

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 5:00 P.M., April 21, 1997, for the regularly scheduled Board Meeting, it being the third Monday.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

C.W. Williams, Chairman

Spruell Randolph Britt

A. Dial Gray, III

Sammie Jacobs

C.E. Wilson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney
(Arrived at 5:10 P.M.)

Dempsey B. Herring
Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

ABSENT:

Lynwood Norris, Vice Chairman

David L. Dutton, Jr.

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 Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the April 7, 1997, Board Meeting, as recorded.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner

Britt and passed unanimously to approve the following consent agenda items.

Tax Releases:

Lester Frink: Leasehold (double-wide mobile home) double-listed to Marsha Cassanda Frink on #01-29937 for 1995 and 1996. Amount \$630.12, valuation \$65,400, years 1995-96, account #01-67828.

Anthony & Angela Grainger: Mobile home (1991 12 x 55) sold prior to 1-1-96. Amount \$134.28, valuation \$8,040, year 1996, account #09-12019.

James R. Grice, Jr.: Mobile home (1987 14 x 72) sold in 1994 and rebilled to Page Russ. Amount \$89.81, valuation \$6,970, year 1996, account #15-16793.

Betty Ann Hill: Vacant mobile home located on M-4-28C rebilled to Russell D. Rockwell. Amount \$88.47, valuation \$3,310, year 1996, account #11-13223.

Joe & Cynthia Rowe: Double-wide mobile home, double-listed as real on Joe Rowe, account #16-31721. Amount \$314.59, valuation \$32,640, year 1996, account #16-12893.

Darrell Lee & Rose Marie Strickland: J-11-74A, double-listed to Annette Strickland on J-11-74E, #09-29637. Amount \$43.68, valuation \$5,200, years 1995-96, account #09-29646.

Ordered: That a refund check be issued to Carolina Southern Railroad, Attention Gwen, 171 Highway 905, Conway, SC 29526 (Mid-Atlantic RR. Co/Utilities) in the total amount of \$5,400.62 for years 1991-95. Assessed values for utilities, billed by instruction of N.C. Department of Revenue per their Certification of 10-6-95 for years 1991 through 1995 as "Non System Values." Double-listing. All taxes paid 3/3/97 through error. Valuation \$532,500, account #90-00350.

Budget Amendments:

Accept 10-335-0000 Reimbursement from Hurricane Fran	\$ 608.68
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Expend as follows:

10-605-7400 Cooperative Extension - Capital Outlay	\$ 349.99
10-605-3200 Cooperative Extension - Office Supplies	258.69

Accept 20-397-0000 Contribution - Hospital Debt Service	\$187,990.00
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Expend as follows:

20-661-9100 Principal - Hospital Loan	\$129,871.00
20-661-9200 Interest - Hospital Loan	58,119.00
Accept 10-348-1600 CP&L Energy Funds	\$ 4,374.00
Expend 10-611-1500 CP&L Energy	4,374.00
Appropriate 10-660-9999 Non-Departmental - Contingency	(\$ 10,000.00)
Expend 10-503-1500 Maintenance/Repair to Grounds (Repave parking lot)	\$ 10,000.00

APPOINTMENTS - AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to appoint, and/or reappoint the following persons to serve on the Department of Aging Advisory Council.

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>
1	C.W. Williams	Leona Martin	Reappointed - 3 year term, expiration: June 30, 2000.
2	C.E. Wilson	Betty Thompson	Reappointed - 3 year term, expiration: June 30, 2000.
2	C.E. Wilson	Barbara Featherson	Appointed - Fill the unexpired term of H.K. George, expiration: June 30, 1998.
3	Sammie Jacobs	Ray Wyche	Reappointed - 3 year term, expiration: June 30, 2000.
3	Sammie Jacobs	Mary Graham	Reappointed - 3 year term, expiration: June 30, 2000.
3	Sammie Jacobs	Raymond Shaw	Appointed - Fill the unexpired term of Woodrow Moore, expiration: June 30, 1998.
4	A. Dial Gray, III	T. Ben Douglas	Reappointed - 3 year term, expiration: June 30, 2000.
5	Lynwood Norris	John C. Williams	Reappointed - 3 year term, expiration: June 30, 2000.
6	Spruell R. Britt	Dr. Floyd Enzor	Appointed - Fill the unexpired term of Judy Enzor, expiration: June 30, 1998.
6	Spruell R. Britt	Michelle Dippel	Appointed - Fill the unexpired term of Pat Harrelson, expiration: June 30, 1998.
7	David L. Dutton	Mildred Dutton	Appointed - Fill the unexpired term

