

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. to hold a public hearing on the proposed issuance of Revenue Bonds on behalf of International Paper Company and at 7:30 P.M., March 17, 1997, for the regularly scheduled Board Meeting, it being the third Monday.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

C.W. Williams, Chairman

Lynwood Norris, Vice Chairman

Spruell Randolph Britt

David L. Dutton, Jr.

A. Dial Gray, III

Sammie Jacobs

C.E. Wilson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring
Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

**PUBLIC HEARING - ON THE PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS ON
BEHALF OF INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY**

Chairman Williams called the Public Hearing to order.

Chairman Williams stated that the purpose for the Public Hearing was at the request of the Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority on the proposed issuance of environmental improvement revenue bonds by the Authority in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed approximately seventeen million dollars (\$17,000,000), the proceeds of which would be made available to International Paper Company to defray the costs of certain sewage and solid waste disposal facilities at the

Company's Riegelwood Mill, located on John L. Riegel Road near the Villiage of Riegelwood, Columbus County, North Carolina.

The Chairman requested anyone wishing to speak in regards to the public hearing to be recognized by stating their name.

The following persons commented:

Dwight Van Inwegen, International Paper Controller; and

Robert P. Roetger, International Paper Plant Engineer.

There were no more comments.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

At 7:25 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to close the public hearing.

REGULAR SESSION COMMENCED

The meeting was called to order by Chairman C.W. Williams and the invocation was given by Ed Worley, Aging Director.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the February 17, 1997, Board Meeting, as recorded.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

Tax Releases and Refunds:

Grace Ammons: Personal Property listed and paid in Bladen County. Amount \$154.47, valuation \$11,010, year 1996, account #12-00153.

Arthur Bell: Mobile Home was repossessed in 1994. Amount \$283.93, valuation \$24,700, years 1995-96, account #8-00922.

Steve Boswell: Mobile Home sold to Mary Ruth Blackwell in 1995. Amount \$166.66, valuation \$12,120, year 1996, account #1-07236.

Laurie A. Brown: Mobile Home was double-listed as motor home. Amount \$38.68, valuation \$4,959, year 1996, account #12-03723.

Jerry T. & Ila Vee Fowler: L-15-63 dwelling vacant. Amount \$120.00, years 1995-96, account #7-04840.

Lenzy Graham: Property double-listed on Pauline Graham. Amount \$117.20, valuation \$5,720, year 1996, account #15-16400.

James S., Sr. and Janet B. Grice: Double-wide and garage double-listed to Joan Emerson for 1996. Amount \$355.93, valuation \$37,940, year 1996, account #15-16781.

Rudolph & Jinnie Mae Inman: Mobile home vacant (J-4-24). Amount \$60.00, year 1996, account #1-46160.

William Milton Inman: E-3-73 dwelling vacant. Amount \$60.00, year 1996, account #12-12920.

Newlyn L. McCullen: House only 80% complete. Amount \$56.16, valuation \$7,200, year 1996, account #11-16591.

Jason Lee and Izetta Smith: Dwelling vacant. Amount \$60.00, year 1996, account #9-27249.

Margaret Sullivan: Mobile home sold prior to 1-1-95. Amount \$183.98, valuation \$14,450, year 1996, account #1-91094.

Tyson Cemetery: Property tax exempt. F-7-3A. Amount \$11.44, valuation \$1,300, year 1996, account #16-16463.

Roger D. & Rhonda W. Ward: House vacant (F-12-I). Amount \$60.00, year 1996, account #6-41288.

Mae Williams: Mobile home double-listed on Chris and Rosemary Clewis. Amount \$118.26, valuation \$6,790, year 1996, account #9-33552.

Clifton Hamer: Per surveys and Deeds, land does not exist. CH-3-7 and CH-3-8 double-listed to Eugene Burt on G-6A-55 (outside) #13-05980 and Geneva Vann on CH-3-10, account #13-41055. Amount \$1,195.72, valuation \$164,200, years 1988-96, account #13-17180.

Herman L. & Rose Spaulding: Per survey, P-2-22A double-listed to P-2-23,

Clifton Hamer. Amount \$161.82, valuation \$21,700, years 1990-96, account #08-17517.

