

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 3, 1997, for the regularly scheduled Board Meeting, it being the first 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
County Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order and Ed Worley, Aging Director, gave the invocation.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 20, 1997, Board Meeting, as recorded.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

Tax Refunds:

Request a refund in the name of Robert Douglas Barefoot, 1515 Honey Hill Road, Hallsboro, N.C. 28442. Property double billed to Willard Barefoot Heirs. Amount \$141.83, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #11-01077.

Request a refund in the name of Robert C. & Betty A. Butler, 1365 Shade Fisher Road, Chadbourn, N.C. 28431. Property double listed on tract I-8-53J. Amount \$25.23, Value \$2,900, Year 1995, Account #01-11397.

Request a refund in the name of Robert C. & Betty A. Butler, 1365 Shade Fisher Road, Chadbourn, NC 28431. Property double listed on tract I-8-53J. Amount \$25.23, Value \$2,900, Year 1996, Account #01-11397.

Request a refund in the name of Viola Cartrette, 22 Bradford Lane, Whiteville, NC 28472. Failed to receive full senior citizens exemption. Amount \$23.54, Value \$3,018, Year 1996, Account #11-05607.

Request a refund in the name of Corbett Package Co., P.O. Box 210, Wilmington, NC 28402. Company billed on full value of property instead of land use value. Amount \$90.48, Value \$11,600, Year 1996, Account #11-06624.

Request a refund in the name of Lacy Dean Freeman, 1740 Buckhead Road, Bolton, NC 28342. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #04-05080.

Request a refund in the name of Wilbur B. Freedman, 1127 Jordan Road, Clarkton, NC 28433. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-29760.

Request a refund in the name of Dalton M. Gordon (Sr), 4503 Joe Brown Hwy., S. Adjusted depreciation on mobile home. Amount \$17.38, Value \$2,500, Year 1997, Account #13-15460.

Request a refund in the name of Dalton M. Gordon (Sr), 4503 Joe Brown Hwy., S. Mobile home double listed as real and personal. Amount \$28.01, Value \$3,710, Year 1997, Account #13-15460.

Request a refund in the name of James E. Hagood, 204 W. Oak St., Lake

Waccamaw, NC 28450. Home is vacant. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #08-08003.

Request a refund in the name of Michael & Patricia Hinson, 1524 Hickory Hill Road, Chadbourn, NC 28431. Billed with user fee, house only 50% complete. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #13-19348.

Request a refund in the name of Dulah & Shelba Jean Jernigan, 1527 Millie Road, Whiteville, NC 28472. Property not located in Yam City Fire District. Amount \$20.50, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #09-15600.

Request a refund in the name of Caesar Lavender Sr. (Heirs), c/o Lillie Lavender, 127 S. Ingleside Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28304. House vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #08-10880.

Request a refund in the name of Louise Lennon, 662 Maultsby Brown Road, Whiteville, NC, 28472. Failed to receive the senior citizen's exemption. Amount \$113.59, Value \$1,900, Year 1997, Account #01-52540.

Request a refund in the name of Guaran L. & Patricia Nealey, 4295 Clarendon Road, Chadbourn, NC 28431. Mobile home destroyed by storm. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #13-29040.

Request a refund in the name of Robert Ray & Gladys Osbourne, 2944 Whitehall Road, Whiteville, NC, 28472. There are no dwellings on this property. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #11-18820.

Request a refund in the name of Joseph Lawrence Pickett, 3953 Ervin T. Richardson Road, Nakina, NC, 28455. There is one house only on this land. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1996, Account #03-17460.

Request a refund in the name of Jerome & Nita Powell, 113 N. Thompson St., Whiteville, NC 28472. There is one house only on this land. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-71640.

Request a refund in the name of Herman Ivan Price, P.O. Box 72, Whiteville, NC 28472. Mobile home sold prior to 1-1-96. Amount \$99.92, Value \$3,790, Year 1996, Account #01-73077.

Request a refund in the name of Arthur David Simoneau, 74 Spivey Road, Tabor City, NC 28463. Mobile home double listed to Jean & Arthur S. Stanley. Amount \$153.00, Value \$15,531, Year 1993, Account #06-32907.

Request a refund in the name of Arthur David Simoneau, 74 Spivey Road, Tabor City, NC 28463. Mobile home double listed to Jean & Arthur S. Stanley. Amount \$148.61, Value \$11,360, Year 1995, Account #06-32907.