of Chester "Bo" Stevens,
expiration: June 30, 1998.

7 David L. Dutton Orben Fowler

Appointed - Fill the unexpired term
of Steve Fowler, expiration: June
30, 1998.

AGING - SENIOR CENTER OUTREACH FUNDS

Ed Worley, Aging Director, reported to the Board regarding the Senior Center Outreach Funds for Fiscal Year 1997-98 that has been proposed from the Cape Fear Council of Governments.

RESOLUTION - APPLICATION FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BONDS

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

**RESOLUTION REGARDING
COLUMBUS COUNTY'S APPLICATION
FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR
AMERIMARK, INCORPORATED**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbus County Board of Commissioner's to accept a grant from the North Carolina Department of Commerce to be made to Columbus County, North Carolina; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Columbus County will administer this grant in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Commerce; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Columbus County will administer the grant through the Columbus County Economic Development Commission and Haritgan Management Enterprises, Incorporated of Raleigh, North Carolina; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the grant will be monitored quarterly to assure compliance with the proposal and the Department of Commerce regulations. Also, the creation of new jobs will be monitored in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Commerce; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that AmeriMark, Incorporated will create approximately fifty (50) new jobs in a period of two (2) years from the date of funding or approximately April 30, 1997 to April 30, 1999; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with the creation of fifty (50) new jobs at AmeriMark, the amount of the grant application will be a maximum of \$120,000 to the Commerce Finance Center.

Motion for adoption of the Resolution made by Commissioner Spruell R. Britt and seconded by Commissioner A. Dial Gray, III.

The Resolution was adopted this the 21st day of April, by a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 abstained, and 2 not present.

/s/ C.W. Williams, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board

RESOLUTION - UPGRADING AND IMPROVEMENTS TO NC 130

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

RESOLUTION for UPGRADING and IMPROVEMENT

to N.C. HIGHWAY 130 in COLUMBUS COUNTY

WHEREAS, N.C. 130, from its juncture with U.S. 701 South of Whiteville to the Columbus County line at the Waccamaw River and the adjoining County of Brunswick, is a major thoroughfare in Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, this portion of N.C. 130 serves as a major artery for tourist travel through Columbus County to the Brunswick County beaches; and

WHEREAS, N.C. 130 serves as a major evacuation route for coastal areas during times of hurricanes and major disasters; and

WHEREAS, upgrades of N.C. 130, at the Columbus County line through Brunswick County to U.S. 17 in Brunswick County, are in progress; and

WHEREAS, it is illogical to create a very unhealthy traffic flow pattern by not extending the upgrades and improvements to U.S. 701 intersection south of Whiteville in Columbus County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners requests from the North Carolina Department of Transportation, that N.C. 130 be given favorable consideration to be upgraded and improved from the Brunswick County line at the Waccamaw River through Columbus County to its intersection with U.S. 701 south of Whiteville, N.C.

Adopted this 21st day of April 1997.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ C.W. WILLIAMS, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

**RESOLUTION - RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS FOR COLUMBUS COUNTY
WATER & SEWER DISTRICT I**

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

**RESOLUTION for RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS for
COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT I**

WHEREAS, Columbus County desired and solicited for a Columbus County Water and Sewer District I; and

WHEREAS, by a vote of the citizenry of that district, a Water and Sewer District was developed; and

WHEREAS, certain restrictions for the protection of the area are mandated by Farmers Home Administration from whence funds to build the project are procured and the areas of restrictions are as follows:

1. **Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Restrictions of Future Water Service to Protect Wetlands:**

The District will not install a new water service or will not agree to otherwise provide water service to any structure, dwelling, building or other improvement which is located in whole or in part within designated wetlands and which is not already

existing, established and completed on or before the final completion date and placement in operation of the District Phase I Water System.

