

**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 8:00 A.M., November 6, 1995, it being the first Monday.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sammie Jacobs, Chairman

Lynwood Norris, Vice Chairman

Spruell Randolph Britt

David L. Dutton, Jr.

A. Dial Gray, III

C. E. "Gene" Wilson

James E. Hill, Jr. Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring  
Interim County Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

**ABSENT:**

C. W. Williams, Commissioner

Chairman Sammie Jacobs called the meeting to order and Commissioner C. E. "Gene" Wilson 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 October 16 and 17, 1995, Board Meetings as recorded.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the following consent agenda items.

**Tax Releases:**

J.B. & Lydia Cribb: H-9-21, store vacant. Amount \$60.00, year 1995, account #09-05660.

Patsy S. Buffkin: Portion of TC-3-284, double-listed to TC-3-286. Amount \$73.44, valuation \$4,800, year 1995, account #06-03420.

*Ricky Davis: Vehicle (1983 Chrysler) not in Columbus County on 1-1-92. Moved out of County 1991. Amount \$21.41, valuation \$2,820, year 1992, account #17-08769.*

*B. Edwin Fowler: I-14-24, one house only. Amount \$60.00, year 1995, account #06-10560.*

*Berkley & Marlene Fowler: H-14-7, house vacant. Amount \$60.00, year 1995, account #06-10580.*

*Lawanda Freeman: Moved out of County in 1991. Vehicle (1990 Hyundai) listed in Washington, DC. Amount \$58.67, valuation \$7,730, year 1992, account #17-12371.*

*Andy & Carla M. Griffin: Mobile home sold in 1994. Out of County. Amount \$151.98, valuation \$10,720, year 1995, account #12-10260.*

*John Christopher & Crystal Harris: One dwelling only located on F-4-28A. (Mobile home sold prior to 1-1-95.) (One user fee was released 8-22-95.) Amount \$99.06, valuation \$12,700, year 1995, account #12-10942.*

*Pauline Hardee: Failed to receive the Senior Citizen's exemption on lot and house located in town, WH-4-176 (on house only). Amount \$201.00, valuation \$15,000, year 1995, account #01-36934.*

*Hertz-Equipment Rental Corporation: Equipment already billed on account #15-18106, same name. Amount \$192.75, valuation \$22,465, year 1995, account #15-18110.*

*Gayle W. Hyatt: LW-4-33, building vacant. Amount \$36.00, year 1995, account #08-09550.*

*Horace Ray & Deborah Lee Long: Billed with all of lot K7A-227. Owns only a portion being map K-7A-227A. Balance of lot rebilled to Robbie McKee on 01-56040. Amount \$200.80, valuation \$25,100, year 1995, account #01-53963.*

*Mariegene P. Lytton: LW-4-212, dwelling vacant. Amount \$36.00, year 1995, account #08-11241.*

*Walter Junior McDuffie: CH-3-53 transferred back to Ruby Lee & Robert Campbell. Amount \$123.36, valuation \$11,200, year 1995, account #13-25746.*

*Anne Whittington McLendon & Dewey Dowless: K-3-3A,*

double-listed to Dewey H. Dowless on #14-04443, map K-3-3. Amount \$12.32, valuation \$1,400, year 1995, account #14-10023.

David Letlo Parker: W-4-82 (Leasehold), vacant. Amount \$60.00, year 1995, account #15-29000.

Irvin Danny Smith: P-3-19, double-wide mobile already listed to Chris Daniel Smith on 11-24744. Amount \$272.94, valuation \$27,300, year 1995, account #08-16960.

Janice Y. Smith: HB-3-59, transferred back to Bertha Yeoman (S.C. exemption). Amount \$137.28, valuation \$9,200, year 1995, account #11-25009.

Bernard Darrell Spivey: H-12-97B combined with H-12-97A and rebilled to Byron Dale Spivey on #06-35005. Amount \$285.48, valuation \$36,600, year 1995, account #06-34938.

Bryan Dale & Deborah Spivey: H-12-97, rebilled to Bernard Darrell Spivey (Real estate) on #06-34938. Personal property rebilled on #06-35005 (valuation \$1,550). Amount \$409.44, valuation \$44,800, year 1995, account #06-35007.

Bryon Dale Spivey: H-12-97A, billed incorrectly (cancellation of receipt #20168). Rebilled on LL with correct acreage of 125.26 acres, H-12-97A & 97B combined, plus personal property, same account number. Amount \$1,067.76, valuation \$129,200, year 1995, account #06-35005.

Jeffrey Lynn & Susan Stanley: K-8-72, camping trailer. Amount \$60.00, year 1995, account #03-23777.

