

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., September 5, 1995, it being the first Tuesday, following the first Monday, a legal holiday.

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 Sammie Jacobs called the meeting to order and Commissioner Randy Britt gave the invocation.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the August 21, 1995 Board Minutes, as recorded.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda items as listed.

Budget Amendment:

Appropriate 10-399-0000 Fund Balance \$2,485.00

Expend 10-430-7401 Voter Grant \$2,485.00

Tax Releases and Refunds:

Guilford and Barbara Barnes: H-5A35, rebilled to Charles McCormick on #13-25280. Amount \$421.50, valuation \$39,000, year

1995, account #13-01085.

Frances L. Batten: Failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption on mobile home. Amount \$90.40, valuation \$11,590, year 1995, account #11-01585.

Albert Layton and Linda Brown: M-16-4, mobile home listed as real property, also as personal property. Amount \$87.07, valuation \$3,470, year 1995, account #07-00700.

Carolina Power and Light Company: F-4-51C, tax exempt. Amount \$158.34, valuation \$20,300, year 1995, account #12-05167.

Dwayne Cartrette: Mobile home double-listed on #13-07723 as Robert D. Cartrette. Amount \$83.34, valuation \$2,720, year 1995, account #13-07711.

Roger Dale Cartrette: H-9-65B, vacant tract. Amount \$30.00, valuation \$3,850, year 1993, account #09-03850.

Nancy Lee & Geral H. Daniels: Leasehold (double-wide mobile Home) already listed as real property on #15-11547, Nancy Lee Daniels. Amount \$291.50, valuation \$29,680, year 1995, account #15-11544.

Walter James and Jenevie Ellis: CH-6-7, house torn down. Amount \$8.80, valuation \$1,000, year 1995, account #10-04129.

GWC Communications Co. LP: Value of equipment adjusted due to improper breakdown on their tax return. Valuation of \$1,892 rebilled on account #08-07904. Amount \$340.70, valuation \$43,680, year 1995, account #06-13029. Amount \$98.35, valuation \$12,609, year 1995, account #08-06332. Amount \$27.30, valuation \$3,500, year 1995, account #04-05612. Amount \$217.69, valuation \$27,909, year 1995, account #04-05573.

J.H. III and Donna Honeycutt: H-6-44H, pool valued incorrectly. Amount \$57.80, valuation \$6,800, year 1995, account #13-19633.

Joseph P. Howard, Jr.: Mobile home sold. Out of County since November, 1994. Amount \$ 8.58, valuation \$1,000, year 1995, account #15-18815.

John Wayne & Nellie P. McPherson: J-3-72D, double wide mobile home, double-listed on real property and personal property. Amount \$209.29, valuation \$19,140, year 1995, account #01-57843.

Reuben Bunyon Marlowe: J-16-19A, on land use value. Amount \$13.26, valuation \$1,700, year 1995, account #07-11880.

Joe Ellen Mehallic: Value of mobile home incorrect. Amount \$19.03, valuation \$2,440, year 1995, account #09-20297.

Henry L. & Peggy Mills: TC-1-198, house #2, double-listed to J.D. Grainger. Amount \$95.28, valuation \$7,600, year 1995, account #06-26150.

Mary Ann Nance: C-3-23D, mobile home double-listed on real and personal property. Amount \$113.43, valuation \$6,850, year 1995, account #12-19975.

Samuel Guy Nance: Mobile home (1991 Fleetwood) sold and listed to Louise Nobles. Amount \$137.43, valuation \$12,520, year 1995, account #01-64693.

Donnie Edward Norris: Mobile home listed to Sonja Green Norris. Amount \$124.17, valuation \$7,480, year 1995, account #16-12030.

Esta and Cecil Pait: F-8-46A, F-8-50 and F-8-57, on land use value. Amount \$132.72, valuation \$15,800, year 1995, account #13-31807.

Cecelia Horne Pleasants: I-6-33F, double-listed to I-6-33 and I-6-33G, United States Cellular. Amount \$52.20, valuation \$6,000, year 1995, account #01-70655.

W.E. Prescott, Jr. (etals): LW-7-1A, in land use value. Amount \$605.28, valuation \$77,600, year 1995, account #08-15173.

