

COLUMBUS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, NC at 7:30 P.M., Monday, November 15, 1999, for the regularly scheduled Board Meeting, it being the third Monday.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

C.E. Wilson, Chairman

Sammie Jacobs, Vice Chairman

Spruell Randolph 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 C.E. Wilson called the Board Meeting to order and Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie gave the invocation.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the November 1 and 2, 1999 Board Meeting, as recorded.

PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

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

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

November 21 - 27, 1999

WHEREAS, the family is the single most important factor in maintaining social and economic stability in our society; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County is proud of its strong family traditions and of its commitment to their continued strength; and

WHEREAS, the family, whether traditional or challenged by special circumstances, provides the foundation for a positive future for parents, children, and community; and

WHEREAS, society and all social institutions have a direct or indirect impact on the unity, well-being, health, and stability of the family; and

WHEREAS, through the resources and efforts of its agencies and organizations the community can provide a family-friendly environment; and

WHEREAS, the foundation of the family is strengthened when family members share time together; and

WHEREAS, we are pleased to proclaim our support for families, recognizing that at a time in history when families are subject to negative forces that could destroy or marginalize them, the well-being of society is intimately tied to the strength of the family.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gene Wilson, Chairman of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 21 through November 27, 1999

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

in Columbus County, and I commit this observance to the people of Columbus County.

/s/ C.E. "Gene" Wilson, Chairman

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION - RELEASE FUNDS TO THE CAPE FEAR COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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

RESOLUTION**by the BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
of COLUMBUS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, the Council of Governments (COGs), or lead Regional Organizations, as designated by the NC General Assembly, serve both municipal and County Government, and have established productive working relationships with the cities and counties across the state; **and**

WHEREAS, in 1999, the NC General Assembly recognized these existing working relationships and the continuing need of local governments for assistance and support through the appropriation of nine hundred ninety thousand and 00/100 (\$990,000.00) dollars to help each of the eighteen (18) COGs assist local government with activities as deemed appropriate by their area local governments; **and**

WHEREAS, these funds are stipulated by the NC General Assembly as not intended to be used for payment of member dues or assessments to COGs and will not supplant or replace funds designated for the COG by the member governments; **and**

WHEREAS, in the event that this resolution is not passed by the local government by June 30, 2000, for release of a portion of these funds to our COG, the available funds will revert to the State's General Fund; **and**

WHEREAS, in Region O, funds in the amount of fifty-five thousand and 00/100 (\$55,000.00) dollars will be used to provide technical assistance to local government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County requests the release of its share of these funds, in the amount of nine thousand, seven hundred sixty-seven and 42/100 (\$9,767.42) dollars, to the Cape Fear Council of Governments at the earliest possible time in accordance with the provisions of State Law.

Witnessed this the 15th day of November 1999.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ C.E. WILSON, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ **IDA. L. SMITH, Clerk to Board**

CABLEVISION (BENCHMARK) - FRANCHISE RENEWAL TABLED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie, and passed unanimously to table the Cable Television Franchise with Cablevision (Benchmark) until copies can be distributed to Board Members and reviewed.

INTERAGENCY TRANSPORTATION - APPROVAL TO A GOVERNMENTAL UNIT

Marian Duncan, Interagency Transportation Chairman, requested the Board consider dissolving the Corporation (Columbus County Interagency Transportation, Incorporated) per Articles of Incorporation and devolve the administrative and financial functions to the Columbus County Board of Commissioners with the understanding that under another name the present Interagency Transportation Board will continue in an advisory capacity.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to dissolve the Corporation (Columbus County Interagency Transportation) as per the Articles of Incorporation and devolve the administrative and financial functions of the grant to the Columbus County Board of Commissioners with no additional cost to the County.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to approve the budget amendments as follows:

Accept	10-348-2300 NC Partnership for Children	\$2,637.00
Expend	10-613-7010 Purchase of Services	\$2,637.00
Accept	NCDOT - Rural Operating Assistance Program	\$69,916.00

Expend as follows:

10-700-9700 EDTAP - Health	13,504.00
10-700-9701 EDTAP - Aging	14,004.00
10-700-9702 EDTAP - Social Services	8,653.00
10-700-9703 Work First/Employment Transportation	10,647.00
10-700-9704 EDTAP - Mental Health	13,854.00

10-700-9705 Rural General Public Transportation	9,254.00
Transfer 10-690-9200 Reserve - Capital Projects	(\$45,000.00)
Expend 10-505-7300 Improvements to Miller Building (first floor)	45,000.00
Appropriate 10-399-0000 Fund Balance	\$119,497.00
Expend 10-496-9999 Travel & Tourism Prior Year Reserve	119,497.00

COLUMBUS HUMANE SOCIETY - ANIMAL SHELTER UPDATE

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, updated members of the Columbus Humane Society, regarding the requests made by members of the Humane Society at the Commissioners' meeting held October 18, 1999 as follows:

1. Several surrounding counties have been contacted regarding their Animal Control procedures and all are somewhat different;
2. It is not a requirement in the North Carolina General Statutes to have animals spade or neutered but it can be a condition in the County Ordinance for adoption of an animal;
3. The County's liability insurance will cover individual volunteers to work at the Animal Shelter provided the individual is registered at the Animal Shelter as a volunteer and the work is identified while on duty;
and
4. Encouraged the Humane Society to hold fund drives to raise money for the construction of an Animal Shelter and the County will match dollar for dollar monies raised from fund drives.

Mr. Herring recommended the Board of Commissioners appoint an Animal Shelter Advisory Committee to represent each Board Member's District.

ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE - APPROVED TO BE APPOINTED AT NEXT BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to direct Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator and James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, to prepare guidelines for formulating an Animal Control Shelter Advisory Committee and requested the Board of Commissioners to be prepared to

make their appointment to the Committee for their respective zones at the next Board Meeting.

GOVERNING BODY - MEETING DATE CHANGED FOR DECEMBER 6, 1999

BOARD MEETING

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

NOTICE and RESOLUTION to CANCEL and RESCHEDULE

MEETINGS of the BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

of COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

The Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, unanimously approved on the 15th day of November 1999, to adopt the following Resolution.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, has presently scheduled meetings at 8:00 A.M. on the first Monday and at 7:30 P.M. on the third Monday of each month; **and**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, is desirous of changing the meeting date scheduled for the first Monday in December to the second Monday in December, only.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, North Carolina, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §153A-40, they shall cancel the regular meeting of the said Board scheduled for Monday, December 6, 1999, and shall reschedule the regular meeting date for Monday, December 13, 1999, at 8:00 A.M. to be held in the Columbus County Commissioners' Chambers, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina.

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, North Carolina, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §153A-40, they shall cancel the regular meeting of the said Board scheduled for the third Monday, December 20, 1999 .

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED by the **Board of County Commissioners** that a copy of this **Resolution** and **Notice** shall be placed on the Courthouse Bulletin Board, as well as mailed to all of the news media who has requested notice.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ C.E. Wilson, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

PAYROLL - APPROVAL FOR DISTRIBUTION OF DECEMBER PAY CHECKS AND CHRISTMAS BONUSES

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to approve the distribution of the December payroll checks and Christmas bonuses in the amount of \$35.00 to each full-time employee on December 17, 1999.

LIBRARY - DIRECTOR POSITION ACCEPTED BY JAMIE HANSEN

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, reported Jamie Hansen has accepted the position as Library Director and will begin work at the Columbus County/Carolyn High Memorial Library on December 6, 1999.

GOVERNING BODY - A. DIAL GRAY, III, WILL SEEK THE OFFICE FOR N.C. COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE


Commissioner A. Dial Gray, III, announced he will not seek a third term as a County Commissioner but will run for the North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture in November 2000.


Commissioner Gray stated it has been a pleasure working with the Board of Commissioners and their staff.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:15 P.M.

APPROVED:


Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board


C.E. Wilson, Chairman