Tanya & Mark Strickland: 1976 Mobile Home, already listed to Anthony M. Strickland on account #16-13806. Amount \$59.95, valuation \$2,130, year 1995, account #16-15474.

Mary Sue Ward: L-8-66, mobile home double-listed on real, also personal property. Amount \$228.17, valuation \$19,330, year 1995, account #03-27863.

Phyllis F. Williamson: mobile home sold in September 1994. Amount \$147.83, valuation \$11,260, year 1995, account #12-12181.

Joseph T. Wyche: HB-2-4, land value \$7,500, double-listed to China Yates Powell, map HB-2-5; house valued \$7,000, double-listed to Ben Wyche on 11-30820. (See refunds, years 1991-

94). Amount \$181.80, valuation \$14,500, year 1995, account #11-31000.

Ordered: That a refund check be issued to Joseph T. Wyche, 1211 Woodland Drive, Whiteville, NC 28472, in the amount of \$339.89, for years 1991-94. HB-2-4, house double-listed to Ben Wyche on #11-30820. Amount \$339.89, valuation \$28,000, account #11-31000.

**Budget Amendments:**

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Accept 10-348-1401 State Funds<br>(Black Churches United for Better Health)    | \$1,000.00 |
| Expend 10-584-33 Departmental Supplies                                         | 1,000.00   |
| Accept 10-348-0703 State and Fed. Funds<br>(Governor's Highway Safety Program) | 26,250.00  |
| Expend as follows:                                                             |            |
| 10-578-02 Salaries                                                             | 14,000.00  |
| 10-578-05 FICA                                                                 | 1,100.00   |
| 10-578-06 Insurance                                                            | 2,000.00   |
| 10-578-07 Retirement                                                           | 1,000.00   |
| 10-578-14 Travel                                                               | 1,000.00   |
| 10-578-33 Departmental Supplies                                                | 7,150.00   |
| Accept 10-348-0702 Immunization Action<br>(Immunization Action Plan)           | 5,192.00   |
| Expend as follows:                                                             |            |
| Increase 10-579-02 Salaries                                                    | 5,287.00   |
| Decrease 10-579-33 Departmental Supplies                                       | ( 95.00)   |
| Accept 10-348-3400 State Aid Library                                           | 14,159.00  |
| Expend 10-630-3300 Books                                                       | 14,159.00  |
| Accept 10-335-0000 Miscellaneous<br>(Insurance funds for damaged printers)     | 4,565.00   |
| Expend 10-610-7400 Capital Outlay                                              | 4,565.00   |

**PROCLAMATION - AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to proclaim the week of November 12-18, 1995 as American Education Week. Chairman Jacobs presented the Proclamation to Theresa Formyduval, representing Columbus County/Whiteville Association of Educators.

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

**WHEREAS**, throughout American history, public schools have helped democratize our nation, strengthen our communities, and widen opportunities for our people; and

**WHEREAS**, by integrating different groups into a common educational setting, public schools prepare this nation's diverse population to live harmoniously in a free, democratic society; and

*WHEREAS, the future of America in the next century depends on the students who are in our schools today; and*

*WHEREAS, all citizens have an important mutual interest in educating future citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, strong, effective public schools are a springboard to a better tomorrow;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, SAMMIE JACOBS, serving as Chairman of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 12-18, 1995 as*

**AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK**

*Signed this 6th day of November, 1995.*

**PROCLAMATION - FARM-CITY WEEK**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to proclaim the period of November 17-23, 1995 as Farm-City Week. Chairman Jacobs presented the Proclamation to Eloise Wilson, Farm-City Week Co-Chairperson, and Jacqueline Roseboro, Cooperative Extension Director.*

**PROCLAMATION**

**FARM-CITY WEEK**

**1995**

*WHEREAS, the growth and development of the County and the well-being of all its citizens are dependent upon cooperation and exchange between the two essential environments of our society: farmers and city people; and*

*WHEREAS, the complexities of their individual problems and the divergence of their activities may lead to a widening gap of misunderstanding; and*

*WHEREAS, any gap of misunderstanding must be eliminated, and each group must understand the other if our American way of life is to endure; and*

*WHEREAS, Farm-City Week provides an unparalleled experience for farm and city people to become better acquainted.*

*NOW THEREFORE, WE, THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, do hereby proclaim the period of November 17 through November 23 to be Farm-City Week; and we further call upon all*

seminars, pageants, fairs, and civic and social events associated with a successful Farm-City Week in Columbus County.