Harry H. Rickett, III: Mobile home listed on #16-12755, Lois Locklear. Amount \$8.58, valuation \$1,000, year 1995, account #16-12755.

Ernestine Smith: M-13-22, M-13-1, M-13-10 and M-13-5, properties on land use value. Amount \$298.74, valuation \$38,300, year 1995, account #03-22383.

Penny Stokley: Mobile home listed as real property on #15-35550, Earl and Penny Stockley. Amount \$108.28, valuation \$6,190, year 1995, account #15-35570.

Bennie Lee and Doris A. Storms: J-2-21 already billed on J-2-22. Store vacant. Amount \$213.60, valuation \$11,700, year 1995, account #05-06840.

Town of Tabor City: TC-3-480-A, tax exempt. Amount \$3.12, valuation \$400, year 1995, account #06-39195.

Billy Turbeville: Failed to receive the Disability Exemption on lot and house located on D-9-21A. Amount \$117.00, valuation \$15,000, year 1995, account #16-16100.

U. Haul Company of N. C., Inc.: Equipment price incorrectly. Amount \$94.15, valuation \$12,070, year 1995, account #13-04122.

Waccamaw Storage, Inc.: P-3-1D, acres corrected to 1.89. Amount \$51.48, valuation \$6,600, year 1995, account #08-19633.

Joyce Delores Ward: J-5-58, mobile home double-listed on real property, map J-5-57. Amount \$171.93, valuation \$14,350, year 1995, account #02-01820.

Lenwood and Minerva Williams: Mobile home was listed in January but on wrong account. Amount \$1.83 late list, year 1995, account #02-06820.

Tommy W. Williams: Salvage mobile home sold to Lloyd Davis in 1994. Amount \$8.58, valuation \$1,000, year 1995, account #12-29720.

Wilson Farm Nursery, Inc.: 2% discount given in August, not absorbed by computer when balance of taxes paid prior to release. Amount \$1.55, year 1995, account #16-17945.

Wade Lenwood Williams: Mobile home was transferred and billed to Lenwood and Minerva Williams. Amount \$81.76, valuation \$2,720, year 1995, account #02-06817.

Ed Worley (True Value Hardware): frame building (leasehold) removed from WH-5-206. Amount \$7.80, valuation \$1,000, year 1995, account #02-09040.

Richard G. and Estelle Miller: B-C-36, billed incorrectly. Rebilled with lot and house and personal property. Amount \$423.80, valuation \$54,333, year 1995, account #04-11410.

SOLID WASTE USER FEES RELEASED:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Account #</u>
Joe Blake & Ann Barefoot: House vacant	\$ 60.00	1995	11-00980
Eugene J. Bellamy: Personal property in town, bill #65000	12.00	1992	01-04370

