

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., April 7, 1975, it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Donald P. Currie, Chairman

Mayo Brown, Vice-Chairman

Edward W. Williamson

W. B. Buffkin

C. Waldo Marlowe

Sankey W. Robinson, Attorney

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order and the invocation was give by Commissioner Brown.

The following business was transacted:

Ordered: that the office formerly occupied by the Sheriff's Dept. upstairs in the Courthouse be designated as a conference room for attorneys.

Ordered: that the minutes of the March 17th meeting be approved as recorded.

Ordered: that the County Attorney be authorizes to proceed with negotiations to purchase the Fletcher Property on the Courthouse Square at a purchase price of \$25,000.00.
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It is further/that the Attroney clarify other County property that is owned on the Square.

Ordered: that upon the recommendation of Mr. Raper, Bill Ligon be employed to fill the position vacated by Donald Baker as Livestock Extension Agent.

Ordered: that the County Attorney be paid a 10% commission for the collection of prior years taxes collected by his notifications.

Road Petition Resolutions passed:

1. Access Road to Columbus Forest Industries Mill Site
2. Batten-Sasser Road. These two roads are to be added to the System,

Ordered: that the following tax releases be made upon the recommendation of the Tax Supervisor:

That the 1974 taxes listed in the name of Faxon & Willie Mae Ray, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$19,518 on the following equipment listed in error: 1972 John Deere Combing; 1970 John Deere Diesel Tractor; 1973 John Deere Diesel Tractor; 1967 Farm-all Tractor. These items were double listed to C. D. Ray Heirs.

That the 1974 taxes listed in the name of Alford Lee & Ann J. Smith, Whiteville Township, be cancelled in the amount of \$18,00 due to double listing to Charles Lee Thompson.

That a refund check be written to Max Berman & Doretha Walker, Whiteville Township in the amount of \$42.39 on property valued at \$4,710 listed to him in error in 1974.

That the 1974 taxes listed in the name of Bogue Area Betterment Council, Bogue Township, be cancelled in the amount of \$5.67 due to tax exemption.

That the 1974 taxes lsited in the name of Bogue Area Betterment Council, Bolton Township, be cancelled in the amount of \$5.67 due to tax expemtion.

Representative Richard Wright met with the Board and briefed them on House Bill #546.

He expressed a desire for the Board to support this referendum bill. Upon this request the following motion was passed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby endorses the enactment of House Bill #546 entitled AN ACT TO PROVIDE A REFERENDUM IN COLUMBUS COUNTY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE COUNTY POLICE AND/OR BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL BE RETAINED."

The above motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin and seconded by Commissioner Brown.

The following Resolutions were passed upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Marlowe:

RESOLVED, that there be hereby created a COLUMBUS COUNTY REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION to act as a planning and coordinating group for all activities involving and incident to the American Revolution Bicentennial commemoration; and

RESOLVED, that Wray Thompson, designated Chairperson, be and is hereby, authorized to make application on behalf of said created COLUMBUS COUNTY AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION to the American Bicentennial Administration to be acclaimed and established as a Bicentennial Community with all the privileges and responsibilities there to attending; and

RESOLVED, that the COLUMBUS COUNTY AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION be established and incorporated as a non-profit organization for charitable purposes with authority to solicit funds to be used for the furtherance of and incident to those sanctioned Bicentennial Community goals and projects.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION FOR COLUMBUS COUNTY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, hereinafter referred to as Board of County Commissioners in its meeting assembled;

Section 1. There is hereby established a commission to be known as the Columbus County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, hereinafter referred to as The Commission..

Section 2. The Commission shall consist of no more than 50 persons of whom all shall be residents of Columbus County.

Section 3. The Board of County Commissioners shall appoint all members of the Commission. They shall be appointed for three years terms. Each member so appointed shall serve until his successor shall be appointed; provided, however, all members of the Commission appointed by the Board of County Commissioners shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 4. The Board of County Commissioners hereby appoints the following members to the Commission:

Mrs. W. D. Brooks
Bryce St.
Whiteville, N. C.

