

COLUMBUS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in the Columbus County Superior Courtroom at 7:00 P.M., June 17, 1996, for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the Proposed Secondary Road Construction Program presented by the N. C. Department of Transportation for Fiscal Year 1996-97.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Spruell Randolph Britt, Chairman

C.E. "Gene" Wilson, Vice Chairman

David L. Dutton, Jr.

A. Dial Gray, III

Sammie Jacobs

Lynwood Norris

C.W. Williams

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring
Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

MEMBERS OF THE N.C. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION PRESENT:

Robert Crumpler, District Engineer

Fred Edwards, Assistant Division Maintenance Engineer

W.P. Rosser, Division Engineer

Steve Varnedoe, Assistant Division Maintenance Engineer

Chairman Britt called the public hearing to order.

The Chairman stated the purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing in reference to the 1996-97 Proposed Secondary Road Construction Program.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Robert Crumpler, District Engineer with the Department of Transportation, and requested that he present the Proposed Secondary Road Construction Program for Fiscal Year 1996-97.

Mr. Crumpler thanked the Board for their attendance and read the Proposed 1996-97 Secondary Road Construction priority listing to the public and the amount of funds that is proposed to be expended on each state road number. Mr. Crumpler requested the Board's consideration for adopting a Resolution, if they agree with the proposal.

The proposed state allocation for Columbus County for Fiscal Year 1996-97 is \$2,177,732.00.

Chairman Britt requested anyone wishing to speak in reference to the proposal to be recognized and state their name and road number. The following persons spoke in reference to specific road numbers:

Lynwood Norris	-	SR 1135
C.W. Williams	-	SR 1401
Sammie Jacobs	-	SR 1814
Raymond Shaw	-	SR 1845, 1812, 1813, 1815
David Lennon	-	SR 1516
Dollie Brown	-	SR 1813
Clemmons Jacobs	-	SR 1812, 1813, 1815
Darren Mercer	-	SR 1341
Did not state Name	-	SR 1361
Did not state Name	-	SR 1411

There being no further comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed to concur with the 1996-97 Proposed Secondary Roads Construction Program as presented by the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

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

Wilson

NOES: Commissioner Jacobs

The motion passed on a 6 - 1 vote.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners met with officials of the North Carolina Department of Transportation at a Public Hearing on June 17, 1996; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this meeting was to present to the public the proposed Secondary Roads Construction Program for Columbus County for Fiscal Year 1996-97 from the Department of Transportation as follows:

ALLOCATION	AMOUNT
Secondary Road Construction	\$1,136,324.00
Highway Trust Fund	\$1,041,408.00
TOTAL SECONDARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION FUNDS	
AVAILABLE:	\$2,177,732.00

MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS:

Funds required to supplement secondary road maintenance operations. To be used for: spot stabilization of unpaved roads with stone or local materials; widening of paved secondary roads, drainage improvements; safety projects; etc.

ALLOCATION	AMOUNT
Secondary Construction	\$ 158,793.00
Highway Trust Fund	\$ 165,511.00
TOTAL MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS:	\$ 324,304.00

RESERVE for CONTINGENCIES:

Funds to be used for road additions; survey and right of way; overdrafts; property owner participation paving; paving of rural fire departments and rescue squads, continuation of paving down the priority list.

\$ 217,773.00

PAVING PROGRAM:

Paving of unpaved roads in priority order from the Rural and Residential/Subdivision lists. The department will secure right-of-way and construct this program. Should additional funds become

available or right-of-way be unobtainable on any road, then the program will be extended down the priority lists until available funds are expended.

ALLOCATION	AMOUNT
Secondary Construction	\$ 863,899.00
Highway Trust Fund	\$ 771,756.00
TOTAL PAVING PROGRAM	\$1,635,655.00

RURAL PAVING PROJECTS:

PRIORITY NO.	SR#	FROM SR#	TO SR#	LENGTH/DESCRIPTION/COST
7F	1830	1831	1824	1.00 Mile Grade, Drain, Base, Pave and E/C \$165,000.00
33	1418	1004	1300	1.30 Miles Grade, Drain, Base, Pave and E/C \$200,000.00
36	1912	1914	1907	2.10 Miles Grade, Drain, Base, Pave and E/C \$350,000.00
37	1104	1103	1108	.40 Mile Grade, Drain, Base, Pave and E/C \$125,000.00
38	1341	1004	1342	.90 Mile Grade, Drain, Base, Pave and E/C \$150,000.00
39	1401	End Pvt.	1352	2.20 Miles Grade, Drain, Base, Pave and E/C \$365,000.00
40	1721A	1720	1001	1.00 Mile Grade, Drain, Base, Pave and E/C \$240,000.00
41	1179*	US 701	Dead End	.70 Mile Grade, Drain, Base, Pave & E/C \$ 40,655.00

*This road is partially funded. Additional funds to be added later.

