVERAGE IN CHERRY GROVE AREA

Butch Meares, representing Fair Bluff Fire and Rescue Department requested the Board's approval to allow the Fair Bluff Fire and Rescue to extend the fire coverage area by constructing and equipping a sub-station in the Cherry Grove area. Mr. Meares also requested the Board to approve the boundary lines on the map and to schedule a public hearing at the Cherry Grove Community Center on Tuesday, the 7th day of October, 1995, at 7:30 P.M.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to allow the Fair Bluff Fire and Rescue to begin the legal process of establishing a fire extended coverage in the Cherry Grove area and to approve the map as requested. A public hearing will be held at the Cherry Grove Community Center, October 7, 1995 at 7:30 P.M.

TRAVEL & TOURISM BOARD - PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR OCCUPANCY TAX

Steve Yost, Economic Development Director, requested the Board to schedule a public hearing on the Occupancy Tax to receive citizens' input concerning the levy of a three (\$0.03) cents occupancy tax on hotels, bed and breakfasts, and other forms of lodging.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to schedule the public hearing for the Occupancy Tax on September 18, 1995 at 7:00 P.M.

SENATOR R. C. SOLES, JR. RECOGNIZED

Chairman Jacobs recognized Senator R. C. Soles, Jr., Deputy President Pro Tempore of the N. C. General Assembly, who was attending the Board Meeting and thanked him for the representation he is providing Columbus County in the N.C. General Assembly.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - BEAVER PROGRAM

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to continue to participate in the beaver eradication program and approved the matching payment of FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,000.00) that was appropriated in the 1995-96 adopted budget to be made payable to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

FAMILIES FIRST - APPROVAL TO RECEIVE FUNDING

Dempsey Herring, Interim Administrator, advised the Board that official notice has been received from the N. C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety that Columbus County has been awarded a grant in the amount of FORTY-THREE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$43,248.00) for the Families First Program and requested the Board to authorize him to sign the necessary documents to receive the award.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to authorize Dempsey Herring, Interim Administrator, to sign the necessary documents to receive the Grant Award for Columbus County's Families First Program from the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

WILDLIFE - LEGISLATION REQUESTED TO REGULATE HUNTING ON PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAYS

Mr. Nobles, a Fair Bluff resident, addressed the Board in reference to the status on the request for legislation to regulate hunting on public rights-of-ways sometime earlier this year.

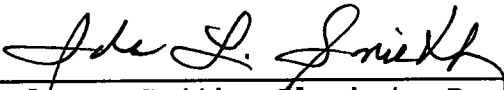
Dempsey Herring, Interim Administrator, stated that on March 13, 1995, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to direct the Administration Office to request the Legislative Delegation representing Columbus County, to introduce legislation to the N. C. General Assembly to regulate hunting of game upon public rights-of-ways. In checking with Representative Dewey Hill, we found that the past administrator had contacted Mr. Hill in reference to the above mentioned item but the request was not confirmed in writing and he does not introduce local legislation

without a written request.

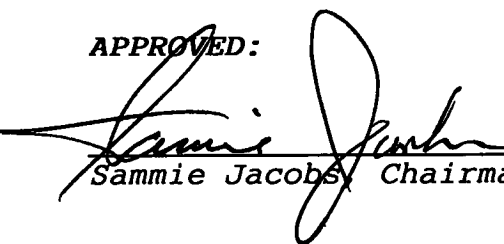
A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to direct the Interim Administrator, Dempsey B. Herring, to request the Legislative Delegation, representing Columbus County, to introduce local legislation to the N. C. General Assembly to regulate the hunting of game upon public rights-of-ways.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M.



Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:


Sammie Jacobs, Chairman