

**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 7:00 P.M., September 18, 1995, for the purpose of holding a public hearing in regards to a proposed three (3%) percent occupancy tax to promote travel and tourism in Columbus County.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sammie Jacobs, Chairman

Lynwood Norris, Vice Chairman (Arrived at 7:20 P.M.)

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 public hearing to order. Chairman Jacobs stated the purpose of the public hearing is to solicit public participation in the proposed three (3%) percent occupancy tax to be derived from the rental of any room, lodging, or accommodation furnished by a hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp, or similar place within the county that is subject to any sales tax imposed by the State under G.S. 105-164.4(a)(3).

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

Nancy Sigmon, Chairperson of the Travel & Tourism Board of Directors, requested the Board to consider the proposed three (3%) occupancy tax to be used to support travel and tourism in Columbus County to become effective November 1, 1995.

There were no other comments.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to close the public hearing at 7:05 P.M.

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**REGULAR SESSION**

At 7:30 P.M., Chairman Jacobs called the regular scheduled meeting to order and Commissioner A. Dial Gray, III gave the invocation.

**BOARD MINUTES APPROVED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the September 5, 1995 Board Meeting, as recorded.

**TRAVEL & TOURISM OCCUPANCY TAX APPROVED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the three (3%) percent occupancy tax to be derived from the rental of any room, lodging, or accommodation furnished by a hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp, or similar place within the county that is subject to any sales tax imposed by the State under G.S. 105-164.4(a)(3) to become effective November 1, 1995, and to be used for the promotion of travel and tourism in Columbus County.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1995-96 APPROPRIATION - PRESENTED BY SENATOR R.C. SOLES, JR. AND REPRESENTATIVE DEWEY HILL**

Senator R. C. Soles Jr. and Representative Dewey Hill, formally presented the Board of County Commissioners an appropriation by the General Assembly in the amount of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$750,000.00) DOLLARS to be used for unrestricted economic development in Columbus County. Senator Soles and Representative Hill requested input on the projects that the funds are to be used for.

**GENERAL CONSENSUS ITEMS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the general consensus items.

**Budget Amendments:**

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| Appropriate 10-399-0000 Fund Balance<br>(1994-95 Black Churches Grant Reserved) | \$5,714.00 |
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| Expend 10-605-5701 Black Churches Grant | \$5,714.00 |
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| Accept 10-348-3200 Elderly & Disabled<br>Transportation | 27,421.00 |
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## Expend as follows:

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| 10-700-9700 E & D Transportation - Health        | 9,431.00  |
| 10-700-9701 E & D Transportation - Aging         | 3,329.00  |
| 10-700-9702 E & D Transportation - DSS           | 1,942.00  |
| 10-700-9704 E & D Transportation - Mental Health | 12,729.00 |

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| Accept 10-336-0000 Families First | 4,416.00 |
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| Accept 10-348-2900 Families First Grant | 43,248.00 |
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## Expend as follows:

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| Increase 10-513-0200 Salaries              | 30,000.00  |
| Increase 10-513-0500 FICA                  | 4,200.00   |
| Increase 10-513-1100 Telephone             | 650.00     |
| Increase 10-513-1101 Postage               | 500.00     |
| Increase 10-513-1400 Travel                | 3,080.00   |
| Increase 10-513-3200 Office Supplies       | 800.00     |
| Increase 10-513-4500 Contract Services     | 10,500.00  |
| Decrease 10-513-5700 Miscellaneous Expense | (2,066.00) |

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| Accept 10-335-0200 Miscellaneous Revenue<br>Library | 684.00 |
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## Expend as follows:

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| 10-630-3300 Books        | 424.00 |
| 10-630-3302 Audio-visual | 260.00 |

**Tax Releases:**

The following tax listings are released or cancelled.

Carole Allen: Mobile sold to Dildra Flowers prior to 1-1-95. Amount \$104.77, valuation \$5,740, year 1995, account #01-00408.

Jimmy Blackman: 1991 camping trailer double-listed on #11-02972, Jimmy H. Blackmon. Amount \$151.38, valuation \$10,650, year 1995, account #08-01292.