Request a refund in the name of Arthur David Simoneau, 74 Spivey Road, Tabor City, NC 28463. Mobile home double listed to Jean & David S. Stanley. Amount \$135.11, Value \$9,629, Year 1996, Account #06-32907.

Request a refund in the name of Cornelius & Shirley Thompson, 3437 James B. White Hwy. S., Whiteville, NC 28472. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-93363.

Request a refund in the name of Retha Thompson, 950 Sellers Town Road, Whiteville NC 28472. User fee billed at \$120.00 instead of \$100.00 Amount \$20.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-94300.

Request a refund in the name of Retha Thompson, 950 Sellers Town Road, Whiteville, NC 28472. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-94260.

Request a refund in the name of Thetis Thompson, PO Box 146, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450. Home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-94540.

Request a refund in the name of Ronald H. & Brenda G. Thompson, 832 Antioch Church Road, Whiteville NC, 28472. Value of airplane keyed in as mobile home. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #03-25320.

Request a refund in the name of David O. Martin, 401 Flemington Drive, Lake Waccamaw, NC, 28450. Billed with \$100.00 user fee, should have been \$60.00. Amount \$40.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #08-19660.

Tax Releases:

Release the August discount of 2% in the name of Harold D. & Glenda E.

Fipps, not absorbed by computer. Amount \$12.64, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #13-12922.

Release the user fee in the name of C.D. & Mildred B. Barber. Building vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #15-01360.

Release the user fee in the name of Roscoe Davis (Etal). Mobile home vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #03-04627.

Release the user fee in the name of Roscoe & Frances Davis. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #03-04628.

Release the user fee in the name of Billie Wayne & Judy Beck Nealey. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #09-21343.

Release the user fee in the name of Larry Kelly. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #15-22190.

Release the user fee in the name of Joe T. Smith & Richard J. Gore. There are no buildings on this property. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #03-12917.

Release the user fee in the name of Sessie W. Strickland. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #16-15380.

Release the user fee in the name of Russell Levon Tyler. House under construction. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #08-19425.

Release the user fee in the name of Wright Chemical Co. Company uses private hauler. Amount \$400.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #15-40200.

Release value of mobile home in the name of Dennis P. & Marilyn K. Ashe. Home was double billed. Amount \$222.63, Value \$23,400, Year 1997, Account #13-00263.

Release a portion of the user fee in the name of Dennis P. & Marilyn K. Ashe. Mobile home is in city limits. Amount \$41.17, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #13-00263.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of Billi Jo Batten. House to be billed to Billie Jo Samuel. Amount \$423.90, Value \$42,900, Year 1997, Account #11-01444.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of Welton Batten. Grade

adjusted on double wide mobile home. Amount \$53.27, Value \$6,700, Year 1997, Account #16-00223.

Release value of mobile home in the name of Celia & Lofton Bellamy. Home double listed to Evelyn Gardner. Amount \$568.26, Value \$58,900, Year 1997, Account #07-00200.

Release a portion of fire district in the name of Harold D. & Piyong Lee Bellamy. Fire district calculated on wrong value. Amount \$1.88, Value \$N/A, Year 1995, Account #09-01117.

Release value of house in the name of Harold D. & Piyong Lee Bellamy. House double listed to Lillie Ford. Amount \$282.60, Value \$26,500, Year 1996, Account #09-01117.

Release value of house in the name of Harold D. & Piyong Lee Bellamy. House double listed to Lillie Ford. Amount \$321.22, Value \$29,300, Year 1997, Account #09-01117.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of Paul R. & Ruby Blackburn. Mobile home double listed to Wilbur Richardson. Amount \$312.91, Value \$28,200, Year 1997, Account #09-01430.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of Evon Boren. Corrected the year built and grade of mobile home. Amount \$45.87, Value \$6,600, Year 1997, Account #01-07171.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of George W. & Shirley Bryant. Double wide mobile home no longer on property. Amount \$333.91, Value \$28,700, Year 1997, Account #15-06850.

Release value of property in the name of Robert C. & Betty A. Butler. Property double listed to I-8-53J and I-8-53G. Amount \$53.38, Value \$6,800, Year 1997, Account #01-11397.