RESIDENTIAL/SUBDIVISION PAVING PROJECTS:

None

TOTAL MILES: 9.60

TOTAL FUNDS: \$1,635,655.00

RIGHT-OF-WAY UNOBTAINABLE:

RURAL PRIORITIES:

PRIORITY NO.	SR#	FROM SR#	TO SR #	LENGTH
2F	1555	End Pavement	1552	1.1 Miles
3F	1419	1300	1412	2.2 Miles
4F	1925B	1001	1001	1.6 Miles
5F	1320	US 701	1321	1.5 Miles
6F	1804	1800	1800	1.7 Miles
8F	1585	1549	1002	1.1 Miles
9F	1556	1552	Dead End	0.9 Mile
10F	1907	NC 214	1904	1.2 Miles
12	1537	End Pavement	1534	1.9 Miles
20	1524	1504	1414	1.2 Miles
30	1544	US 701	Bladen Co. Line	1.3 Miles

RESIDENTIAL/SUBDIVISION PRIORITIES:

PRIORITY NO.	SR #	FROM SR #	TO SR #	LENGTH
1F	1174A	1190	Dead End	0.52 Mile
2F	1822	US 74-76	1823	0.58 Mile
3F	1903	1001	1904	0.23 Mile
4F	1940	NC 905	Dead End	0.60 Mile
5F	1823	US 74-76	1822	0.10 Mile
7F	1174B	1166	Dead End	0.20 Mile
8F	1948	1941	Dead End	0.06 Mile
9F	1942	End Pavement	Dead End	0.10 Mile
15	1850	1849	1849	0.23 Mile
18	1945	1736	Dead End	0.30 Mile

NOTES:

1. Rural Priorities 2F - 6F and 8F - 10F and Residential/Subdivision Priorities 1F - 5F and 7F - 9F are frozen as required by General Statute 136-44.7.
2. On the projects listed above under Right of Way Unobtainable, additional efforts will continue to be made to secure right of way.
3. Right of way is not available on Rural Priorities 12, 20 and 30 and Residential/Subdivision Priorities 15 and 18.

4. If additional maintenance monies are made available by Legislature, the monies listed under maintenance operations will be programmed on paving projects in accordance with the Columbus County Secondary Road Paving Priority List.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners does hereby concur with the 1996-97 Secondary Roads Construction Program for Fiscal Year 1996-97 as prioritized by the State as enumerated above.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

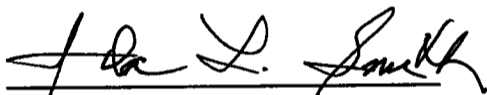
/s/ **SPRUELL R. BRITT, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

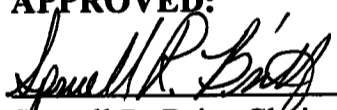
/s/ **IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to adjourn the public hearing at 8:00 P.M.



Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:


Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

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 8:15 P.M., June 17, 1996, it being the third Monday. The Board Meeting began late due to the 1996-97 Secondary Roads Construction Program Public Hearing extending beyond the allotted time.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Spruell Randolph Britt, Chairman

C.E. "Gene" Wilson, Vice Chairman

David L. Dutton, Jr.

A. Dial Gray, III

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PUBLIC HEARING - 1996-97 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

Chairman Britt called the Public Hearing to order for comments on the 1996-97 Proposed Operating Budget.

The Chairman requested anyone wishing to speak concerning the 1996-97 Proposed Operating Budget to be recognized by stating their name and the agency or department they are representing.

Dr. Steve Scott, Southeastern Community College President, requested the Board to consider funding at the original request of the College instead of the 5% that is

proposed in the 1996-97 Operating Budget.