Harold D. & Susan Chestnutt: M-15-68C, value of mobile home incorrect. Amount \$20.67, valuation \$2,650, year 1995, account #07-01803.

Larry L. & Ella Conrad: Mobile home moved to Alabama in 1994. Amount \$158.98, valuation \$12,690, year 1995, account #01-16863.

O.B. & Audrey Conyers: Double-wide mobile double-listed on real, map J-16-28A on separate account #07-02303. Amount \$210.77, valuation \$19,330, year 1995, account #06-05935.

*Ellis Autry & Faye Dawsey: J-3-85, double-listed to J-3-84, Real Estate Association, Inc. c/o C.R. Wellons on #01-75160. Amount \$15.60, valuation \$2,000, year 1995, account #01-20280.*

*Mary C. Dew: Failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption on her mobile home. Amount \$15.58, valuation \$1,770, year 1995, account #15-11980.*

*Joe & Agnes Duncan (Heirs): LW-2-22, vacant. Amount \$37.66, valuation \$980, year 1995, account #08-05010.*

*Ethel & Atlas Edwards: H-6-97, acreage corrected from 1.6 acre/tract to 6/10 acre and building. Amount \$24.96, valuation \$3,200, year 1995, account #13-11563.*

*Jonnie Ray Goodman: Mobile home sold and listed on #08-21037, Debra Smith Wise. Amount \$95.76, valuation \$3,870, year 1995, account #08-06863.*

*Dan Grainger: Mobile home moved out of County, September, 1994, per moving permit. Amount \$225.85, valuation \$19,330, year 1995, account #09-11995.*

*J.D. & Elizabeth Harrelson: Leasehold (attachment to mobile home) gone. Amount \$26.40, valuation \$3,000, year 1995, account #15-17600.*

*Monroe Dudley & Laura Grantham: Failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption on lot and house G-13-A. Amount \$132.00, valuation \$15,000, year 1995, account #06-16640.*

*Mary Kate Hyatt: Failed to receive Senior Citizen's exemption on lot and house I-4-71. Amount \$129.28, valuation \$15,000, year 1995, account #01-45200.*

*Henry James: Failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption on his mobile home. Amount \$145.02, valuation \$10,900, year 1995, account #09-15513.*

*Henry D., Sr. and Estella Jones: Failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption on K-7A-139A, lot and house. Amount \$130.50, valuation \$15,000, year 1995, account #01-48500.*

*Marjorie J. King: L-3-146C, breakdown of acreage corrected. Amount \$9.68, valuation \$1,100, year 1995, account #14-50017.*

*Henry Vernon McKeithan: L-11-25, double-wide mobile*

home, double-listed as real property, also personal property. Amount \$330.04, valuation \$34,620, year 1995, account #03-15790.

Martin Means: 1987 mobile home sold November 1994, and moved out of County. Amount \$151.38, valuation \$10,650, year 1995, account #13-27054.

Michael Allen & Rena Milligan: 1992 double-wide mobile home double-listed as real on I-13-52B, also personal property. Amount \$257.18, valuation \$25,280, year 1995, account #06-26003.

Dinah Murphy: Failed to receive Senior Citizen's exemption on her lot and house J-6B-213. Amount \$120.00, valuation \$15,000, year 1995, account #01-64300.

Carlton E. Nance (Etal): D-10-23A, rebilled to Larry Ron Herring on #16-08161. Amount \$576.36, valuation \$66,200, year 1995, account #16-11302.

James Carlie & Carolyn Nance: Mobile home double-listed to Vickie Lebelle Nance. Amount \$8.00, valuation \$1,000, year 1995, account #12-19960.

Eula Mae Noble: 1970 mobile home was sold prior to 1-1-94. Amount \$9.24, valuation \$1,000, year 1995, account #04-12340.

Libby Strickland Pare: C-8-9C, double-listed to account 10-10368, Libby E. Pare, Trust. Amount \$421.98, valuation \$54,100, year 1995, account #10-13226.

Kathy Q. Prince: J-13-10, rebilled to Joseph Wolverton on 06-44127. Amount \$103.18, valuation \$13,400, years 1994-95, account #06-30190.

Ophelia B. Reaves: H-3-10C, double-listed to H-3-10, John Allen Best. Amount \$29.64, valuation \$3,800, year 1995, account #13-34153.