Mr. Carl Bryant
Rt. 1
Hallsboro, N. C.

Mrs. J. F. Carter
Highway 74 East
Chadbourn, N. C.

Mr. B. T. Elliott
Rt. 1
Whiteville, N. C.

Mr. William T. Freeman
Rt. 1
Hallsboro, N. C.

Mrs. Raymond Gowans
Cerro Gordo, N. C.

Mrs. S. L. Jackson
Tabor City, N. C.

Mr. Sammy Jacobs
Bolton, N. C.

Mrs. J. B. Lee
103 W. Frink St.
Whiteville, N. C.

Mrs. Alma Lennon
Whiteville, N. C.

Miss Alice Lowe
309 Pine St.
Chadbourn, N. C.

Mr. John McNeill
100 N. Madison St.
Whiteville, N. C.

Mrs. Billy Memory
E. Pine St.
Whiteville, N. C.

Mrs. Herbert G. Scull
Riegelwood, N. C.

Mrs. Ann Small
311 Jefferson St.
Whiteville, N. C.

Mr. Wray Thompson
Chadbourn, N. C.

Mrs. Peggy Walton
414 N. Thompson St.
Whiteville, N. C.

Mrs. Cora Jane Ward
Rt. 1
Clarendon, N. C.

Mrs. J. L. Ward
Rt. 3
Tabor City, N. C.

Mr. Ray Wyche
Hallsboro
N. C.

Mrs. Francis G. Jones
W. Columbus St.
Whiteville, N. C.

Miss Edna Creech
Country Road 1714
Whiteville, N. C.

Mrs. R. N. McCray
Bella Coola
Lake Waccamaw, N. C.

Mr. William Thompson, Jr.
Lake Shore Drive
Lake Waccamaw, N. C.

Mr. John Plasky
Tram Road
Whiteville, N. C.

Mr. Jack Benbow
Country Club Estates
Whiteville, N. C.

Mrs. David Smith
502 N. Franklin St.
Whiteville, N. C.

Ms. Phillis Griffin
Rt. 3
Whiteville, N. C.

Ms. Crystal Justice
317 E. Clay St.
Whiteville, N. C.

Ms. Amanda Bible
c/o Columbus Co. Library
Whiteville, N. C.

Ms. Estelle Fletcher
Rt. 2
Clarkton, N. C.

Section 5. The Board of County Commissioners hereby appoints Wray Thompson as Chairman of the Commission. The Commission is authorized to determine its own internal structure, elect its officers, adopt by-laws, and file such forms as necessary to be classified a tax-exempt organization and seek to qualify for whatever bicentennial grants and/or other grants might be available. A report on its organization shall be given to the Board of County Commissioners within sixty days.

Section 6. The Board of County Commissioners agree to furnish a suitable and adequate location to serve as headquarters for the Commission (and staff and/or operating expenses as indicated).

Section 7. Should a vacancy occur in the membership of the Commission it shall be the responsibility of the Commission to notify the Board of Commissioners, and the Commission may if it desires, recommend to the appointing Board a person for appointment.

Section 8. The Commission will establish an Advisory Council of representatives from major communities and civic organizations to serve at its pleasure.

Section 9. It shall be the duty of the Commission to work with the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission of the State of North Carolina and the agencies of the United States which have been authorized to participate in the celebration of the bicentennial of the United States, to the end that appropriate projects for the public good might be adopted to commemorate this event.

It shall further be the duty of the Commission to submit to the Board of County Commissioners its recommendation for suitable commemoration and to report from time to time with respect to its progress in implementing said project(s).

Ordered: that a check from the Our-Door-Poor Fund be given to Randy Lanue Strickland in the amount of \$50.00.

Ordered: that Columbus County join Duplin County in an effort to change Zone 1 to be included in the Mosquito Control and Water Management Projects along with several other counties adjacent to the coastal counties.

Mrs. Susan Wood, Director, Columbus County Retired Senior Volunteer Program, along with other Senior Citizens met with the Board to explain RSVP and requested funding from the County for FY 1975-76 in the amount of \$1,500. to continue the program in the County. The program is federally funded on a percentage basis decreasing the percent each year. No commitment was made at this time.