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Eugene J. Bellamy: Personal property in town, bill #21329	12.00	1994	01-04370
Eugene J. Bellamy: Personal property in town, bill #92368	24.00	1995	01-04370
Gracie B. Boeni: N-3-23, vacant	60.00	1995	14-02233
Ivan W. Britton: CH-1-169, house vacant	36.00	1995	13-04120
Nell S. Bullard: I-2-46, house #2 vacant	60.00	1995	05-01140
William C. (Dr.) & Desbert Burns: Commercial hauler	60.00	1995	01-10920
James & Estelene Carroll: J-12-3A, House vacant	60.00	1995	09-02584
Thomas Earl Carroll: Storage Building on W-4-81	60.00	1995	15-08980
Roger Dale Cartrette: H-9-65B, house vacant, bill #96036	60.00	1995	09-03850
Roger Dale Cartrette: H-9-65B, house vacant, bill #24931	30.00	1994	09-03850
Nolton Hubert & Rhonda Cox: Live in new house (M.H. vacant)	60.00	1995	07-02803
Ola Leigh G. Cox: J-14-21, vacant	60.00	1995	07-02840
W.H. Creech Heirs:	60.00	1995	11-07340
Marvaneen W. Davis: Not mobile home but farm equipment	60.00	1995	13-09960
Theron Layton Dowless: K-4A-8, 1 house only (in NW/F)	60.00	1995	01-21280
Magalene Blake Duran: CH-4-6, house #2 vacant	36.00	1995	13-10880
A.J. & Thelma Eason: W-2-23, store vacant	60.00	1995	15-12700
Ronald Alonzo Fisher: I-4-65, building vacant bill #00380	60.00	1995	01-27060
Ronald Alonzo Fisher: J-5-6B, building vacant bill #00376	60.00	1995	01-27060
Margie Floyd: 1 mobile home vacant I-13-77C	60.00	1995	06-10163
Floyd W. & Ila B. Flynn: Y-2-79, house vacant	60.00	1995	15-14000
V.G. Flynn: M-6-15, house vacant	60.00	1995	11-09120
Thomas J. & Dorothy Gore: K-9-94, vacant	60.00	1995	03-09580
Diane Graham: New mobile home. Not set-up	60.00	1995	13-15819
Vernon H. Hall: P-3-6, house vacant	60.00	1995	08-08015
Betty Ann Hill: M-4-28C, house vacant	60.00	1995	11-13223
Bonnie Burney Ivey: H-1-10, vacant.	60.00	1995	05-03100
Hobson Leroy & Vera Ivey: C-3-32, 1 house only	60.00	1995	12-13040
Clyde & Mary B. Jackson: V-4-33, 1 dwelling only.	60.00	1995	15-19420
Christie Bell Johnson: Y-3-89, 1 dwelling only	60.00	1995	15-20400
Walter Kisiah: Mobile home vacant.	60.00	1995	06-22250
Neal A. & Virginia Lane: W-2-108, one vacant building.	60.00	1995	15-22880
Thurman D. Lanier: G-10-21, Building #2 unoccupied.	60.00	1995	09-16580
C.W. & Pauline Marlowe: N-10-137, house vacant.	60.00	1995	03-16160
Phillip I & Doris Marlowe: N-10-11, house vacant.	60.00	1995	03-16280

Leonard & Courtney Muldrow Est.: Ch-4-43, house gone.	36.00	1995	13-28300
Douglas Nance: E-6-72, house vacant.	60.00	1995	16-11420
Paul Milton Page: Mobile home vacant.	36.00	1995	01-67730
Lee Roy Poston: I-4-42, house vacant.	60.00	1995	01-71100
E. L. Rabon: G-5-42, garage & office not in use.	60.00	1995	13-33840
Billie O. & Gabrielle Rogers: Z-2A-38 building vacant.	60.00	1995	15-32140
Edith I. Soles: G-14-6A, house not liveable.	60.00	1995	06-34080
Ernest D. Spaulding: N-2-47, house vacant.	60.00	1995	14-15140
C.I. Stevens: WH-5-188, house vacant.	36.00	1995	01-89780
Pamela Denese Stevens: J-5-109, house vacant.	60.00	1995	01-90025
N.G. Suggs Heirs: L-15-60, house vacant.	60.00	1995	07-17620
Richard K. & Ethel Ward: N-3-9, mobile home vacant.	60.00	1995	14-17340
William Alan Ward: L-12-99, house vacant.	60.00	1995	03-28153
Marion Pat Wooten, Sr.: K-2-24A, no one living in house.	60.00	1995	05-07860

Ordered: that a refund be issued to R Byron Fisher, Route 5, Box 428, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$59.37, for year 1995. Clerical error. Equipment properly listed in January. Account #01-27044.

Ordered: that a refund be issued to Mark Alan Powell, Post Office Box 278, Cerro Gordo, NC 28430, in the amount of \$36.00, for year 1995. CH-4-84, house located in town, vacant. Account #13-32232.

Ordered: that a refund be issued to Mabel M. Soles, 230 W. First Avenue, Chadbourn NC 28431 in the amount of \$68.21, for year 1995. Failed to receive the senior citizen's exemption on her mobile home. Paid taxes through error. Valuation \$4,130, account #13-37382.

Ordered: that a refund be issued to Virginia Price Pearce, 2116 Summerdale Drive, Raleigh, NC 27604, in the amount of \$60.00, for year 1995. Dwelling located on N-3-4 has been unoccupied. Account #11-19159.

APPOINTMENTS - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to reappoint Haynes Graham to serve on the Economic Development Commission Board of Directors,

to represent Zone 3, for a three (3) year term, expiring June 30, 1998.