Robbie W. Sellers: 1991 mobile home, double-listed to Greta B. & Robbie Sellers. Amount \$139.79, valuation \$9,300, year 1995, account #05-06046.

Sarah Jones Shipman: K-7A-139, one house, double-listed to Henry & Estella Jones. Amount \$246.72, valuation \$25,200, years 1994-95, account #01-82603.

Kenneth & Shirley Spaulding: M-2-184B, double-listed to

M-2-184, Kenneth B. Spaulding. Amount \$18.06, valuation \$2,100, year 1995, account #14-15683.

Florence Gertrude Strickland: Failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption on her lot and house, map F-7-24. Amount \$132.00, valuation \$15,000, year 1995, account #16-14280.

Margaret Sullivan: Mobile home sold prior to 1-1-95 (February, 1994). Amount \$204.49, valuation \$16,840, year 1995, account #01-91094.

Alice Godwin Thurman: Mobile home traded for double-wide, listed Albert & Alice Thurman. Amount \$61.65, valuation \$2,990, year 1995, account #08-19171.

William H. & Gayle V. Thompson: TC-4-259, double-listed to TC3-259 (D. Dameron) and TC-3-259A (Betty Gore). Amount \$110.76, valuation \$14,200, year 1995, account #06-39527.

Roland Leon Ward: 1977 mobile home already listed to Larue R. & Roland Ward on separate account #03-27400. Amount \$17.16, valuation \$2,000, year 1995, account #03-27868.

The following tax listings 2% discount given in August for 1995, not absorbed by computer when balance of taxes are paid prior to releases.

| <u>Name</u>                     | <u>2% Discount</u> | <u>Account #</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Vernon & Betty B. Babson        | \$ 10.57           | 12-00400         |
| Thelba & Essie Benson           | 2.96               | 08-01164         |
| Gracie E. Boeni                 | 2.56               | 14-02233         |
| Harold D. & Brenda Bowen        | 2.66               | 01-07540         |
| Ivan W. Britton                 | 1.19               | 13-04120         |
| Anzie Brown                     | 1.70               | 05-00700         |
| Carrie W. Bullock               | 18.54              | 13-05490         |
| William C. Burnes, Dr.          | 6.75               | 01-10920         |
| Thomas Earl Carroll             | 2.22               | 15-08980         |
| Ola Leigh G. Cox                | 6.16               | 07-02840         |
| John Robert Crawford, III       | 4.65               | 07-03020         |
| W.H. Creech (Heirs)             | 3.41               | 11-07340         |
| Magdalene Blake Duran           | 3.06               | 13-10880         |
| Ronald Alonzo Fisher            | 5.26               | 01-27060         |
| Floyd W. & Ila Blake Flynn      | 2.75               | 15-14000         |
| V.G. Flynn                      | 1.14               | 11-09120         |
| William T. & Kathleen Garrell   | 5.93               | 01-30720         |
| George Orby & Lorraine Hardwick | 3.63               | 03-10147         |
| Betty Ann Hill                  | 1.17               | 11-13223         |
| Hobson L. & Vera Ivey           | 10.14              | 12-13040         |
| Clyde & Mary Jackson            | 8.93               | 15-19420         |
| Neal A. & Virginia Lane         | 12.19              | 15-22880         |
| Thurman O. Lanier               | 22.30              | 09-16580         |
| Billy H. & Betty Leonard        | 6.30               | 13-23446         |
| William C. McKenzie (Heirs)     | 1.70               | 12-17840         |
| Michael K. & Nancy McPherson    | 6.61               | 12-18165         |
| Yates Lee McPherson             | 3.90               | 09-20060         |
| Phillip I. & Doris Marlowe      | 14.03              | 03-16280         |
| Reuben Bunyon Marlowe           | 4.68               | 07-11880         |
| Junior Lee Norris               | 1.75               | 07-12492         |

