

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 6:00 P.M., Monday, January 10, 2000 to resume the recessed meeting at 8:55 A.M., January 3, 2000.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynwood Norris, Chairman

Spruell Randolph Britt, Vice Chairman

David L. Dutton, Jr.

A. Dial Gray, III

Sammie Jacobs

Amon E. McKenzie

C.E. Wilson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring
County Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

Chairman Norris called the Board Meeting to order and Commissioner C.E. "Gene" Wilson gave the invocation.

REGISTER OF DEEDS - RECOMMENDATION ACCEPTED

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, presented the Board with a statement from Steven E. Williford, County Chairman of the North Carolina Democratic Party Executive Committee, submitting the name of Frances V. Burge as the nominee to succeed the remaining term as the Register of Deeds, which was vacated by Ila N. Penny, who retired December 23, 1999.

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to accept the recommendation of the North Carolina Democratic Party Executive Committee to appoint Frances V. Burge to fill the unexpired term of Ila N. Penny as Register of Deeds.

BOND (SECURITY) - REGISTER OF DEEDS

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to accept Frances V. Burge's appointment by the North Carolina Democratic Party Executive Committee as Register of Deeds upon the presentation of a Security Bond in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) as required by law for the Office of the Register of Deeds.

OATH OF OFFICE - REGISTER OF DEEDS

The "Oath of Office" was administered by Shelia S. Pridgen, Clerk of Superior Court, to Frances V. Burge on January 11, 2000 as follows:

NORTH CAROLINA**COLUMBUS COUNTY**

I, Frances V. Burge, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States.

I, Frances V. Burge, do further solemnly and sincerely swear or affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of the said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability.

I, Frances V. Burge, do further solemnly swear or affirm that I will faithfully and truly, according to the best of my skill and ability, execute the duties of the office of **REGISTER OF DEEDS** for the County of Columbus, in all things according to law.

/s/ Frances V. Burge

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the

11th day of January, 2000.

/s/ Shelia S. Pridgen, Clerk of Superior Court

OATHS OF OFFICE - DEPUTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

The "Oaths of Office" were administered by Shelia Pridgen, Clerk of Superior Court, to the following Deputy Register of Deeds on January 11, 2000:

/s/ Kandance H. Whitehead

/s/ Jeannie Dianne Stocks

/s/ Nancy P. Tolley
/s/ Anita B. Willetts

WATER & SEWER DISTRICT II - TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, requested the Board to approve to deed the property where the well site and water tank is located in the Southeast Regional Park from Columbus County to Columbus County Water and Sewer District II as requested by Rural Development.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to deed the property where the well site and water tank is located in the Southeast Regional Park from Columbus County to Columbus County Water and Sewer District II. The Deed is as follows:

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**

D E E D

THIS DEED, made this 10th day of January, 2000, by **COLUMBUS COUNTY** (hereinafter sometimes called the "Grantor, party of the first part, to **COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT II** (hereinafter called the "Grantee"), party of the second part;

W I T N E S S E T H :

That, in consideration of the sum of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars and other sufficient good and valuable consideration to the Grantor, paid by the Grantee, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged the Grantor has granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and convey to the said Grantee, in fee simple, the following described tract, lot or parcel of land situated in Whiteville Township, Columbus County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEING all of that 1.12 acre tract and lot of land and shown and delineated on that certain plat entitled "Survey for County of Columbus Proposed Water Tank Lot" by William E. Craven, RLS, dated October, 1998 and recorded in Plat Book 65 at Page 18, Columbus County Registry. Reference is hereby made to said plat for more certainty, clarity and particularity of description. This is a well site within the Southeast Regional Park off Highway 130 between Whiteville and Chadbourn.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described tract, lot or parcel of land, together with all privileges appertaining, to the said Grantee, in fee simple, to its only use and behoof forever.

And the said Grantor, and its successors and assigns, covenant with the said Grantee and the successors and assigns of the Grantee that it is seized of said premises in fee simple and have right to convey the same in fee; that same is free and clear from any encumbrance; and that it does hereby and will forever warrant and defend the title to the same against the claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Columbus County has caused this instrument to be executed in its corporate name by the Chairman of its Board of County Commissioners and attested by the Secretary of said Board, pursuant to the motion duly and regularly adopted at the January 10, 2000 meeting of said Board of County Commissioners.

COLUMBUS COUNTY

(SEAL)

BY: /s/ Lynwood Norris, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board

COLUMBUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX - ACCESS CODE

The Board reached a general consensus to instruct Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, to notify Shelia Pridgen, Clerk of Superior Court, to provide the access code to the rear door of the Courthouse Annex to all attorneys who request it.

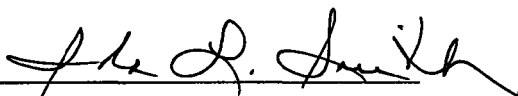
AUDIT REPORT - PRESENTED TO BOARD FOR REVIEW

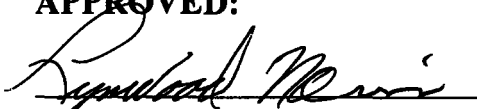
Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, presented the Board with the June 30, 1999 Columbus County Audit Report for their review.

Gayle Godwin, Finance Officer, reported Alan Thompson, representing Thompson, Price & Company, P.A., will attend the January 18, 2000 Board Meeting to review and answer any questions the Board may have regarding the June 30, 1999 Columbus County Audit Report.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to adjourn the Board Meeting at 6:10 P.M.


Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:

Lynwood Norris, Chairman