The Budget Estimate for the Board of Elections was presented by Mr. William Lambert.

Members of the Columbus County Mental Health Association, with Mrs. J. B. Lee as spokesman, met with the Board to request additional space for the Mental Health Dept. The Board designated Commissioner Brown and Commissioner Williamson to make a study of the available space and recommend to the Board where various offices could be located.

Ordered: that the following general county bills be allowed and paid:

EXPENSE CHECKS:

Alice S. Wright	Travel - March	(6955)	\$ 195.65
Vondrena Gerald	Travel - March		76.70
Griffin J. Johnson	Travel - March		56.40
Janice W. Hall	Travel - March		58.95
Charles Jennings Small	Travel - March		32.54
Claire Hamrick Brown	Travel - March		40.21
Sarah Jane Wright	Travel - March		89.75
Bobbie Britt Skipper	Travel - March		42.62
Linda P. Baldwin	Travel - March		37.95
Kathryn S. Worrell	Travel - March		67.20
Helma T. English	Travel - March	(6965)	112.39
Pauline S. Pait	Travel - March		34.05
Mariegene L. Palmer	Travel - March		43.80
JoAnne P. Vereen	Travel - March		141.36
Rebecca J. Williamson	Travel - March		49.80
Peggy M. Duncan	Travel - March		30.90
Doris G. Lennon	Travel - March		76.35
Margaret V. Hair	Travel - March		71.95
Roscoe Enzoe	Travel - March		85.20
Willa Dean Williams	Travel - March		83.67
Janet M. Thomas	Travel - March	(6975)	56.67
Claire P. Duncan	Travel - March		47.85
Brenda Pierce	Travel - March		44.85
Dianne B. Brown	Travel - March		110.30
Sally G. Marks	Travel - March		96.78
Mary B. Pickett	Travel - March		56.55
Mrs. Ned Boswell	Boarding Home Care		340.00
Mrs. Nathaniel Bradley	Boarding Home Care		170.00
Mrs. Henry D. Hill	Boarding Home Care		255.00
Mrs. Nell Beatty	Boarding Home Care		100.00
Mrs. Randolph R. McCallister	Boarding Home Care	(6985)	385.00
Mrs. Horace E. Rich, Sr.	Boarding Home Care		425.00
Mrs. H. B. Jackson	Boarding Home Care		255.00
Mrs. Louvie I. Hinson	Boarding Home Care		8.22
The Style Shop	Clothing for Marcie Rickett		15.02
Mrs. Ned Boswell	Reimbursement - Prescriptions for Anita Parker		1.00
Emogene W. Suggs	Travel - March		50.00
R. Brooks Stanley	Travel - March		190.00
E. M. Griffin	Travel - March		175.00
Leo L. Fisher	Travel - March		35.00
Paul E. Hughes	Travel - March	(6995)	100.00
Clyde Pridgen	Travel - March		24.00
Johnie G. Powell	Travel - March		25.00
H. Hugh Nance	Travel - March		100.00
S. T. Enzor	Travel - March		150.00
Void	Void	(7000)	
Aid to Aged Fund	Budget Appropriation 4th Quarter		5,118.75
Aid to Disabled Fund	Budget Appropriation 4th Quarter		3,329.00
Medicaid Fund	Budget Appropriation 3rd Quarter		29,560.25
Columbus County Library	Budget Appropriation		9,150.00

