

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., June 7, 1999, for the regularly scheduled Board Meeting, it being the first Monday.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

C.E. Wilson, Chairman

Sammie Jacobs, Vice Chairman

Spruell R. Britt

David L. Dutton, Jr.

A. Dial Gray, III

Amon E. McKenzie

Lynwood Norris

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order and Commissioner Spruell R. Britt, gave the invocation.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to approve the Board Minutes of the May 17, 1999 Board Meeting, as recorded.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda Items as follows:

Tax Refunds:

Request a refund in the name of Johnny Ray Glenn, 114 Seal St., Tabor City, N.C. 28463. Paid 100.00 user fee. Fee should have been \$60.00. Amount \$40.00, Value

\$N/A, Year 1998, Account #06-30703.

Request a refund in the name of Christine Malpass, P.O. Box 295, Delco, N.C. 28436. Paid taxes on mobile home that is double listed in the same name with a different account number. Amount \$111.42 Includes 3.77 interest., Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #15-25544.

Request a refund in the name of Christine Malpass, P.O. Box 295, Delco, N.C. 28436. Paid taxes on mobile home double listed in the same name with a different account number. Amount \$111.33, Value \$1,630, Year 1998, Account #15-25544.

Request a refund in the name of Patricia Gale Williams, P.O. Box 69, Hallsboro, N.C. 28442. Paid user fee on vacant land. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #02-06923.

Request a refund in the name of Debra Willis, 353 Burney's Mill Rd., Clarendon, NC 28432. Paid user fee on mobile home that is double listed in the name of Deborah McLaughlin. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #01-00962.

Tax Releases:

Release the user fee in the name of Shirleen Barrett. Fee double listed in the same name in a different township. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-05753.

Release the user fee in the name of Ricky Benton. Fee double listed in the same name with a different account. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-00802.

Release the user fee in the name of Chris Bowen. Fee double listed in the name of Christopher Lane Bowen. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-00647.

Release the user fee in the name of Alfred Clemmons. Trash cart has been picked up. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-03934.

Release the user fee in the name of Alvin G. & Judy Y. Cox. Property is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #07-02331.

Release the user fee in the name of Christy Deeman. Trash cart picked up. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-03654.

Release the user fee in the name of Rose Dudley. Ms. Dudley already had a trash cart from previous home. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-01013.

Release the user fee in the name of Eugene & Agnes C. Dowless. Billed for three user fees only needs one. Amount \$200.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #11-08080.

Release the user fee in the name of Billy Enzor. House vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-00331.

Release the user fee in the name of Rhonda Ezzell. Fee double listed in the name of Thomas and Rhonda Ezzell. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-02801.

Release the user fee in the name of Lane Hart. Fee double listed in the name of Bertie Lanehart. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-04649.

Release the user fee in the name of William R. Hinson. Fee double listed in the name of William R. Hinson on account 09-14782. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-02555.

Release the user fee in the name of Jasper Jacobs. Old home is not livable. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #04-08240.

Release the user fee in the name of Lori Lee. Fee double listed in the name of Michael D. & Lori S. Lee. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-03360.

Release the user fee in the name of Allie Long. House unlivable. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #08-11060.

Release the user fee in the name of Odis Lowery. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #07-11380.

Release the user fee in the name of Steven & Cassandra Nobles. Fee double listed in the name of Betty Gail Patterson. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-02709.

Release the user fee in the name of James Morris Pope. Property vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #11-20722.

Release the user fee in the name of Darryl Rawls. Fee double listed in the

name of Darryl T. & Yvette S. Rawls. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-03419.

Release the user fee in the name of Willie Lee & Varlyn N. Smith. Old house has been torn down. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #06-33880.

Release the user fee in the name of Willis Smith. Fee double listed in the same name with different account number. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-04911.

Release the user fee in the name of Jimmy Stanley. Fee will be rebilled in the name of International Paper. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-05006.

Release the user fee in the name of Carolyn Thompson. Fee double listed in the name of Carolyn Fipps Thompson. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-05042.

Release the user fee in the name of Patricia Gale Williams. Trash cart has been picked up. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #02-06923.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Richard Bromell. Home burned in 1986. Amount \$124.21, Value \$7,966, Year 1996, Account #10-01334.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Richard S. Bromell. Home burned in 1986. Amount \$150.53, Value \$6,610, Year 1997, Account #10-01334.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Richard S. Bromell. Home burned in 1986. Amount \$108.09, Value \$6,290, Year 1998, Account #10-01334.