Ordered: That a refund check be issued to Paul Miller, P.O. Box 394, Fair Bluff, NC 28439, in the amount of \$48.00 for years 1995 and 1996. FB-2-322 property is located inside the city limits of Fair Bluff and should not be charged the full \$60.00 user fee. Account #10-12322.

Marvin Eugene Jr., & Macon Brown: X-2-63, one house only. Amount \$240.00, year 1996, account #15-05899.

Roscoe Edwards: I-2-71, 2 acres previously transferred. Amount \$46.80, valuation \$6,000, year 1996, account #05-01900.

M. Rachel Gore: M-17-28, house vacant. Amount \$60.00, year 1996, account #07-06940.

Albert Lacy Hayes, Jr.: User fees billed through error on two (2) mobile homes valued \$1,000 each and located on CH-1-21 in Town. Amount \$144.00, years 1995-96, account #13-18240.

Jerry T. & Rachel J. High: L-4-37, house vacant. Amount \$60.00, year 1996, account #14-06717.

Patrick Reuben Housand: Mobile home sold in 1995. Amount \$118.26, valuation \$6,790, year 1996, account #06-19482.

Mabelline Lawson: Mobile home double-billed on account #13-14724 as real property. Amount \$87.00, valuation \$3,730, year 1996, account #01-51509.

Jewell R. Lee: N-4-58, deferred through error. Amount \$210.00, valuation \$25,200, years 1996, 1996 for 95, 1996 for 94, account #11-15463.

John & Joyce Nutter: Camper listed in Brunswick County. Amount \$168.63, valuation \$12,660, year 1996, account #08-13934.

Billy Ray Richardson: Mobile home sold prior to 1-1-96. Amount \$9.35, valuation \$1,000, year 1996, account #13-34425.

Ordered: That a refund check be issued to William M. & Diane Baysden, 600 Myrtle Drive, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450, in the amount of \$80.81, for year 1996. Two (2) vehicles (1992 Mercedes & 1980 Ford) double-billed on regular listing also as licensed

vehicles. Account #08-00924. Valuation \$10,360.

Budget Amendments:

Increase 10-348-0000	HEMP Planning Grant	\$ 200.00
Expend 10-535-3200	Emergency Services Office Supplies	200.00
Decrease 10-425-0200	Planning Salaries	(9,500.00)
Decrease 10-660-9999	Contingency	(9,500.00)
Expend 10-530-7400	Fire Marshal Capital Outlay (Cab & Chassis for Air Truck)	19,000.00
Accept 10-348-0802	Immunization Outreach State Grant	11,797.00
Expend as follows:		
10-577-02	Salaries	6,346.00
10-577-05	FICA	486.00
10-577-14	Travel	2,000.00
10-577-32	Office Supplies	500.00
10-577-33	Departmental Supplies	2,465.00
Increase 10-335-0000	Miscellaneous Revenue (Insurance proceeds from hurricane damage)	38,975.00
Expend 10-520-7400	Capital Outlay - Generator	38,975.00
Increase 10-358-0000	Jail Fees	40,000.00
Expend 10-510-7400	Capital Outlay	40,000.00
Increase 10-358-0000	Jail Fees	10,000.00
Expend as follows:		
Decrease 10-520-5700	Miscellaneous Expense	(2,000.00)
Decrease 10-520-5400	Insurance & Bonding	(952.00)
Decrease 10-510-5400	Insurance & Bonding	(952.00)
Increase 10-520-4700	Custodial -- Raleigh	13,904.00
Increase 10-349-0000	Church Arson Grant for Overtime	4,600.00
Expend 10-510-0200	Salaries	4,600.00
Increase 11-349-0000	Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	30,961.00
Increase 11-397-4000	Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Match	3,096.00
Expend as follows:		
11-510-3300	Departmental Supplies	4,057.00
11-510-7400	Capital Outlay	30,000.00
Increase 10-335-0000	Miscellaneous Revenue	10,092.00
Expend 10-510-7400	Capital Outlay	10,092.00
Increase 10-335-0000	Miscellaneous Revenue	2,268.00
Expend 10-510-1700	Maintenance/Repairs to vehicles	2,268.00