Release a portion of mobile home value in the name of Dean Ray Byerly. Home billed with wrong year model. Amount \$18.77, Value \$2,700, Year 1997, Account #09-02388.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of J. Forest & Myrtle Callihan. House and 1.24 acre of land is the property of Myrtle Callihan. Amount \$330.00, Value \$25,900, Year 1997, Account #05-01305.

Release a portion of the mobile home value in the name of Neil Oscar Campbell. Incorrect grade applied to value. Amount \$12.51, Value \$1,800, Year 1997, Account #14-03143.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of Viola Cartrette. Failed to receive full senior citizens exemption. Amount \$19.64, Value \$1,310, Year 1996, Account #11-05607.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of Will Cherry (Heirs). Mobile home double listed to Andra Bartow. Release user fees also. Mobile homes (2) vacant. Amount \$608.80, Value \$40,900, Year 1997, Account #11-05740.

Release value of tractor in the name of William Howard & Fannie Lee Chestnut. Tractor double listed on account # 11-05900, William Chestnut. Amount \$5.62, Value \$650.00, Year 1997, Account #01-14340.

Release the value of mobile home in the name of Daniel Justin Cody. Mobile home listed as real and personal property. Amount \$134.58, Value \$4,350, Year 1997, Account #06-05395.

Release total value of property in the name of Steve Currie & Nero Currie, Jr. Property double listed to CH-3-49. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,200, Year 1996, Account #13-09460.

Release property value in the name of Steve Currie & Nero Currie, Jr. Property double listed to CH-3-49. Amount \$17.38, Value \$2,500, Year 1997, Account #13-09460.

Release total property value in the name of Shirley Coleman. Property double listed on parcel L-9-68. Amount \$650.02, Value \$79,140, Year 1997, Account #03-03824.

Release a portion of the property in the name of Emma Lee Harrelson. One of the houses is double listed to Richard Norris. Amount \$362.98, Value \$33,500, Year 1997, Account #01-18240.

Release a portion of the value in the name of George H. & Susan Daniels. Double wide double listed to Janie Suzette Morgan. Amount \$330.65, Value \$28,300, Year 1997, Account #15-11480.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of Raymond & Edith Edwards. Double wide billed as two (2) single wides. Amount \$10.30, Value \$1,170, Year 1996, Account #10-03960.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of Raymond & Edith Edwards. Double wide billed as two (2) single wides. Amount \$109.30, Value \$1,170, Year 1997, Account #10-03960.

Release value of mobile home attachments in the name of Karen Lorina S. Ellis. Attachments are not attached to Ms. Ellis' mobile home. Amount \$63.25, Value \$9,100, Year 1997, Account #10-04124.

Release total value of property in the name of T.C. Ellis. Property double listed on account # 01-07171. Amount \$273.75, Value \$25,000, Year 1997, Account #14-04411.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of Novella Faison. Double wide double listed to Michael Faison. Amount \$477.59, Value \$48,100, Year 1997, Account #01-25680.

Release portion of property value in the name of Corine Faulk. There is no double wide on this tract, only one single wide. Amount \$190.27, Value \$23,900, Year 1997, Account #13-12600.

Release a portion of property value in the name of Dorothy G. Faulk. Failed to receive full senior citizens exemption. Amount \$132.05, Value \$19,000, Year 1997, Account #07-04082.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of Edwin Thomas (Jr.) & Terri Fields. Old house on property has been torn down. Amount \$86.86, Value \$8,900, Year 1997, Account #12-07759.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of Martha Bowen Fisher. Double wide should be billed to Monroe McCutchin. Amount \$253.19, Value \$35,458, Year

1997, Account #01-26601.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of Earlene D. Flowers. Double wide to be listed to Kenneth Williams. Amount \$343.27, Value \$31,800, Year 1997, Account #13-01783.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of William P. Floyd. Property double listed on parcel B-3-6 William Page Floyd. Amount \$31.80, Value \$4,000, Year 1997, Account #10-05660.

Release a portion of the property value and total amount of user fee in the name of Hubert Godwin (Heirs). Double wide double listed to Oneta Godwin, and store on property vacant. Amount \$293.62, Value \$12,400, Year 1997, Account #09-10370.

Release a portion of mobile home value in the name of Mamie Louise W. Gordon. Billed with incorrect grade. Amount \$27.80, Value \$4,000, Year 1997, Account #06-14203.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of Lenox Gore. Double wide double listed to Rachel Gore. Amount \$370.36, Value \$38,900, Year 1997, Account #07-06720.