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| Archie & Dorothy Powell         | 1.23  | 09-23880 |
| Allen Prevatte                  | 3.04  | 10-13833 |
| E.L. Rabon                      | 5.89  | 13-33840 |
| Ester W. Ray                    | 1.44  | 09-24480 |
| Paul Sanderson                  | 16.49 | 12-23940 |
| Ernest D. Spaulding             | 7.08  | 14-15140 |
| Pamela Dense Stevens            | 4.88  | 01-90025 |
| Liston David Strickland         | 4.59  | 06-38528 |
| N.G. Suggs (Heirs)              | 9.55  | 07-17620 |
| Clarence Thompson (Heirs)       | 6.04  | 01-93320 |
| Bessie & Benjamin Turbeville    | 4.19  | 10-17100 |
| Billy Ray & Edna Walker         | 3.51  | 07-18460 |
| Joyce Delores Ward              | 14.40 | 02-01820 |
| Richard K. & Ethel Ward         | 2.23  | 14-17340 |
| William Alan Ward               | 1.64  | 03-28153 |
| Evelyn White                    | 5.17  | 03-28980 |
| Henry G. & Elizabeth Williamson | 27.69 | 12-30757 |
| Marion Pat Wooten, Sr.          | 3.05  | 05-07860 |

**Releases (Town of Cerro Gordo):**

Billy Blackwell: Farming equipment & trailer, located outside Town limits of Cerro Gordo. Amount \$25.94, valuation \$12,970, year 1995, account #16-00680.

Michael W. Kellihan: 2% discount. Amount \$1.70, year 1995, account #16-09620.

William L. & Eloise H. McCrae: 2% discount. Amount \$3.50, year 1995, account #16-10642.

**Release Solid Waste User Fees for 1995 on the following accounts:**

| <u>Name</u>  | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Account #</u> |
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| Frances L. Batten: Totally exempted through S.C. Exemption                                   | \$60.00       | 11-01585         |
| Mary W. Cartret: N-13-116, House vacant.   | 60.00         | 07-01620         |
| Harry Lee (Heirs) & Mary Lee Lennon: H-2-94, vacant  | 60.00         | 12-15300         |
| Dana Christine Rabon: LW-7-45, house vacant  | 60.00         | 08-15308         |
| Dinah Reaves: R-2-1, house vacant.   | 60.00         | 04-13420         |
| Chester W. & Marion B. Stevens: K-9-40, vacant.  | 60.00         | 03-24100         |
| Clarence & Letitia Sharp: WH-4-178/2 apts. vacant.   | 72.00         | 01-81501         |
| Liston & Mona Faye Soles: H-8-12, vacant   | 60.00         | 13-37380         |
| Son Fish Corporation, WH-4-154, building vacant.   | 36.00         | 01-87365         |
| W. Paul & Bernice Stephens: G-10-9, bldgs. vacant.   | 120.00        | 09-29440         |
| Taurus, Inc.: I-7-28, only 1 building occupied 91900<br>(Mobile home & duplex apts. vacant.) | 300.00        | 0 1 -            |
| John David Todd: I-11-6, dwelling vacant.  | 60.00         | 09-30641         |
| Naomi Ward: WH-1-507, only two (2) occupants.  | 72.00         | 02-01693         |
| William C. & Ann Willoughby: E-1-12, house vacant.   | 60.00         | 12-32380         |
| Glenn Yates: G-5-76, house vacant.   | 60.00         | 13-45920         |

**Tax Refunds:**

Ordered: That a refund check be issued to Ellis Autry & Faye Dawsey, Post Office Box 396, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$95.13, for years 1990-94, J-3-85, double-listed to J-3-84, account #01-75160/Real Estate Association, Incorporated, c/o C.R. Wellons. Valuation \$10,000, account #01-20280.

Ordered: That a refund check be issued to Ethel & Atlas Edwards, 2224 Old US 64 Hwy. East, Zebulon, NC 27597, in the amount of \$24.32, for year 1994. H-6-97, billed incorrectly with 1.6 acre/tract instead of 6/10 acre. Valuation \$3,200, account #13-11563.

**LIBRARY - DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT**

Mr. Tom Nicholson, Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees, presented the Board with the recommendation of the Columbus County Library Board of Trustees of Ms. Deborah Marrs as the Columbus County Library Director at an annual salary of \$37,000.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to accept the recommendation submitted by the Columbus County Library Board of Trustees and appoint Ms. Deborah Marrs as the Columbus County Library Director at an annual salary of \$37,000.00.