Increase 10-301-0000	Revenue from Business Audits	3,038.00
Expend 10-450-4500	Contract Services	3,038.00
Appropriate 10-399-0000	Fund Balance (Tri-County Narcotics Investigation Grant)	2,024.00
Increase 10-514-3300	Departmental Supplies	2,976.00
Decrease 10-514-5400	Insurance	(952.00)
Increase 20-397-0200	Contribution - School Sales Tax	65,929.00
Expend 20-661-8100	Principal on Bonds	65,929.00
Appropriate 10-399-0000	Fund Balance	65,929.00
Transfer 10-900-2000	Debt Service	65,929.00

Landfill Tipping Fee Accounts:

Landfill tipping fee accounts written off due to error in accounting as follows:

Rural Sanitation of N.C.	\$5,522.76
Johnny Barfield	357.44
Henry Fisher	135.84

AGING - IN-HOME SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT

Ed Worley, Aging Director, presented the Board with the Annual In Home Service Report and requested acceptance from the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to accept the 1996 In Home Annual Service Report as presented by Ed Worley, Aging Director.

AGING -APPOINTED DEPT. OF AGING AS CONTINUUM LEAD AGENT FOR COLUMBUS COUNTY

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to designate the Columbus County Department of Aging as the continuum Lead Agent for the Columbus County Aging Programs.

RESOLUTION - INTERNATIONAL PAPER PROJECT

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING IN PRINCIPLE THE PLAN OF FINANCING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE COLUMBUS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AND POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY OF ITS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS, 1997 SERIES A (INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY

PROJECT) IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED
\$17,000,000

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has created a political subdivision and body corporate and politic of the State of North Carolina known as "The Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority" (the "Authority"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized under the Industrial and Pollution Control Facilities Financing Act, Chapter 159C of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended (the "Act"), to issue revenue bonds for the purpose, among others, of paying all or any part of the cost of any project (as defined in the Act), and to make and execute financing agreements, security documents and other contracts and instruments necessary or convenient in the exercise of such powers; and

WHEREAS, the Authority intends to authorize the issuance of its Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds, 1997 Series A (International Paper Company Project) or otherwise appropriately designated, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$17,000,000 (the "Bonds"), the proceeds thereof to be made available to International Paper Company (the "Company") to finance certain environmental improvement facilities (the "Project") located in Columbus County, North Carolina for use by the Company in connection with its Riegelwood pulp and paper board plant; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and the North Carolina Department of Commerce Rules, Subchapter 1E, Section 0204(N.C. Admin. Code title 04, r. 01E.0204 (November 1994)), a public hearing on the proposed plan of financing of the Project was held by this Board of Commissioners on March 17, 1997. Such public hearing was held pursuant to public notice published on February 24/27, 1997 in The News Reporter, a newspaper of general circulation in Columbus County, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Authority intends to file an application for approval of the Project with the Secretary of the Department of Commerce (the "Department"), as required

by the Act; and

WHEREAS, no application for approval of a project shall be officially received and no bonds shall be issued under the Act until the governing body of the county from which the application is made has, by resolution, (i) approved in principal the proposed project and (ii) approved the issuance of such bonds, and a certified copy of such resolution has been provided to the Department; and

WHEREAS, Section 147(f) of the Code provides that the Bonds must be approved by the applicable elected representative of the appropriate governmental unit following a public hearing pursuant to reasonable public notice in order for interest on such bonds to be tax exempt; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has requested this Board of Commissioners to approve the project under Section 159C-7 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners desires to make a record by this Resolution that the Project and the proposed plan of financing are approved in principle; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Trust Indenture and the other documents presented to it setting forth the terms of the financing;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina as follows:

1. This Board of Commissioners hereby finds and determines that opportunity for all taxpayers, residents and other interested persons to express their views for or against said plan of financing, the proposed issuance of the Bonds and the nature and location of the Project and to submit communications in writing, was provided at said public hearing.
2. This Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the plan of financing of the Project and does approve in principle the Project pursuant to said plan of financing.
3. The issuance of the Bonds by the Authority is hereby approved.
4. The Bonds shall bear interest at the rate in accordance with the Trust Indenture and shall be sold to a purchaser or purchasers as selected by the Company at a purchase price of not less than 97 1/2% of the principal amount thereof.
5. This Board of Commissioners does hereby declare that this Resolution

constitutes the public approval required by Section 147(f) of the Code, and approval in principle of the Project and issuance of the Bonds as required by Section .0204 of the North Carolina Department of Commerce Rules (N.C. Admin. Code title 04, r. 01E.0204 November 1994)).