Release value of mobile home in the name of Carrietha Green. Home was double billed. Amount \$14.96, Value \$1,790, Year 1994, Account #10-07131.

Release value of mobile home in the name of Deanna Elise McPherson Hathaway. Single wide traded in on double wide. Amount \$174.54, Value \$9,750, Year 1997, Account #13-26337.

Release value of double wide in the name of Bernice Pridgen Hedgepeth. Rebilled to Mary & Clyde Moyd. Amount \$324.49, Value \$32,300, Year 1997, Account #12-11500.

Release total value of property in the name of Robert Thomas & Carla G. Hoffman. Property double listed on acct. # 08-09098, Robert Hoffman. Amount \$67.42, Value \$9,700, Year 1997, Account #08-09096.

Release special district in the name of Eugene Curtis Horne. Property not located in North Whiteville. Amount \$55.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #12-12360.

Release special district fee in the name of James & Eugene Horne. Property not located in the North Whiteville Fire District. Amount \$5.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #12-12420.

Release a portion of the mobile home value in the name of Monte L. & Jean H. Hudson. Adjusted depreciation of home. Amount \$9.73, Value \$1,400, Year 1997, Account #01-44447.

Release a portion of the value in the name of Orbie Eugene & Doris Inman. Property double billed on acct # 01-50039 Amount \$416.75, Value \$24,300, Year 1997, Account #01-46103.

Release a portion of the mobile home value in the name of John E. Jenrette. Adjusted the grade and depreciation. Amount \$38.92, Value \$5,600, Year 1997, Account #03-11905.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of Christie Bell Johnson. Double wide mobile home double listed to Naomi Johnson. Amount \$404.00, Value \$37,300, Year 1997, Account #15-20400.

Budget Amendments:

Accept 10-348-3100	State Aid to Libraries	\$16,152.00
Expend as follows:		
10-630-7400	Capital Outlay	\$11,152.00
10-630-3302	Audio Visual	4,000.00
10-630-3300	Books	1,000.00
70-399-0000	Fund Balance	\$2,975.00
70-690-4500	Revaluation Contract	2,975.00
10-660-9999	Contingency	\$1,045.00
10-690-9501	Appropriation to Fire & Rescue	1,045.00

AGING - ACCEPT STATE APPROPRIATION

Ed Worley, Aging Director, requested the Board to accept state appropriations from the 1997 General Assembly in the amount of \$33,785.00 with the County to provide a 10% match. Mr. Worley reported the 10% required match can be absorbed within the 1997-98 Department of Aging Budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt

and passed unanimously to accept the state appropriation in the amount of \$33,785.00 with the required match of 10% to be absorbed within the 1997-98 Department of Aging Budget.

PROCLAMATION - ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

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

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH 1997

by the
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, November is celebrated as Adoption Awareness Month to call attention to the fact that every child has a right to grow up in a secure, loving family and that this experience lays the foundation for a happy, productive adulthood; and

WHEREAS, in the State of North Carolina 10,730 children live away from their birth families in substitute care; and

WHEREAS, adoption is the permanency plan for approximately 2,320 of these children; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of these children have special needs--children with physical, mental or emotional disabilities, siblings that need to be placed together, or older children; and

WHEREAS, the public social services agency in our County is encouraging the timely adoption of these children so they might have permanent families who can provide them with security, guidance and love; and

WHEREAS, children waiting for adoptive parents, and families who have adopted these children require and deserve community support.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November, 1997, as "ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH" in Columbus County and urge our citizens to recognize and support this observance.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ C. W. WILLIAMS, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

APPOINTMENTS - LAKE WACCAMAW BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT & PLANNING BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve as extra-territorial members of the following Boards for three (3) year terms:

Lake Waccamaw Board of Adjustment: Harry Foley
2534 Bella Coola Road
Lake Waccamaw, NC
(Term expires 8-23-2000)

Sue Creech
P.O. Box 109
Lake Waccamaw, NC
(Term expires 9-13-2000)

Lake Waccamaw Planning Board: Dedrick Anders (Replaces Charles Corbett)
P.O. Box 422
Lake Waccamaw, NC
(Term expires 11-3-2000)

AIRPORT AUTHORITY (COLUMBUS COUNTY) - OATHS OF OFFICE SCHEDULED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to schedule the "Oaths of Office" to be taken by the Columbus County Airport Authority for the regularly scheduled Board Meeting November 17, 1997 at 7:30 P.M.