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to appoint Samuel G. Koonce to serve on the Economic Development Commission Board of Directors, to represent Zone 6, for a three (3) year term, expiring June 30, 1998.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to appoint Elwood Watts to serve on the Economic Development Commission Board of Directors, to represent Zone 7, for a three (3) year term, expiring June 30, 1998.

APPOINTMENT - NURSING/DOMICILIARY HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to appoint H. K. George to serve on the Nursing/Domiciliary Home Advisory Council, to replace Eunice Shipman Campbell, for a one (1) year term, expiring August 31, 1996.

FINANCE - APPROVAL TO DESTROY RECORDS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to grant permission to Gayle Godwin, the Finance Officer, to destroy records in accordance with the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule as follows:

<u>Bank Statements</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
General Fund Bank Statements	1989-1990
HUD Bank Statements	1989-1990
Public Assistance Bank Statements	1989-1990
General Fund Supporting Data	1989-1990
General Fund Bank Deposits	1989-1990
General Fund Supporting Data for Deposits	1989-1990
General Fund Finance Office Deposits	1989-1990
General Fund Returned Checks	1989-1990
General Fund Check Copies	1989-1990
HUD CD Deposits for Public Assistance	1989-1990
HUD Check Copies	1989-1990
HUD Welfare Administration Payments	1989-1990

<i>Public Assistance - AAF, SAA, SAD, Medicaid</i>	1989-1990
<i>Public Assistance - AFDC County Initiated Checks</i>	1989-1990
<i>Public Assistance Funds - All Reports</i>	1989-1990
<i>Title IV Child Support Administrative Expenditures</i>	1989-1990
<i>Library Deposits</i>	1989-1990
<i>Senior Center Deposits</i>	1989-1990
<i>Tax Office Deposits</i>	1989-1990
<i>Register of Deeds Deposits</i>	1989-1990
<i>Sheriff Department Deposits</i>	1989-1990
<i>Columbus County Sheriff's Department Special Account</i>	1989-1990
<i>Health Department Deposits</i>	1989-1990
<i>Capital Projects Fund Expense Checks Copies</i>	1989-1990
<i>WSDA Community Block Grant Check Copies</i>	1989-1990
<i>Purchase Orders</i>	1983-1984
<i>General County Fund Expense Checks (Copies)</i>	1989-1990
<i>Tax Recap Sheet</i>	1989-1990
<i>Day Care</i>	1989-1990
<i>Year End</i>	1993-1994
<i>Supporting Data Journal Entries</i>	1984-1990
<i>Budget Amendments</i>	1983-1990
<i>Postage Meter Usage</i>	1989-1990
<i>Health Department Travel</i>	1989-1990
<i>Journal Entries</i>	1983-1990
<i>Social Services Foster Care</i>	1989-1990
<i>AFDC Grants</i>	1989-1990
<i>Fixed Assets</i>	1986-1990
<i>Tax Refunds</i>	1989-1990
<i>Supporting Data Expense Checks</i>	1989-1990

BUILDINGS - COMMIT TO BUILD CONSOLIDATED FARM SERVICE AGENCY

Commissioner Wilson updated the Board on the meeting of the Planning and Site Committee and stated that the Committee is requesting the Board to construct a building to house the Consolidated Farm Service Agency and renovate the Cooperative Extension Building for accommodating the judicial facilities. Also, to consider purchasing property adjacent to the Tax Office to construct the Register of Deeds office space which will allow

more space in the courthouse for the Clerk of Court.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to rescind the motion that was passed on June 12, 1995, Minute Book 23, page 209, as follows:

Action was taken by the Board to advertise for competitive bids on the open market for the construction of a consolidated farm service agency with space requirements of 6,500 - 7,500 feet to accommodate the Cooperative Extension Service and Soil Conservation county/state funded employees.

The following action was taken: For Columbus County to provide collocated office space for at least TWO and no/100 (\$2.00) dollars under the market average for the area agencies (Consolidated Farm Service Agency) and any other associated agency.

BUILDINGS - SPACE FACILITY STUDY

Frank Ballard, representing Ballard & Associates, who has prepared the space facility study for Columbus County presented the following plan.