Mrs. Randy Lanue Strickland	For Immediate Relief (7005)	50.00
Edward W. Williamson	Meetings & Conferences - March	272.00
Postmaster	Postage for Meter	1,000.00
NC Public Employees Retirement Agency	Health Dept. & County W/H Expense	9,398.81
Sankey W. Robinson	Collection of Delinquent Taxes	2,641.64
Donald Currie	Meetings & Conferences - March	529.60
Mayo Brown	Meetings & Conferences - March	359.40
Southern National Bank of N.C.	Federal Income Tax Withheld - March Salaries	13,487.36
N.C. Dept. of Revenue	State Withholding - 1st Quarter 1975	7,912.75
Group Insurance Service	Insurance Withheld- March Salaries	1,861.54
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co.	Accident Ins. Withheld - March Salaries	457.10
Herbert B. Fowler	Refund - Per order of the Board 3/17/75	33.70
Tip Top Florist & Gifts	Arrangement for E. Suggs 3/12/75	7.80
Donald P. Currie	Reimbursement - Trip to Chapel Hill	82.73
Ferrell Jones	Registration Applications	19.50
Carolyn Ellis	Registration Applications	3.00
Donald James Mercer	Registration Applications	7.50
George A. Earp	Registration Applications	2.00
Frederick Allen Tedder	Registration Applications	2.00
Gibson Stocks	Registration Applications	1.50
Brenda S. Stocks	Registration Applications (7025)	1.00
Clara F. Lang	Registration Applications	2.00
Cornie Wynn Green, Jr.	Registration Applications	1.00
Brenda Weaver	Registration Applications	1.00
Franklin Drew	Registration Applications	9.50
Jettie Babson	Registration Applications	1.00
Curtis H. Nance	Registration Applications	1.50
Emogene W. Suggs	Reimbursement - Personell Seminar	20.73
Atlantic Publishing & Paper Co.	Courthouse Account - Paper Supplies	8.34
Court Square Store	Courthouse Account - Supplies by P. Hughes	4.98
Dover Elevator Company	Courthouse Account - Contract Service	32.79
James Lynn Company	Tax Office Account - Window Cleaning Service	125.00
Scotts of Whiteville	Adm. Building - Plumbing and Electrical Supplies	7.17
Coastal Electronics, Inc.	Police Dept. - Moved Remote Unit Down Stairs	60.00
Carolina Motors, Inc.	Sheriff Dept. - Parts and Labor	153.36
William Stevens	County Hall Supplies - Courthouse Repairs	296.00
Carolina Power & Light Co.	Law Enforcement Center - Light Bill	899.68
Duncan Plumbing & Wiring, Inc.	Law Enforcement Center - Plumbing & Repairs	51.65
Memory's Fire Extinguishers	Law Enforcement Center - Service	24.96
Whiteville Building Supplies, Inc.	Law Enforcement Center - Repairs & Maintenance	8.43
Barnhill's Upholstery Shop	Law Enforcemt. Cntr. - Chair Repair (7045)	15.00
Duncan's Garage & Chain Saw	Law Enforcement Center - Lawn Mower Repairs	18.64
Sealtest Foods	Law Enforcement Center - March Milk Bill	209.68
Fox's Holsum Bakery, Inc.	Law Enforcement Center - March Account	124.43
American Industries, Inc.	Law Enforcement Center - Cleaning Supplies	445.55
N.C. Dept. of Social Rehab. & Control	Law Enforcement Center - Jail Food Supplies	266.39
Willetts & Company	Law Enforcement Center - Supplies	11.78
McLean Wholesale Grocery Co., Inc.	Law Enforcement Center - Groceries	826.84
Hyatt Exterminating Co.	Law Enforcement Center - Pest Control Services	20.00
McQueen's Nurseries	Law Enforcement Center - Seed	7.50
Simmons Drug Company	Law Enforcement Center - March Account (7055)	27.74
Columbus County Hospital	Law Enforcement Center - March Account	261.40
Dr. M. L. Johnson	Law Enforcement Center - Teeth Extractions	25.00
Court Square Store	Law Enforcement Center - March Account (Seed & Twine)	2.90
Howard Stanley	Reimbursement For Month of March	108.73
Federal Sign and Signal Corp.	Civil Preparedness - 1 Dome, Red Acrylic	4.42
Cavin's Business Products, Inc.	Veteran's Service - Paper	84.89
Postmaster	Postage Needed (7062)	8.00
Brunswick Electric Membership Corp.	For Days of Service 2-05 Thru 3-05	7.55
H. B. Owsley & Son, Inc.	Solid Waste Acct. - Departmental Supplies	99.91
Burroughs General Repair, Inc.	Solid Waste Dept. - IWC Cable	63.90
Service Parts Co., Inc.	Landfill - Departmental Supplies	48.92
Columbus Motor Company	Solid Waste Acct. - Departmental Supplies	211.71
Stevens & Hasty Company, Inc.	Solid Waste Acct. - Repair and Labor For Trucks	1,668.10
Ray & Ray Garage & Welding Shop	Solid Waste Acct. - Repair on Truck - Welding	3.00
Equip Maintenance Inc.	Solid Waste Acct. - Parts & Maintenance)	535.54
Barnes Service Station	Solid Waste Acct. - Gas for March	58.33
Tire Barn, Inc.	Solid Waste Acct. - 2 Delta Hiway Tires	260.00
Bill Gore's Tire & Service Center	Solid Waste Acct. -	46.80
Country Club Gas & Groceries	Solid Waste Acct. - Gas & Oil for March	103.59
Memory Twins Service Station	Landfill - Gas, Oil, Road Service etc. for March	163.20
Elliott Implement Co.	Landfill - Parts & Services (7076)	1.49
S.E. Cain Machine Shop	Solid Waste @ Welding Supplies	338.84
A. O. Wilson	Solid Waste Dept. - 1 Box 7018 -1/8	33.80
Columbus Supply Company, Inc.	Solid Waste Acct. - Departmental Supplies	10.02
MAC Tools	Solid Waste Acct. - 1 Amp Welder, 1 Screw Driver Set	238.48
Atlantic Publishing Co.	Dogwarden - Advertising	84.00
Sellers Service Station	Dog Warden Acct. - Gas, Oil, Lube, Inspection	38.90
Lewis S. Babson	Reimbursement - Gas for Meeting in Lexington	7.35
Lewis S. Babson	Reimbursement - 3 cases arrow bleach (Dog Warden)	9.17

