

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, February 11, 2002

7:00 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**
C.E. "Gene" Wilson, **Vice Chairman**
Bill Memory
Lynwood Norris

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Billy Joe Farmer, **County Administrator**
James E. Hill, Jr., **County Attorney**
Darren L. Currie, **Assistant County Administrator**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Spruell R. Britt
Sammie Jacobs
David L. Dutton, Jr.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:00 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the recessed meeting from February 5, 2002 to order. The purpose of this meeting was to meet the new prospective Water Utilities Director, Pete Deaver.

WATER UTILITIES DIRECTOR DECLINATION

Debbie Long, Personnel Director, informed the Board of Commissioners that Pete Deaver, the prospective Water Utilities Director, had called and declined this position. He stated his present employer had counter-offered and he could not refuse. He sends his apologies and thanks you for your offer.

Chairman Amon McKenzie directs Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, to choose the second (2nd) applicant and see what transpires from that at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION for DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT

James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, informed the Board the following Resolution needed to be passed and approved which would authorize the new Chairman, Amon E. McKenzie, to sign documents on behalf of Columbus County for FEMA funds.

DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County

THAT Amon E. McKenzie, Chairman of Columbus County Commissioners

is hereby authorized to execute for and in behalf of Columbus County, a public entity established under the laws of the State of North Carolina, this application and to file it in the appropriate State office for the purpose of obtaining certain Federal financial assistance under the Disaster Relief Act (Public Law 288, 93rd Congress) or otherwise available from the President Disaster Relief Fund.

THAT Columbus County, a public entity established under the law of the State of North Carolina, hereby authorized its agent to provide to the State and to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for all matters pertaining to such Federal disaster assistance the assurance and agreements printed on the reverse side hereof.

Passed and approved this 11th day of February, 2002.

/s/ Amon E. McKenzie, Chairman
COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

CERTIFICATION

I, June B. Hall, duly appointed and Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed and approved by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County on the 11th day of February, 2002.

Date: February 11, 2002

/s/ June B. Hall
Clerk to Board

Commissioner Memory made a motion to pass and approve this resolution, seconded by Commissioner Norris. Motion so carried.

R.O.A.P. (RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM) GRANT

Charles Patton, Columbus County Interagency Transportation Director, is requesting the Commissioners set a Public Hearing for March 4, 2002 for this program. It will give \$93,429 this year for transportation assistance to the elderly and disabled through the Department of Aging, Health Department, Mental Health and the Department of Social Services.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to establish a Public Hearing on March 4, 2002 at 7:30 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Memory. Motion so carried.

E-911 CENTER CLARIFICATION

Debbie Long, Personnel Director, presented the following Memorandum bearing date of February 11, 2002.

Date: February 11, 2002

To: Board of County Commissioners
County Administrator
Assistant County Administrator

From: Debbie Long
Personnel Officer

Subject: 911 Center

This memo is to clarify discussions held in the Closed Session of the Commissioner's meeting last Tuesday night concerning 911 Center.

- 1) Time Clock will be removed from the department.
- 2) Base Pay (Straight Monthly Salary) includes holiday pay., If an employee works on a holiday, they will receive their base pay plus 12 regular hours for working on that holiday. If any employee does not work on a holiday, they will not receive any extra pay for that holiday. It is already included in their base pay.

cc: John H. Moore, Jr.

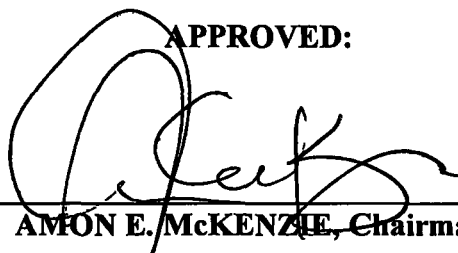
Debbie Long, Personnel Officer, informed the Board that she and Darren Currie, Assistant County Administrator, are meeting with the 911 employees tomorrow for clarification of this matter and requested the backing of the Columbus County Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:19 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion for the meeting to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Motion so carried.



JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:


AMOS E. MCKENZIE, Chairman