

**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 6:30 P.M., February 5, 1998, for the 1998-99 Preliminary Budget Workshop.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David L. Dutton, Jr., Chairman

A. Dial Gray, III, Vice Chairman

Spruell Randolph Britt

Sammie Jacobs

Lynwood Norris

C.W. Williams

C.E. Wilson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring  
County Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

W.D. "Bill" Brooks, Tax Administrator

Gayle Godwin, Finance Officer

Larry Moore, Social Services Director

Phillip Tarte, Health Educator/Special Projects

**1998-99 PRELIMINARY BUDGET ISSUES**

The following items were discussed concerning the preparation of the proposed

1998-99 Columbus County Operating Budget:

1. Schools and College;
2. Airport;

3. Medical Insurance;
4. Special Appropriations;
5. Pay Plan and Employee Salary Increases;
6. New Positions;
7. Solid Waste Cost;
8. Convenience and Recycling Centers:
  - a. Employment;
  - b. Revaluation of job positions;
9. Tax Collections; and
10. Fund Balance

**SOCIAL SERVICES - REQUEST FOR INCREASE FOR SOCIAL WORK STAFF**

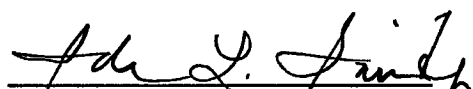
Larry Moore, Social Services Director, requested the Board to consider approving the Social Work Staff a two-step (10%) salary increase immediately to enable them to be competitive with Columbus County Mental Health and surrounding counties whose salary entry levels are up to \$7,000.00 more than Columbus County's Pay Plan. This will enable Columbus County Social Services to be competitive and not be a training department for Social Workers.

Also, Mr. Moore requested the Board to review all County Employees' salaries for 1998-99 and consider increases to permit Columbus County to be competitive with surrounding areas.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:30 P.M., Chairman David L. Dutton, Jr. adjourned the meeting.

**APPROVED:**

  
Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

  
David L. Dutton, Jr., Chairman