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT**

Ms. Sandra Zaslow, District Extension Director, presented the Board with the following recommendations to be considered for the Cooperative Extension Director's position.

Jacqueline Roseboro, Columbus County Interim Cooperative Extension Director

Phil Ricks, New Hanover Cooperative Extension Director

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, and seconded by Commissioner Williams to appoint Jacqueline Roseboro as the Cooperative Extension Director for Columbus County.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Britt, and seconded by Commissioner Dutton to table the appointment for the Cooperative Extension Director for Columbus County until the next



*Board Meeting.*

AYES: Commissioners Dutton, Norris and Britt

NOES: Commissioners Gray, Jacobs, Williams and Wilson

The motion failed on a 4 - 3 vote.

Voting on the original motion is as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Dutton, Norris, Gray, Jacobs,  
Williams and Wilson

NOES: Commissioner Britt

The motion passed on a 6 - 1 vote.

**CABLE TV SERVICES - APPROVED GENESIS CABLE TO PROVIDE CABLE SERVICE TO UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY**

Mel Welch, General Manager of Genesis Cable, requested permission from the Board to be allowed to have their company come into the unincorporated areas of Columbus County and provide Cable T.V. service.

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to allow Genesis Cable of North Carolina to come into Columbus County and provide cable service to certain unincorporated areas. Columbus County's CATV regulations will be established into an Ordinance and at that time Columbus County and Genesis Cable of North Carolina will enter into a signed agreement for franchising service by Genesis Cable of North Carolina for Columbus County.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM - PLAN APPROVED**

Kay Horne, Chairman of the Criminal Justice Partnership Committee, requested the Board to approve the proposal that has been prepared by the Committee to be submitted to the state to receive funding for the Criminal Justice Partnership Program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the plan as presented to the state to receive funding for the Criminal Justice Partnership Program.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTER GRANT AT SCC**

Steve Yost, Economic Development Director, advised the Board that the \$1.959 million grant received from the Economic Development Administration is to build an Industry Training Center,

a 500,000 gallon water tank, a 12" water line from Whiteville to Southeast Regional Park, and a booster pump station.

Will Buie, representing Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, Engineer of the project, stated that after completion of the project, the Economic Development Commission is proposing the following arrangement between the County and the Town of Whiteville for operation of the system and the provision of water to customers:

1. The County should own the infrastructure (water line, tank, and station).
2. The County should contract with Whiteville to sell bulk water and provide maintenance for the system. Whiteville's out of town rate has been discussed as the price for water purchase.
3. Any residents and businesses that lie along the route of the water line could connect to the system.
4. The County and Whiteville would both approve all new connections to the line. Depending on the location of the meter, new customers would be billed by either the County or Whiteville.
5. County would initially contract with Whiteville to purchase a maximum of water per day.

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve contract negotiations between Columbus County and the City of Whiteville to provide water and maintenance for the project. Also, the Board advised Steve Yost, Economic Development Director, to negotiate item #4 with the City of Whiteville.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - SECOND PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR WHITEVILLE PLYWOOD CDBG EXPANSION PROJECT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to schedule the second public hearing for the Whiteville Plywood Community Development Block Grant expansion project for October 2, 1995, at 7:45 A.M.

**SOLID WASTE - PRESENTATION BY VEDCO ENERGY CORPORATION**

Bill Hendrick, and Kim Alanis, representatives from Vedco Energy Corporation, gave a verbal and video presentation on what they have to offer Columbus County for their future solid waste needs.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

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

1. Solid Waste presentations have been scheduled with companies who would like to provide solid waste services for the County for the next three (3) meetings.
2. The cost share technician for Columbus County for a position to work with existing livestock/agriculture operations to improve water quality has been approved by the state.
3. A staff meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 1995 at 7:30 A.M. at the Department of Aging and the Board of Commissioners is invited to attend.

**SCHOOLS (WHITEVILLE CITY) - CONCERNED CITIZEN'S REMARKS**

Mr. Robert Adams, a concerned citizen from the Western Prong area of Columbus County, addressed the Board in regards to the funding for the schools and the manner the School Board is considering expending funds in an additional salary increase for Superintendent Otis McNeill, according to the article in the News Paper. Mr. Adams stated that he was opposed to the salary increase that was being considered for Mr. McNeill.