RESOLUTION - CDBG APPLICATION FOR MICROENTERPRISE

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

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE APPLICATION
FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

WHEREAS, Microenterprise Loan Program (MLP) of Southeastern Community College desires to obtain monies to expand its operations from a COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG); and

WHEREAS, the application for said CDBG monies must be submitted by

an eligible local government to the NORTH CAROLINA COMMERCE FINANCE CENTER; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County is such an eligible local government; and

WHEREAS, (MLP) is willing to prepare the application and submit said application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (1) Columbus County hereby authorizes MLP to prepare and submit an application for CDBG monies to NORTH CAROLINA COMMERCE FINANCE CENTER showing the applicant to be Columbus County.
- (2) C.W. Williams, Chairman, COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, will be and hereby is authorized to sign any and all documents needed to submit said application and to complete said application process.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of November 1997.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ C.W. Williams, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

SOLID WASTE - LANDFILL CLOSURE COSTS

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, reported that William W. Dreitzler from Marlowe, Drietzler and Associates, has advised the County the landfill closure may cost more than \$1.5 million dollars. The estimated cost for closing the Landfill in 1994 was \$711,590.

Mr. Herring reported the interpretation of state environmental regulations on closing landfills has caused the higher cost.

SOLID WASTE - OPPOSITION TO REGULATIONS BEING IMPOSED AFTER ADOPTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SOLID WASTE PLANS RESOLUTION

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

**OPPOSITION to REGULATIONS
BEING IMPOSED AFTER ADOPTION of
ENVIRONMENTAL SOLID WASTE PLANS**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Solid Waste, Landfill and associated costs are drastically increasing; and

WHEREAS, these costs create tremendous financial burdens on the budgets of County Governments; and

WHEREAS, many of these financial increases have been generated by the North Carolina Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources, Department of Solid Waste, by an escalation of ongoing rules and requirements which continually change from administration to administration; and

WHEREAS, as a great number of these regulations require counties to expend funds when retroactive requirements are mandated, especially in the chemical element testing area; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Solid Waste has perpetuated the growth of Engineering, Geotechnical Testing and Hydrological Testing, as well as the proliferation of cost by these professionals for these specifics; and

WHEREAS, many of the requirements which are passed to counties appear as unfunded mandates with fines imposed when counties cannot meet requirements.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, we, the **COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, request the North Carolina Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources, Division of Solid Waste, refrain from imposing new rules and regulations when County plans are adopted and that such practices, as retroactive tests, not be required unless the Division provides those funds for such operations and that costs, that in reality are unfunded mandates, not be imposed on local governments.

ADOPTED, this the 3rd day of November, 1997.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ C.W. WILLIAMS, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

ADMINISTRATION - PROJECTS REPORT

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, gave an update on the following projects.

1. The Airport Project is complete except for the lighting. The lights are scheduled to be shipped next week and it will take approximately two (2) weeks to install. We are holding the retainage monies for one (1) year.
2. Construction of the Farm Services Building is on schedule.
3. We are still in the process of finalizing the purchase of the BB&T Building to be used for the Register of Deeds.
4. We have secured the deed and are ready to close on the parking lot for the Tax Office.
5. The renovations of the third floor of the Miller Building are scheduled to be completed within two (2) weeks.
6. Sheriff Jimmy Ferguson and I are in the process of scheduling a meeting in Washington with Lauch Faircloth and Mike McIntyre regarding funding for the jail expansion.
7. The Sheriff and I are also working on the "Meals on Wheels" whereas the Law Enforcement Center will provide meals for the Department of Aging Programs.

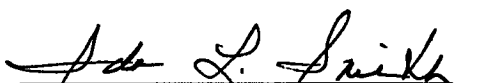
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - INVITATION

Jacqueline Roseboro, Cooperative Extension Director, expressed appreciation to the Board of County Commissioners for their representation of Columbus County and reminded the Board of the Farm-City Week Dinner which is scheduled for November 10, 1997, 7:00 P.M., at the Columbus County Agricultural Fairgrounds, Brunswick, NC.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT


Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board


C.W. Williams, Chairman