Move all agricultural-related services out of the courthouse annex creating additional courtrooms and offices in the vacated space. Also, the Register of Deeds Office could be moved adjacent to the nearby tax office. Mr. Ballard and Superior Court Judge William C. Gore, Jr. said the plan still wouldn't provide enough room for the county's long-term needs. Mr. Ballard stated that the real solution to the space problem, would be a new judicial complex building.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to authorize Frank Ballard to draft a proposal for a new county building that would house the Cooperative Extension Service and federal agricultural-related agencies.

LIBRARY - COUNTY LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S POSITION INTERVIEWS

Tom Nicholson, Chairman of the Library Board of Directors, reported to the Board that the Library Director's position was listed with the N. C. Employment Security Commission,

N. C. State Library Internet and on the N.C. Jobs Bulletin Board. Nineteen (19) inquiries have been received. The Library Director Screening Committee screened twelve (12) applications and interviewed five (5) of these by telephone. Two (2) applicants of the five (5) came to Whiteville for interviews and the Committee has selected a candidate from Memphis, Tennessee with a Masters Degree in Library Science for the position but the salary of \$35,000.00 is not acceptable. Mr. Nicholson requested the Board to allow the Committee to negotiate an annual salary not to exceed \$39,000.00, excluding any moving expense.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to allow the Library Director Screening Committee to negotiate the salary with the chosen candidate for the Columbus County Library Director's position not to exceed \$39,000.00, excluding moving expense.

FIRE & RESCUE - APPROVAL OF MOBILE FIRE SAFETY HOUSE

Kenneth Sasser, Columbus County Fire & Rescue Association President, requested the Board to contribute \$5,000.00 toward the purchase price of \$25,741.00 for a fire safety training trailer designed to teach children how to react during a fire. The trailer will visit all third-grade students and be used at events such as the County Fair and County Festivals.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to contribute funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Columbus County Fire & Rescue Association toward the purchase of the fire safety training mobile unit with funds to be appropriated from Non-Departmental Contingency (10-660-9999) to be expended in Special Appropriations - Fire & Rescue Safety House (10-690-9501).

FIRE & RESCUE - PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR THE EXTENSION OF COLE'S FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to schedule a public hearing for the extension of Cole's Fire & Rescue Service District, Fair Bluff Township for the 17th day of October, at 7:30 P.M., at the Cherry Grove Community Center and designate Butch Meares to

prepare all maps and documentation necessary for ratification of the Extended Cole Fire District.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Dempsey Herring, Interim Administrator, reported on the following items:


1. Mr. Herring attended a meeting last week with the Department of Environmental Management in regards to 200 regulations on the discharge of animal waste which is forthcoming this week and have asked them to forward us reports on these regulations which governs waste water treatment. As soon as this report is received, the Commissioners will be provided with copies.
2. Yam City and Williams Township Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squads have resolved their differences in extending the boundaries.
3. Letter has been prepared to send to the Local Legislators to request a Local Legislative Bill in regards to hunting on public rights-of-ways.
4. The Dunn Swamp Drainage District Meeting has been tentatively scheduled in September, 1995. The notification of meeting will be published in the News Reporter.
5. The fire boundary lines have been established with Bladen County for the Fire Service District.

WELFARE REFORM - RESOLUTION TO BE DRAFTED

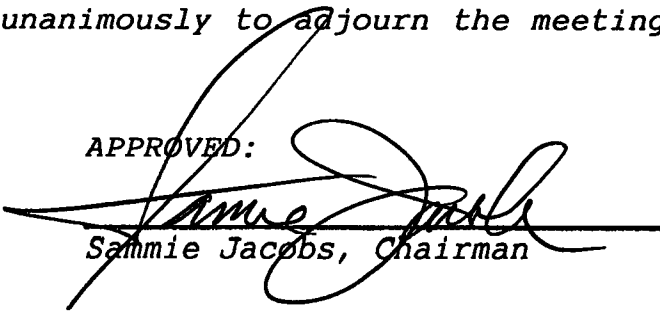
The Board reached a general consensus to direct the Administrator to draft a resolution in regards to migrant workers and welfare reform to be presented to the Board for consideration of adoption.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 P.M.


 Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:


 Sammie Jacobs, Chairman