6 . The Clerk of this Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to provide certified copies of this Resolution to the Authority, to the North Carolina Department of Commerce, to the Division of State and Local Government Finance for the State of North Carolina, and to the Local Government Commission.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Passed and approved March 17, 1997.

/s/ C.W. Williams, Chairman

(SEAL)

ATTEST: /s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

I, Ida L. Smith, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I am duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina and keeper of the official minutes thereof, and that the foregoing is a true copy of certain proceedings of the County Board of Commissioners taken at a meeting held at the time and place shown on the front page of these excerpts of minutes and is a complete copy of so much of the recorded minutes of said meeting as relates in any way to the passage of the resolution hereinabove set forth.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that a schedule of regular meetings of said County Board, stating that regular meetings are held on the first Monday and the third Monday of each month at 8:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M., respectively, in the Columbus County Administration Building, 111 Washington Street in Whiteville, North Carolina, has been on file in my office pursuant to G.S. 143-318.12 as of a date not less than seven (7) days before said meeting.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of Columbus County, North Carolina

this 17th day of March 1997.

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk

(SEAL)

Board of County Commissioners

BOLTON (TOWN OF) - CONVEYANCE OF MOBILE HOME TITLE

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dutton, and passed unanimously to convey the title for the mobile home at the Sheriff's Department to the Town of Bolton to be used as Police Headquarters in the Town of Bolton for the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

LANDFILL - ENGINEERING SERVICE AWARD FOR LAND CLEARING AND INERT DEBRIS PERMITS

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, and passed unanimously to enter into an Agreement with Marlowe, Dreitzler & Associates regarding Land Clearing and Inert Debris (LCID) Permits at the Columbus County Landfill as follows:

Scope of Services

Marlowe, Dreitzler & Associates will perform the following Scope of Services as they relate to the above project:

1. Field Topo of the LCID site, not to exceed 10 acres, and at a 2-foot contour interval. The topo shall be tied to existing vertical control at the Landfill.
2. Make the request for zoning approval by the authority having zoning jurisdiction over the site.
3. Provide a site location map on the County NC DOT map.
4. Prepare a potentiometric map indicating the seasonal high groundwater for the proposed 10 acre (+/-) LCID site. The number of test boring pits shall be determined and provided as required by the NC Division of Solid Waste Management.
5. A written report detailing the sites compliance with Section .0564 - Siting Criteria for Land Clearing and inert Debris (LCID) Landfills.
6. Obtain a copy of the landfill property deed from the Columbus County Registrar of Deeds.
7. Utilizing the aerial maps included in the Columbus County Landfill Transition Plan, add the following information: proposed boundaries of LCID disposal site, location of all homes, buildings, public or private utilities, roads, wells, watercourses, water

or other impoundments, and any other applicable features or details, 100-year flood plain boundary, wetland boundary, historical sites, archaeological sites, parks, scenic or recreation areas. The listed information will be added and/or labeled on the aerial maps either within the boundary of the existing map or within 1/4 mile of the LCID site boundary, whichever is less.

8. Design plans for the LCID area, including a cover sheet, erosion control plan, site grading plan, cross-sections sheet and detail sheets.
9. Specifications for the construction of the LCID Landfill. Specification may either be provided as a separate document or included on the construction drawings.
10. Site plan indicating the LCID area boundary, including easements and rights-of way, as may be applicable. This is not a field surveyed boundary.
11. Indicate the borrow site and proposed grading for the borrow site for operations and final cover of the LCID Landfill. Available topographic information shall be used for the LCID borrow area, new field topo is not proposed for this area.
12. Provide submittal to the Land Quality Section of NC DEHNR for the purpose of obtaining an erosion control permit for the site, as required by 15A NCAC 4, Sedimentation Control Rules.
13. Prepare an Operations Plan which demonstrates that the facility will meet the requirements of Rule .0566 - Operational Requirements for Land Clearing/Inert Debris (LCID) Landfills.
14. Prepare an emergency contingency plan, including a description of fire fighting procedures. The emergency contingency plan may be provided as a part of the LCID Operations Plan.