There being no further comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to close the public hearing at 8:25 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

Chairman Britt called the regularly scheduled Board Meeting was to order and Ed Worley, Aging Director, gave the invocation.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the June 3 and June 11, 1996 Board Minutes, as recorded.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

Tax Releases:

Pauline (J.A. Baldwin) Baldwin: HB-3-104, house vacant. Amount \$60.00, year 1995, account #11-00740.

Juliet & Antoine Brown: Double wide mobile home, double-listed to Antoine Brown on account #15-04647. Amount \$393.52, valuation \$37,900, year 1995, account #15-05787.

William Shannon & Torina Butler: Mobile home located on G-4-1A, vacant. Live in Shannon Butler's house on #13-06174. Amount \$60.00, year 1995, account #13-06109.

Viola Cartrette: M-4-49B, wrong dimensions on new shed. Amount \$16.86, valuation \$1,960, year 1995, account #11-05607.

Simon Jenkins: J-7A-134, rebilled to Zebedee Jenkins on #01-47527. Amount \$156.05, valuation \$11,300, year 1995, account #01-47524.

Cathy A. Hinson: F-7-8A, deferred taxes billed through error; property was transferred within family members. Amount \$204.35, valuation \$24,400, year 1995 and year

1995 for 1992-94, account #16-08618.

Johnny Earl Locklear: H-6-1 (.85 acre tract) double-listed to Johnny Ray Barnes on account 13-01129. Amount \$24.96, valuation \$3,200, year 1995, account #13-23960.

Wayne Patty: E-4-84E, bankruptcy payments applied to accrued interest through error. Amount \$23.59, year 1992, account #12-21420.

Herman Underwood Heirs: CH-4-130, double-wide mobile home double-listed as personal property on #13-15815, Annie Doris Graham Etal. Amount \$177.06, valuation \$22,700, year 1995, account #13-40980.

Budget Amendments:

Accept 12-348-0200 Federal Grant Minor Home Repair	\$ 1,038
Expend 12-615-3300 Repair Supplies	1,038
Increase 10-900-6000 Airport Project	150,000
Decrease 10-900-2000 Debt Service	(56,700)
Decrease 10-410-6000 Special Projects	(93,300)
Transfer 10-340-0000 Lease Purchase Proceeds	147,118
Expend 10-530-7400 Capital Outlay - Vehicle	14,243
Expend 10-599-7400 Capital Outlay - Vehicle	13,806
Expend 10-510-7400 Capital Outlay - Vehicle	87,375
Expend 10-480-7400 Capital Outlay - Indexing Equipment	31,694
Increase 10-410-5400 Governing Body - Insurance	85,000
Decrease 10-660-5400 Non Departmental - Insurance	(85,000)
Increase 10-470-0402 Professional Services - Other	30,000
Decrease 10-660-9999 Contingency	(30,000)
Accept 10-348-0203 Narcotics Investigation Grant	125
Expend 10-514-0500 FICA	125
Increase 10-325-0300 Marriage License	2,800
Increase 10-325-0200 Excise Tax	22,000
Expend 10-480-9100 Childrens Trust Fund	2,800
Expend 10-480-9200 Excise Tax to State	22,000
Decrease 10-350-0000 Concealed Weapons Permits	(9,000)
Increase 10-510-9100 Remit to State - Concealed Weapons	9,000
Increase 54-399-0000 Fund Balance Appropriated	6,000
Decrease 54-349-0000 DEA - US Marshal's Office	(6,000)
Increase 10-301-0000 Business Audits Revenue	481
Expend 10-450-4500 Contract Services	481
Increase 41-310-0000 Special District Tax	2,500

Expend 41-700-9200 Remittance to District	2,500
Increase 42-310-0000 Special District Tax	1,500
Expend 42-700-9200 Remittance to District	1,500
Increase 43-310-0000 Special District Tax	3,500
Expend 43-700-9200 Remittance to District	3,500
Increase 44-310-0000 Special District Tax	2,500
Expend 44-700-9200 Remittance to District	2,500
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Increase 56-310-0000 Special District Tax	5,000
Expend 56-700-9200 Remittance to District	5,000
Increase 58-310-0000 Special District Tax	3,000
Expend 58-700-9200 Remittance to District	3,000
Increase 59-310-0000 Special District Tax	1,000
Expend 59-700-9200 Remittance to District	1,000

AGING - CONTRACT FOR CONGREGATE MEALS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to award the bid to Service America for furnishing congregate and home bound meals to the Columbus County Department of Aging for Fiscal Year 1996-97 under the Title III-C Nutrition Program in the amount of \$2.269 per meal.