Release the value of an airplane in the name of Needom Gore Hughes (III). This is a 1947 model and in poor condition. Amount \$76.45, Value \$10,000, Year 1998, Account #07-08781.

Release the property value in the name of Andy & Renee Jacobs. Double listed in the name of NC Indian Housing Authority. Amount \$346.14, Value \$32,600, Year 1998, Account #04-07843.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Artencia H. Keisler. Home double listed in the name of Renee Keisler. Amount \$119.11, Value \$2750, Year 1997, Account #09-16228.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Artencia H. Keisler. Home

double listed in the name of Renee Keisler. Amount \$121.02, Value \$1750, Year 1998, Account #09-16228.

Release the value of a single wide home in the name of Patrick Allen & Sara D. Kern. Home traded for double wide and listed. Amount \$181.11, Value \$11,670, Year 1998, Account #01-49837.

Release the value of a single wide home in the name of Sidney Joseph Landis, Sr. Home traded for double wide and listed. Amount \$206.02, Value \$15,600, Year 1996, Account #09-16344.

Release the value of a single wide home in the name of Sidney Joseph Landis, Sr. Home traded for double wide and listed. Amount \$217.35, Value \$15,350, Year 1997, Account #09-16344.

Release the value of a single wide home in the name of Sidney Joseph Landis, Sr. Home traded for double wide and listed. Amount \$207.72, Value \$14,090, Year 1998, Account #09-16344.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Prince & Pearlle McKeithan. Home double listed in the name of Helen Bonita Nobles. Amount \$193.08, Value \$12,010, Year 1997, Account #03-15786.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Herman Ivan Price. Home double listed in the name of Frank Mason, Jr. Home has since burned. Amount \$226.49, Value \$18,200, Year 1998, Account #01-73084.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Brenda Rattley. Mobile home was never delivered. Amount \$145.09, Value \$11,130, Year 1998, Account #13-34068.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Dorothy S. Smith. Home sold prior to 1-1-97. Amount \$67.65, Value \$1000, Year 1997, Account #06-33305.

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Release the deferred taxes in the name of Wilton Thigpen, Jr. Property given to his sister. Amount \$229.75, Value \$25,750, Year 1995, Account #10-16825.

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Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Melanie Ward. Home double listed in the name of Gerald Ward. Amount \$148.09, Value \$6,290, Year 1998, Account #16-16988.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Karen B. Williamson. Home double listed in the name of George R. & Barbara Babson. Amount \$156.95, Value \$12,429, Year 1995, Account #12-31275.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Karen B. Williamson. Home double listed in the name of George R. & Barbara Babson. Amount \$156.51, Value \$11,260, Year 1996, Account #12-31275.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Karen B. Williamson. Home double listed in the name of George R. & Barbara Babson. Amount \$186.09, Value \$11,260, Year 1997, Account #12-31275.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Karen B. Williamson. Home double listed in the name of George R. & Barbara Babson. Amount \$327.37, Value \$25,483, Year 1998, Account #12-31275.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Debra Willis. Home double listed in the name of Deborah McLaughlin. Amount \$103.58, Value \$12,639, Year 1998, Account #01-00962.

Budget Amendments:

Accept 4H EFNEP Nutrition Grant	\$7,486
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Expend as follows:

10-603-0200 Salaries (Temporary & Part-time)	4,506
10-603-0500 FICA	345
10-603-1400 Travel/Field Trips	875
10-603-3200 Supplies	1,550
10-603-3300 Educational Material	110
10-603-5400 Insurance	100

Decrease 10-600-0200	Salaries	(\$ 600)
Increase 10-600-0400	Professional Services (Autopsies)	12,575
Increase 10-600-5700	Miscellaneous	200
Appropriate 10-660-9999	Contingency	(12,175)
Accept 10-348-3400	Environmental Grants	\$1,500
Expend 10-631-3300	Grant Books	1,500
Accept 10-348-1690	NCDOT Work First Transp.	\$11,029
Expend 10-700-9703	Work First - NC DOT Transp.	11,029

SOCIAL SERVICES - DEPUTY FINANCE OFFICER APPOINTED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to appoint Mary Thompson, Assistant Social Services Director, as Deputy Finance Officer to enable her to sign checks in the absence of Larry Moore, Social Services Director.