Designated wetlands for the District are identified on National Wetlands Inventory maps prepared by the U.S. Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service. These maps, in their most updated form, are to be maintained on permanent file at the central office of the water system.

2. Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Restrictions on Future Water Service and Site Selection to Protect Farmland:

The District will not install future water service taps, larger than normal residential size, to non-agricultural development on important farmland in any of the District's service area except along the U.S. Highway 701 corridor from the Bladen County line to the South Carolina state line, the U.S. Highway 74/76 corridor from the Robeson County line to the Brunswick County line, the N.C. Highway 410 corridor from the Bladen County line to the South Carolina state line and N.C. Highway 904 corridor from the Robeson County line to the Brunswick County line without written concurrence of the Farmers Home Administration. The District further agrees to select future well and tank sites, pump station sites, etc., to avoid conversion of important farmland.

3. Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Restriction on Future Water Service in Regard to Endangered Species Habitat:

The District will not install a new water service or will not agree to otherwise provide water service to any individual, business, industry or other organization or group including any unit of government that proposed development of any type inside any area denoted as potential endangered or threatened species habitat (subject area) without first completing a biological survey. The subject areas shall be denoted on aerial photographs labeled "Columbus County Water and Sewer District #1 Water System - Potential Endangered Species Impact Area" which will be maintained on permanent file at the Columbus County Water and Sewer District's Central Office.

If the survey indicates that adverse impacts to habitat of a subject species would occur from the development that cannot be avoided, the District will deny water service to the applicant. The biological survey must be conducted in coordination with the Farmers Home Administration. Written concurrence must be obtained from Farmer's Home Administration prior to service in one of the subject areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners does adopt this Resolution for Restrictive Covenants for the Columbus County Water and Sewer District I.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of April, 1997.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ C.W. WILLIAMS, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

LAW ENFORCEMENT TO FIGHT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - ENDORSEMENT OF PROGRAM

Rex Gore, District Attorney for the 13th Prosecutorial District, addressed the Board regarding the development of a tri-county task force to ensure that the justice system has a coordinated approach in responding to the needs of families caught in the cycle of domestic violence. The plan to reach the goal is to apply for two grants from the Governor's Crime Commission totaling over \$360,000. The Tri-County Family Triage Unit which consists of Bladen, Brunswick and Columbus Counties will need to provide matching funds of \$26,000 each. District Attorney Gore requested the Board to endorse the program and accompany the application with a letter of support.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to endorse the Tri-County Family Triage Unit for the Thirteenth Prosecutorial District to fight domestic violence and include funding in the amount of \$26,000.00 in the 1997-98 Columbus County Budget.

FIRE & RESCUE - ANNUAL BUDGET REQUIREMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to direct Administration to contact the County Fire and Rescue Departments and advise them that the Contract requires an annual budget estimate to be submitted to the County on or before April 1st of each calendar year and be approved by the County Commissioners or their designate. Also, directed the Administrator to check with other Counties regarding the establishment of a County Fire Commission and report back to the Board with information.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:45 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to enter into closed session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(6) Personnel.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

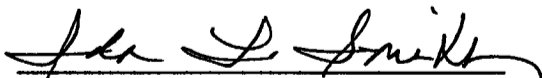
At 6:00 P.M., A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to adjourn executive session and resume regular session.

No action was taken.

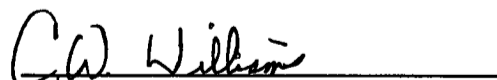
ADJOURNMENT

Immediately, thereafter, a motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:



 Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board



 C.W. Williams, Chairman