AGING - COG GRANT APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to accept a grant in the amount of \$4,800 from the Cape

Fear Council of Governments with a 10% County match to be absorbed within the 1995-96 Department of Aging's Budget.

APPOINTMENTS - VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

The Board concurred to make appointments to serve on specific organizations as follows:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term Length</u>	<u>ExpirationDate</u>
Aging Advisory Council	1	Etrulia Williams	3 years	6-30-99
	1	Lloyd Best	3 years	6-30-99
	4	Lois Yoder	3 years	6-30-99
	4	Melvin Powell	3 years	6-30-99
Aging Executive Board	1	Lloyd Best	3 years	6-30-99
Housing Advisory Committee	1	Richard Peacock	2 years	6-30-98
	2	Michael Clemmons	2 years	6-30-98
	3	Mary B. Thompson	2 years	6-30-98
	6	Henry Edmund	2 years	6-30-98
	7	Judy Ward	2 years	6-30-98
Library Board of Trustees	3	Emma B. Moore	4 years	6-30-2000
	4	Mary Frances Alsup	4 years	6-30-2000
Southeastern Community College Board of Directors	7	Charles Gore	4 years	6-30-2000
Southeastern Economic Development Commission	2	Pearl W. Freedman	4 years	6-30-2000
		Steven V. Yost	4 years	6-30-2000

APPOINTMENTS - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Columbus County Economic Development Board of Directors for three (3) year terms, expiring June 30, 1999.

Zone 4 - John E. Thompson

Zone 5 - R. C. Soles, Jr.

At Large - Rhone Sasser

APPOINTMENTS - INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to reappoint the following persons to serve on the Columbus County Industrial Facilities Pollution Control Financing Authority to serve six (6) year terms,

expiring June 30, 2002.

James C. High

Clemmons Jacobs

APPOINTMENTS - INSPECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Columbus County Inspections Board for two (2) year terms, expiring May 31, 1998.

Bill Ashley, Jr., Electrician
C. O. Gore, General Contractor
C.W. Williams, Commissioner
Bobby Worthington, Citizen-at-Large

APPOINTMENT - SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to appoint Commissioner David L. Dutton, Jr. to serve on the Columbus County Social Services Board of Directors for a three (3) year term, expiring June 30, 1999.

APPOINTMENT - NC ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR DISTRICT 4

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to designate Commissioner Spruell R. Britt as the appointment from Columbus County to be considered by the N.C. Association of County Commissioners Board of Directors at the N. C. Association of County Commissioners Annual Conference to be held August 22-25, 1996 to represent District 4.

SANDYFIELD (TOWN OF) - CONCERNS

Mr. Herbert Keaton, Mayor of Sandyfield, addressed the Board in regards to road concerns, speed limit signs, no town limit signs and poor maintenance of the road ditches in Sandyfield.

The Board concurred to direct Dempsey B. Herring, Administrator, to write a letter to Mr. Robert Crumpler, District Engineer with the Department of Transportation, requesting help for these citizens and their development of the newly created Town of

Sandyfield.

ORDINANCE (CAPITAL PROJECTS) - SOUTHEAST REGIONAL PARK WATER PROJECT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to adopt the following Capital Project Ordinance.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL PARK WATER PROJECT

CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, that pursuant to Section 159-13.2 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following Capital Project Ordinance is **HEREBY ADOPTED**:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is the Columbus County Southeast Regional Park Water Project

SECTION 2. The project director is hereby directed to proceed with the construction of the project within the terms of the appropriation made by the North Carolina General Assembly which is designated for Economic Development in accordance with the limitations set forth in Section 143.1 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, and within the funds appropriated herein.

SECTION 3. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to the County to complete the project:

67-348-9600 Economic Development Administration Grant	\$ 983,900.00
67-397-0000 Advance from General Fund	23,100.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,007,000.00

SECTION 4. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

67-495-7500 Construction	\$ 831,600.00
67-495-0400 Professional Services	82,400.00
67-495-7100 Land Acquisition	10,000.00
67-495-9999 Contingencies	83,000.00
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	\$1,007,000.00

SECTION 5. The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly on the financial status of this project. She shall also keep the Governing Body informed at each

regular meeting of any unusual occurrences.