ADOPTED, this the 6th day of November, 1995.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Sammie Jacobs, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

**LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS - CONCERNED CITIZENS FROM ST. JAMES AREA**

The Reverend Ronald Campbell, spokesperson for approximately thirty-five (35) St. James residents who were in attendance, stated that they are opposed to plans by the Lundy Company to build a large swine operation off SR 1713, White Hall Road. Reverend Campbell stated that the operation would affect the Union Baptist Church and residents feared problems from potential odors, insects and water pollution and asked the Commissioners to seriously consider the need for stricter controls on large-scale swine farms.

Oscar Blanks, a concerned citizen, stated that the large hog operations are unwholesome, unhealthy, offensive and serve only the needs of the greedy.

Haynes Graham, a concerned citizen, suggested the Board consider the following items in regards to pig operations:

1. Write all major producers saying the county does not want big swine operations near populated communities;
2. Set up a procedure for county permits for swine operations; and
3. Write legislators asking for rules on planning and construction of large swine operations.

There was a question and answer session from the concerned citizens to the Board of Commissioners.

Dempsey B. Herring, Interim County Administrator, informed the group that letters have been sent to the major swine integraters in Columbus County asking them what their future plans are in regards to expanding swine operations. Three companies said they would meet with the Board of Commissioners and one said it plans no expansions here.

Mr. Herring urged the residents to take their complaint

directly to Lundy in Clinton and to appear at upcoming hearings of the state study group.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to direct Administration to contact the various integraters and follow-up with what their intentions are.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to direct Administration to charter up to two (2) buses, at the County's expense, to transport concerned citizens of the St. James area to the Lundy plant in Clinton, N.C. to make them aware of their concerns.

**WACCAMAW RIVER - REQUEST REPEALING HB 876**

Dempsey B. Herring, Interim County Administrator, commented on House Bill 876 which was introduced in 1993 by Representative David Redwine to have a certain section of the Waccamaw River posted as a "No Wake" zone by using floating buoys. The bill creates a hardship on the County since it designates only Columbus County to be responsible for marking the river with buoys. Mr. Herring requested the Board to request legislation to amend HB 876 to address changing the buoys to signs and to have Brunswick County, as well as Columbus County, responsible for such signage.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to request House Bill 876 amended to address changing the buoys to signs and to have Brunswick County, as well as Columbus County, responsible for the signage for identifying the "No Wake" zone, with both counties sharing the cost.

**SHERIFF - REQUEST FOR EMPLOYEE AND COMPUTERIZATION TABLED**

The Board concurred to table the request from Sheriff Jimmy P. Ferguson for a new position and additional computerization due to new laws that affect the Sheriff's Department due to Sheriff Ferguson's absence from the meeting.

**FIRE & RESCUE - APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF COLE'S FIRE, AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to approve the extension

to the service district known as Cole's Fire, Ambulance, and Rescue District to provide fire protection and emergency medical service to an area outside of the town limits of Fair Bluff and to approve the present tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100.00 property evaluation for the service district extension.

**FIRE & RESCUE - APPROVAL OF MAP & DESCRIPTION FOR COLE'S FIRE INSURANCE DISTRICT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the map and description for Cole's Fire Insurance District as approved by the N. C. Department of Insurance Fire and Rescue Service Division. A map and description of the district is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board and the County Fire Marshal.

**FIRE & RESCUE - APPROVAL OF MAP & DESCRIPTION FOR CLARKTON RURAL FIRE INSURANCE DISTRICT**

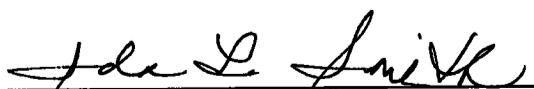
A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to approve the map and description for Clarkton Rural Fire Insurance District as approved by the N. C. Department of Insurance Fire and Rescue Service Division. A map and description of the district is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board and the County Fire Marshal.

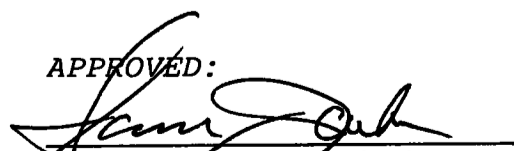
**SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION - APPLICANT FOR TESTING TO BE INTERVIEWED 11-7-95**

Dempsey B. Herring, Interim Administrator, reported to the Board that the Soil & Water Conservation Board of Directors will begin interviewing applicants that were initially taken for the position of Soil and Water Conservation Water Testing Technician on November 7, 1995 that was approved by the state and the County to be cost-shared equally.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 A.M.

  
Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:  
  
Sammie Jacobs, Chairman