RESPONSIBILITY OF OWNER

15. Provide one person who will be the key contact during the project, and who will be capable of providing information required to complete the Scope of Services listed above.
16. Make the determination as to the exact area to be permitted for a LCID Landfill. This Proposal is based on a LCID Area not to exceed 10 acres.
17. Provide access to the property by Marlowe, Dreitzler & Associates and/or a subconsultant who may require access to the property to complete the Scope of Services listed in this Proposal.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Additional services required beyond that stated in the Scope of Services will be provided if so requested at our Standard Hourly Billing Rates. Refer to Attachment A for our Standard Hourly Rate Schedule.

18. Field surveyed boundary of either the landfill site or the proposed LCID site. Should a record map be required to subdivide the landfill property and record a separate deed for the LCID site, these tasks shall be considered additional services.
19. Topographic mapping in excess of the 10 acres stated in item number 1 of the Scope of Services.

- 20. Any aerial mapping or other required mapping in excess of the limits in the mapping included in the Columbus County Transition Plan.
- 21. Construction staking.
- 22. Bidding or construction administration services.
- 23. Geotechnical design services beyond the preparation of the groundwater potentiometric mapping described in item number 4 of the Scope of Services.
- 24. Participation in Public Hearings and/or court appearances.
- 25. Any tasks not specifically listed or described in the Scope of Services section of this Proposal.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Marlowe, Dreitzler & Associates will complete the Scope of Services listed above within 120 calendar from the date of acceptance.

Marlowe, Dreitzler & Associates will provide the Scope of Services listed herein within the schedule listed for the lump sum fee of \$37,450.00. Additional Services, if requested by the County, will be provided at our Standard Hourly Rates. A copy of our Standard Hourly Rate Schedule is listed. The project will be invoiced on a monthly basis, and the amount of the invoice will be reflected in the appropriate percentage of completion at the time of the invoice. The fee breakdown is as follows:

Engineering, Technical & Permitting	\$23,400.00
Surveying	4,000.00
Geotechnical	<u>10,050.00</u>
Total Fee	\$37,450.00

The Scope of Services, Terms and Conditions of this Letter of Agreement are accepted.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: /s/ C. W. Williams, Chairman

ATTACHMENT A

**MARLOWE, DREITZLER & ASSOCIATES
STANDARD HOURLY RATE SCHEDULE**

<u>Position Description</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Principal Engineer (PE)	\$ 105.00
Project Manager/Engineer (PE)	85.00
Design Engineer (PE)	70.00
Design Technician	58.00
Cadd Operator	58.00
Clerical	22.00
Survey Crew	75.00
Reimbursable Expenses	Cost X 1.20
Sub-Consultants	Cost X 1.20

**SOUTHEASTERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - APPROVAL TO
INCLUDE HARNETT COUNTY IN REGIONAL DISTRICT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to allow Harnett County to join the Southeastern Economic Development Commission's Regional District.

FIRE & RESCUE (LAKE WACCAMAW) - RADIO APPROVAL

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, reported that a request for a radio for a recently purchased new KME Freightliner Fire Truck has been received from Lake Waccamaw Fire & Rescue Squad. The bids received are as follows:

Piedmont Communications, Co, Incorporated	\$1,706.00
Myrtle Beach Communications	\$1,945.75
Coastal Electronics	\$2,181.78

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to award Lake Waccamaw Fire & Rescue Squad the sum of ONE THOUSAND FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$1,045.00) in accordance with policy adopted 11-19-90 toward the purchase of a radio of their choice to be installed on the newly purchased equipment with the purchase to be coordinated by the Columbus County Fire Marshal. A budget amendment was also approved appropriating funds in the amount of \$1,045.00 from Non-Departmental Contingency (10-660-9999) to be expended in Special Appropriations (10-690-9501) Fire and Rescue Department Radio.

**ALCOHOL & DRUG COALITION - REQUEST FOR FUNDING AND/OR OFFICE
SPACE**

Robert Little, representing the Alcohol & Drug Coalition, requested the Board to consider funding for the Alcohol & Drug Coalition for the remainder of the 1996-97 fiscal year. If the Board does not have funds available, then consider available office space for them as they are paying \$864.00 per month for rent.