SECTION 6. Copies of the Capital Project Ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for directions in carrying out the project.

ADOPTED this 17th day of June, 1996.

FINANCING PROPOSALS - COUNTY BUILDINGS

Dempsey Herring, Administrator, reported that he received five (5) financing proposals for the construction of a new Agricultural Services Building, Register of Deeds Building and renovations to existing buildings in the amount of \$2,500,000.00.

Mr. Herring stated that the County Auditing Firm of Thompson, Price and Company, P.A. analyzed the two (2) proposals with the best interest rates as follows;

United Carolina Bank;

First Citizens Bank (In conjunction with Southern Bank Leasing.)

The recommendation by Thompson, Price & Company, is United Carolina Bank, Whiteville, NC.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to accept the loan proposal from United Carolina Bank . This proposal and related documents will be submitted to the Local Government Commission for final approval.

GOVERNING BODY - RESOLUTION TO CANCEL JULY 1, 1996 BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution to cancel the July 1, 1996 Board Meeting.

NOTICE and RESOLUTION to CANCEL MEETING

of the BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

of COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

The Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, unanimously approved on the 17th day of June, 1996, to adopt the following Resolution.

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, has presently scheduled meetings at 8:00 A.M. on the first Monday and at 7:30 P.M. on the third Monday of each month; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, is desirous of canceling the meeting scheduled for the first Monday in July, only.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, North Carolina, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-40, shall cancel the regular meeting of the said Board scheduled for July 1, 1996, be, and the same is hereby canceled, and the next regularly scheduled meeting of the said Board shall be in the Columbus County Commissioners' Chambers, 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, on Monday, July 15, 1996, at 7:30 P.M.

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that a copy of this Resolution and Notice shall be placed on the Courthouse Bulletin Board, as well as mailed to all of the news media who has requested notice.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ SPRUELL R. BRITT, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:47 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to enter into closed session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(6) Personnel.

No action was taken.

REGULAR SESSION RESUMED

At 10:50 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn closed session and resume regular session.

LIBRARY - BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF TO MEET WITH COMMISSIONERS ON JUNE 19, 1996

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to schedule a meeting at 7:00 P.M., June 19, 1996 with the Columbus County Library Board of Trustees and Staff. The Board also approved the Main & Branch Libraries to close at 7:00 P.M., July 19, 1996 to allow all employees to attend the meeting.

MEETING RECESSED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to recess the meeting at 10:55 P.M. until 7:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 19, 1996.

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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., June 19, 1996, to continue a Meeting that was recessed at 10:55 P.M., June 17, 1996.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Spruell Randolph Britt, Chairman

C.E. "Gene" Wilson, Vice Chairman

David L. Dutton, Jr.

A. Dial Gray, III

Sammie Jacobs

Lynwood Norris

C.W. Williams

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring
Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

ALSO PRESENT:

Deborah Marrs, Library Director

Library Board of Trustees

Library Staff

Chairman Britt called the Meeting to order and Commissioner C. W. Williams gave the invocation.

Chairman Britt stated the purpose of the meeting is in regards to a list of allegations against Deborah Marrs, Library Director, signed by thirteen (13) Library Employees. We heard from Mrs. Marrs in closed session on June 17, 1996 and the

opposition has asked that they speak and one (1) will be allowed to speak on the list of accusations.

Lyn Ward, Deborah Marrs' Secretary, read the list of grievances

Tom Nicholson, Library Board Chairman, stated that most of the issues have been brought to the Library Board's attention. The Library Board met with the Employees and Mrs. Marrs in regards to the allegations and scheduled a follow-up meeting last month but most of the employees boycotted the meeting.

After much discussion, Chairman Britt asked James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, as to what action could be taken.

Mr. Hill reported that the Board has three (3) options:

- Termination;
- Extend Probation;
- Permanent Employment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed to extend Deborah Marrs, Library Director's, probation period for three (3) months (September 16, 1996) and at the end of three (3) months her performance will be evaluated.

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

NOES: Commissioner Wilson

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to request the Library Board of Directors to report monthly to the Columbus County Board of Commissioners on Ms. Marrs' performance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to recess the meeting at 8:15 P.M. and resume at 8:00 A.M. Friday, June 28, 1996.

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