

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 7:30 P.M., August 17, 1998, for the regularly scheduled Board Meeting, it being the third Monday.

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

Chairman David L. Dutton, Jr. called the meeting to order and Commissioner Sammie Jacobs gave the invocation.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the August 3, 1998, Board Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

Tax Releases:

Release the user fee in the name of Andrew J. & Regina Blais. This is a vacant

business. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #15-02384.

Release the user fee in the name of Bobby Gerald & Edith Brown. The house is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #12-03240.

Release the user fee in the name of Dalma Garrell Cribb. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #13-09366.

Release the user fee in the name of Shelia Faulk. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #12-07551.

Release the user fee in the name of James William & Janice S. Gore. Home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #07-06360.

Release the user fee in the name of Ronnie Housand. Mobile home is used as storage. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #06-19523.

Release the user fee in the name of June Buck Hughes. There is only one mobile home on property. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #07-08740.

Release the user fee in the name of Evelyn Miller McKinnon. The house is vacant. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #10-10655.

Release the user fee in the name of Isaac & Lila Mae Norris. Home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #09-22840.

Release the user fee in the name of Eddie Parker. Failed to receive full senior citizens exemption. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #12-21160.

Release the user fee in the name of James F. & Louise M. Priest. There is only one mobile home on this property. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #13-33585.

Release the user fee in the name of Eldra Spivey (Etal). House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #03-23361.

Release the user fee in the name of Daniel Collins & Minnie Strickland. The house is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #16-14075.

Release the user fee in the name of Dewey & Hilda Strickland. This is a business and will be billed separately. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #13-38440.

Release the user fee in the name of James Gary & Sarah Wooten. Only one dwelling on property. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #15-40140.

Release the user fee in the name of Dew Oil Company DBA Dew Transport Co. This is a business and will be billed separately. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #15-11940.

Release the balance of the property value in the name of Ruthene Stanley Cox. Failed to receive full senior citizens exemption. Amount \$60.70, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #06-06620.

Release the property value in the name of Delwin & Ethel Parker. Failed to receive senior citizens exemption. Amount \$128.11, Value \$9,800, Year 1998, Account #13-31860.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of Dorothy Mae Hardie Summersett. Failed to receive the senior citizens exemption. Amount \$145.84, Value \$20,000, Year 1998, Account #03-24880.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of Steven E. Becker. Billed with incorrect acreage. Amount \$31.23, Value \$1,800, Year 1998, Account #15-01785.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Edward Thomas Britt, Jr. Mobile home was sold in 1996. Amount \$148.09, Value \$6,290, Year 1998, Account #12-02475.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Michael Clay. Mobile home listed in the name of Melinda Clay. Amount \$288.35, Value \$27,100, Year 1997, Account #07-02130.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Aaron Ray & Dalma Cribb. Mobile home double listed in the name of Dalma Garrell Cribb. Amount \$7.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1998, Account #09-05243.

Release the value of a house in the name of Thomas D. & Rhonda Ezzell. Home burned prior to 1-1-98. Amount \$282.93, Value \$24,300, Year 1998, Account #09-07844.

Release the property value in the name of Mary E. Graham. Property double

listed in the name of Mary Graham. Amount \$11.76, Value \$1,400, Year 1996, Account #04-06094.

Release the property value in the name of Mary E. Graham. Property double listed in the name of Mary Graham. Amount \$23.41, Value \$3,100, Year 1997, Account #04-06094.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Melton Lee Hancock. Home double listed in the name of Milton & Mildred Hancock. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1998, Account #01-36725.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of James Haynes. Property double listed in the name of Carton Haynes. Amount \$147.54, Value \$6,840, Year 1998, Account #01-39510.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Jeffery D. Howard. Home double listed in the name of Jeffery D. & Amy L. Howard. Amount \$433.60, Value \$48,000, Year 1998, Account #15-18793.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Jeffery D. & Amy L. Howard. Single wide home traded in on double wide. Amount \$108.15, Value \$1,000, Year 1998, Account #15-31571.

Release a portion of the value of a mobile home in the name of Ferrell Jones, Jr. Billed with incorrect value. Amount \$60.24, Value \$6,888, Year 1998, Account #07-48816.

Release the property value in the name of James & Kimberly Lowery. Property double listed in the name of James Frankie Lowery. Amount \$351.22, Value \$31,600, Year 1998, Account #16-10407.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Marva Graham Miller. Home sold to Joseph Graham. Amount \$157.87, Value \$7,570, Year 1998, Account #14-16417.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Johnny Monroe Penny. Single wide home was traded in on double wide. Amount \$146.59, Value \$6,090, Year 1998, Account #13-32379.

Amendment to August 3, 1998 Refund/Releases:

Request a refund in the name of Richard McDougald (Heirs), c/o Dorothy Enty, 1420 North Street, NW #321, Washington, DC, 20005. Property double listed in the name Sharhera G. Griffin. Total amount of refund should be \$257.75 instead of \$275.75.