The following persons spoke in favor of the Alcohol & Drug Coalition:

Tessie Toon, Citizen
Tony Vereen, Citizen

Randall Aragon, Whiteville Police Chief
 Evelyn Troy, Alcohol & Drug Coalition Director
 Coleman Barber, Principal of Whiteville High School.

Dempsey B. Herring, Administrator, reported that we do not have monies available in the 1996-97 Budget for funding any additional projects.

The Board concurred to direct the Administrator, to check on available office space throughout the County Buildings that could be used for the Alcohol & Drug Coalition.

RESOLUTION - DESIGNATING DEMPSEY B. HERRING TO APPROVE ABC PERMIT APPLICATIONS

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

**RESOLUTION REGARDING DESIGNATION OF AN
 OFFICIAL TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS
 TO THE NORTH CAROLINA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION
 ON ABC PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

WHEREAS, G.S.18B-904(f) authorizes a Governing Body to designate an official, by name or by position, to make recommendations concerning the suitability of persons or locations for ABC permits; and

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus, wishes to notify the NC ABC Commission of its designation as required by G.S.18B-904(f).

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, is hereby designated to notify the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission of the recommendations of Columbus County regarding the suitability of persons and locations for ABC permits within its jurisdiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT notices to the County of Columbus, should be mailed or delivered to the official designated above at the following address:

Administrative Building
 111 Washington Street
 Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

This the 17th day of March, 1997.

/s/ C.W. Williams, Chairman

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 17th day of March, 1997.

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk

APPOINTMENT - FAIR BLUFF PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to reappoint Spruell Randolph Britt to serve on the Fair Bluff Planning and Zoning Board for a three (3) year term, with term expiring April, 2000.

APPOINTMENT - VEHICLE REVIEW COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to reappoint the following persons to serve on the Columbus County Vehicle Review Committee.

Vance T. Maulsby, 2 year appointment, expiring February 1, 1999.

Anthony H. Ray, 4 year appointment, expiring February 1, 2001.

ADMINISTRATION - ADMINISTRATOR'S EVALUATION

Commissioner Williams, Chairman, presented the Board with the Annual Evaluation of the County Administrator stating the score was 51 out of a possible 60 points. The score average was 3.4 on a zero-to-four scale which is between exceptional and clearly outstanding on the evaluation report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to extend the Contract of Employment for Dempsey B. Herring with Columbus County for an additional period of one (1) year which will be through March 17, 1999.

HEALTH - MEET WITH HOSPITAL REGARDING SOLICITATION FOR IN-HOME PATIENTS

Commissioner Dial Gray, also a Columbus County Board of Health Member, advised the Board that private individual firms are interviewing patients at Columbus County Hospital and are picking and choosing the paying patients and are leaving the indigent patients for Columbus County Home Health to provide in-home services. Commissioner

Gray requested the Board approve contacting the hospital in regards to allowing private firms to solicit patients.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Britt, and passed unanimously to direct the Administrator to contact Columbus County Hospital regarding private entities soliciting choice patients in the Hospital.

ANIMAL CONTROL - HUMANE SOCIETY INTRODUCTION

Gail Russell, representing the Columbus County Humane Society, introduced herself and gave the Board an overview of what future plans the Humane Society has regarding the protection of animals in Columbus County.

TAX - REQUEST TO INCREASE THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S ALLOWABLE DEDUCTION

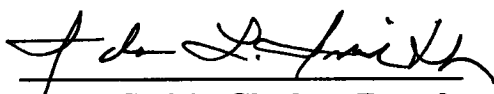
Commissioner Dutton requested the Board to consider increasing the Senior Citizen's allowable deduction for property taxes on their home and lot to \$20,000.00 for every senior over age 65, regardless of their income. The Senior Citizen's allowable deduction beginning January 1997, at age 65, if a couple and/or single person's income does not exceed \$15,000.00 annually, they are eligible to receive a tax exemption of \$20,000.00 on their home and lot.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to direct the County Administrator to research the request and report back to the Board on the findings.

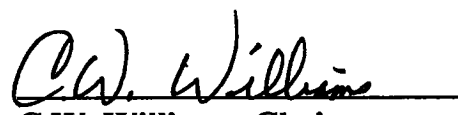
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M.

APPROVED:



 Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board



 C.W. Williams, Chairman