**SOLID WASTE - CONTACT SWINE INTEGRATORS ON LONG TERM PLAN**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to direct the Administrator to write letters to swine integrators within Columbus County requesting information in regards to the intent and plans for long-term development of swine production in Columbus County.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - CHANGE IN BY-LAWS TO ALLOW MUNICIPALITIES TO RECOMMEND THE AT-LARGE MEMBER**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to begin the process of re-writing Economic Development Commission By-laws to allow the municipalities within Columbus County to recommend the at-large appointment to the Board of Commissioners at the end of the term of the at-large appointment which will be June 30, 1996.

**RESOLUTION - LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by

Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution:

**LIVESTOCK RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of local government to work for the rights of all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, intensive livestock operations have created grave concerns by a large number of the general populace; and

**WHEREAS**, these concerns deal with the fear of environmental pollution as well as a debilitating quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County share these concerns, are aware, are concerned and understand both sides of the issue; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board respects each individual's right to the free enterprise system; and

**WHEREAS**, state regulations and governance over agricultural activities preclude local government's ability to control and regulate for the most part; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a major concern to the Board of Commissioners that the management processes, from permitting phase, construction phase and most important the daily operation phase, be held to the highest level of efficiency and scrutiny. Those operators of intensive livestock operations as well as officials of the State and County, who are charged with the enforcement of all regulations, should uphold their responsibility to the highest level and the letter of the law; and

**WHEREAS**, a Blue Ribbon Task Force has been appointed by the governor to study the intensive livestock operations issue and report back to the General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, it is not the intent of Columbus County Government to interfere or try to supersede the laws set down by the State or undermine the efforts of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County respectfully solicit the Blue Ribbon Task Force appointed by the Governor to work as quickly as possible and efficiently in order for their findings and recommendations to be reported back to the General Assembly in a

most expedient manner; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these findings will serve as a guide for local governments in dealing with intensive livestock operations' problems which may arise in regards to all aspects, general operations, physical developments, implementations and environmental structuring, as well as people's individual rights.

**ADOPTED** this the 18th day of September, 1995.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**/s/ SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

**/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board**

**RESOLUTION - DONALD DOWLESS APPRECIATION**

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

**RESOLUTION of APPRECIATION for DONALD DOWLESS**

The Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, at their regularly scheduled meeting held on Monday, September 18, 1995, adopted the following Resolution:

**W I T N E S S E T H :**

**WHEREAS,** Donald Dowless has served his agency in exemplary fashion; and

**WHEREAS,** Donald Dowless has worked for the good of his agency and by doing so has worked for a greater goal for Columbus County; and

**WHEREAS,** Donald Dowless' ability to work with Columbus County's Law Enforcement Community has created a most cooperative and successful working relationship between local and state agencies; and

**WHEREAS,** through Donald Dowless' efforts, Columbus County's Sheriff's Department has benefited by being able to obtain an additional automobile for its use in controlling crime.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners commend Donald Dowless for his diligent efforts for Columbus County and his true dedication to the premises that he has worked for the betterment in the quality of life for the citizens

of North Carolina and in particular the citizens of Columbus County. Through his efforts, he is making Columbus County a better place to live.

ADOPTED this the 18th day of September, 1995.

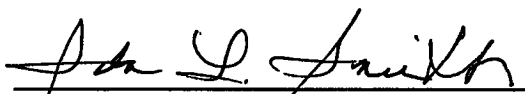
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTESTED BY: /s/ SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman

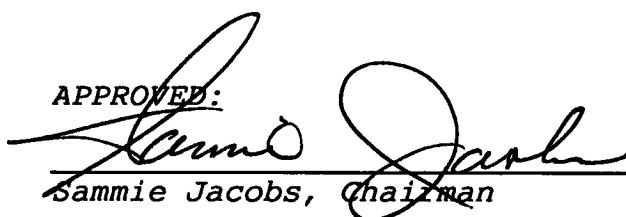
/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 P.M.

  
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Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:

  
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Sammie Jacobs, Chairman