Budget Amendments:

Appropriate 10-399-0000 Fund Balance	\$4,208
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To be expended as follows:

10-513-0200 Salaries	78
10-513-0500 FICA	106
10-513-1100 Telephone	460
10-513-1101 Postage	11
10-513-3200 Office Supplies	82
10-513-4500 Contract	825
10-513-1400 Travel	183
10-513-5700 Miscellaneous	2,463

Appropriate 72-399-0000 Fund Balance	\$2,056
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Expend 72-525-7400 Capital Outlay	2,056
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Appropriate 10-399-0000 Fund Balance	\$2,277
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Expend 10-535-7400 Capital Outlay	2,277
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - LAW ENFORCEMENT MANAGEMENT**CONTROL BOARD**

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, presented a request from John H. Moore, Jr., Emergency Services Director, asking the Board's permission to create the Columbus County Law Enforcement Management Control Board. The purpose for this Board is to allow Emergency Services to provide criminal histories to the Police Departments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to table the request to create the Columbus County Law Enforcement Management Control Board from John H. Moore, Jr., Emergency Services Director, until Mr. Moore can be present at a Board Meeting to answer questions pertaining to the creation of this Board.

EMERGENCY SERVICES - FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, presented a request from John H. Moore, Jr., Emergency Services Director, asking the Board to amend the Volunteer Fire Department Contracts to provide the following services upon request by the Emergency Management Office during times of emergencies/disasters: (1) debris removal; (2) debris clearance; (3) traffic control; and (4) other life saving and property protection measures as necessary.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Britt, and passed unanimously to add an addendum to the Fire Department Contracts as follows:

**State of North Carolina
Columbus County**

ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have executed a Contract in 1996 concerning the rendering of aid and fire protection within Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County wishes the Fire Department to provide the following services upon request by the Emergency Management Office during times of emergency/disaster: (1) debris removal; (2) debris clearance; (3) traffic control; and (4) other life saving and property measures as necessary and the said Fire Department has agreed to perform the services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County agrees to request reimbursement of documented expenses for service(s) rendered by the Fire Department. Reimbursement request(s) of eligible expenses will only be initiated following a declaration of a major disaster for the County by the President of the United States, as requested by the State of North Carolina Governor's Office through the Division of Emergency Management.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and premises herein contained the parties agree to the following addition to the contract and reaffirm the original contract:

The Fire Department agrees to provide the following services upon the request,

during times of emergency/disaster: (1) debris removal; (2) debris clearance; (3) traffic control; and (4) other life saving and property measures as necessary.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the party of the first part has caused this instrument to be executed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and attested by the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners and the party of the second part has caused this instrument to be signed in its name by its President and attested by its corporate secretary and its corporate seal hereto affixed, all by the order of the Board of Directors duly given.

COLUMBUS COUNTY

VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENTS:

/s/ David L. Dutton, Jr.
Chairman

Acme-Delco-Riegelwood Fire & Rescue
Bolton Fire & Rescue
Brunswick Fire
Buckhead Fire & Rescue
Cerro Gordo Fire & Rescue
Evergreen Fire & Rescue
Fair Bluff Fire
Hallsboro Fire
Klondyke Fire
Lake Waccamaw (Town of) Fire & Rescue
Nakina Fire & Rescue
North Whiteville Fire
Old Dock/Cypress Creek Fire
Roseland Fire
St. James Fire
Tabor City (Town of) Fire Department
White Marsh-Welches Creek Fire
Williams Township Fire

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith
Clerk to Board

/s/ Chairman/President

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Clerk/Secretary

AIRPORT AUTHORITY (COLUMBUS COUNTY) - RECOMMENDATION
CONCERNING THE UNDERGROUND FUEL STORAGE TANK AND SALE OF
FUEL

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, advised the Board of the Airport Authority's recommendation on upgrading the underground aviation fuel storage tank to the 1998 Federal standards and the purchase of four thousand (4,000) gallons of fuel so the Airport can continue the sale of fuel which was discontinued April 1998 due to tank

noncompliance with federal regulations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray, and passed unanimously to allow the Airport Authority to upgrade the underground aviation fuel storage tank to the 1998 Federal standards and the purchase of four thousand (4,000) gallons of fuel to enable the sale of fuel at the Columbus County Airport.

**FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENTS - ENDORSEMENT LETTER FOR BILLING
AMBULANCE SERVICES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to endorse and support the various Rescue Squads in their efforts to contract with EMS Management Consultants, Incorporated for the purpose of billing for rescue calls for transporting clients.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - REQUEST FOR DITCHES ON
HARRELSONVILLE ROAD/SR 1171**

Commissioner Dutton, Chairman, registered a concern regarding the lack of roadside ditches on the right side of Harrelsonville Road, SR 1171.

The Board concurred to request the Department of Transportation to consider providing some type of road ditches to help control storm water runoff on the right side of Harrelsonville Road, State Road 1171.

**N.C. ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - PLAQUE PRESENTED TO
COMMISSIONER BRITT FOR HIS SERVICE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Commissioner Jacobs presented Commissioner Britt with a "Plaque of Appreciation" that was presented at the 1998 North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Annual Meeting on August 15, 1998 in Charlotte, North Carolina as follows:

THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

COMMENDS RANDY BRITT

FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICES

TO THE ASSOCIATION

AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:52 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to enter into closed session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 318.11(a)(5) and (6).

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 8:30 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to adjourn close session and resume regular session.

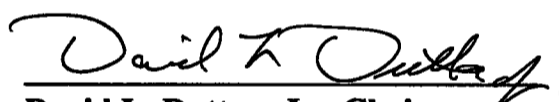
No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Immediately, thereafter, a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to adjourn the Board Meeting.

APPROVED:


Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board


David L. Dutton, Jr., Chairman