SOCIAL SERVICES - APPROVAL TO PROVIDE AN INCOME MAINTENANCE

EMPLOYEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to provide an Income Maintenance Worker to Columbus County Hospital, with the stipulation that all expenses for this position, included, but not limited to salary, fringe benefits, office, telephone, equipment and supplies and other associated expenses to be paid by the hospital. The employee accepting this position must be informed if the hospital, at any time, terminates the Maintenance Worker position, the County will not have a position available for them.

RESOLUTION - SOYBEAN IMPORTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution which was accepted by Michael Shaw, Agriculture Extension Agent for Bladen and Columbus Counties.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING

POSITION on SOYBEAN IMPORTS

WHEREAS, soybeans are a major cash crop for North Carolina farmers who are facing a twenty-three (23) year low cycle in per bushel prices; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County farmers grow forty-three thousand eight hundred nineteen (43,819) acres of soybeans; **and**

WHEREAS, several major poultry and livestock feed milling firms in southeastern North Carolina plan to import some seventy-five thousand (75,000) metric tons of soybean meal from Brazil into North Carolina during early May, June and July.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its disappointment in the decision to engage in this import transaction and appeals to the corporate citizenship of these feed milling firms to cancel such orders and cooperate with soybean farmers and others in strengthening markets for all North Carolina agricultural commodities for the mutual well being of our State's economy.

ADOPTED this the 7th day of June, 1999.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ C.E. WILSON, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

APPOINTMENTS - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Commissioner Gray reappointed John Thompson to serve a three (3) year term on the Economic Development Commission Board of Directors, beginning July 1, 1999 and expiring June 30, 2002 to represent Zone IV.

Commissioner Norris reappointed R. C. Soles, Jr. to serve a three (3) year term on the Economic Development Commission Board of Directors, beginning July 1, 1999 and expiring June 30, 2002 to represent Zone V.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to reappoint Rhone Sasser to serve a three (3) year term on the Economic Development Commission Board of Directors, representing the at large position, beginning July 1, 1999 and expiring June 30, 2002.

APPOINTMENTS - CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to reappoint the following persons to serve on the Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board for three year terms, beginning July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2002.

Flossie Inman, Member at Large
Clerks' Office Crime Victim Program

Vickie Pait
Families First Victim Services Program

Evelyn Troy
The Dream Center Substance Abuse Program

Don W. Viets, Jr.
Criminal Defense Attorney

C.R. Ward, Member at Large

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A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to appoint the following persons to serve on the Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board.

Alexis J. Prease
District Attorney's Office Representative
(Term position)

Dena Hunt
Community Service Representative
(Term position)

Phillip Tarte
Public Health Educator
(3 year term - 7/1/99-6/30/2002)

Rachel Brown
ESC Job Service Employment and Training
(2 year term - 7/1/99-6/30/2001)

Les High
Business Community (The News Reporter)
(2 year term - 7/1/99-6/30/2001)

Dan Miller
Community Based Correction Program
(1 year term - 7/1/99-6/30/2000)

APPOINTMENT - BRUNSWICK PLANNING BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to reappoint Caletta Faulk to serve on the Brunswick Planning Board to represent the extraterritorial member for a one (1) year term, expiring May 17, 2000.

BUDGET (1999-2000 PROPOSED - ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, presented the Board with the 1999-2000 Columbus County Proposed Budget for their acceptance and consideration for a grand total of FIFTY-EIGHT MILLION, THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED NINETY-THREE and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$58,356,293.00). The Administrator reviewed the Budget Message with the Board. The 1999-2000 Proposed Budget is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board for public inspection.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to accept the 1999-2000 Proposed Budget for consideration as presented.

BUDGET (1999-2000 PROPOSED) - PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to schedule a public hearing on the 1999-2000 Proposed Operating Budget for Monday, June 21, 1999, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at 7:00 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:30 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to enter into closed session in accordance with N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(5).


RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 10:25 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to adjourn closed session and resume regular session.

No action was taken.


Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:


C.E. Wilson, Chairman