Western Auto Associate Store	Dog Warden Acct. 2 Boxes Rifle Bullets	4.78
Dr. M. W. Thompson	Coroner - Autopsy (David Ray Meares)	150.00
Buell E. Lanier, Sr.	Coroner - Travel & Telephone (7087)	85.11
Willard A. Harris	Asst. Coroner - Mileage	9.75
John Harrelson, Postmaster	Postage Needed: County Extension Service	50.00
N.C. State University	County Ext. Service - Letterheads	181.50
Wyatt-Quarles Seed Co.	Ext. Service - Seed	18.88
Dictaphone Corporation	Ext. Service - Supplies	23.21
Southern Engraving and Manufacturing C.	-Ext. Service - Lapel pins	33.75
Gray & Creech, Inc.	County Ext. Service - Service Contract	123.90
Collier Gas Co.	Employment Security Account	33.70
The News Reporter Company	Bicentennial Acct. - Supplies & Furniture	444.67
Pitney Bowes	Auditor & Register of Deeds - Supplies & Service	228.38
Municipal Forms & Systems, Inc.	Accountant - 200 3 pt. OAR-53's Forms	25.23
Ashley Electric, Inc.	Ward Bldg., County Hall, Social Service-Supplies & L	442.60
Monroe Division	Tax Collector - Maintenance Agreement & Supplies	135.36
Lytle Oil Company	Fuel Supplies & Service for Various Accounts	1,770.61
Hardee's Carpet Center	Columbus County Acct. - Carpet Install. 3 offices	1,425.64
Moore's Super Stores	Courthouse & Acct. - Rool Plastic, Paint & Brushes	24.60
Columbus Glass & Mirror Co., Inc.	Courthouse - Labor & Materials	750.00
Scotts of Whiteville	Courthouse - Comm. Bldg. 1 Contractor Kit	7.28
Lustra Lighting Corporation	Adm. Bldg. Acct. - Light Bulbs	84.96
Memory's Supermarket	Tax Supervisor - Punch for Open House	22.30
Gore's Quality Shop	Auditor - Paper Supplies for Open House	11.95
Broadcast & Communications, Inc.	Health Dept. for Solid Waste - Repair to Radio	24.88
Horne's Service	Dog Warden - Gas Account for March	85.00
Dixie Farm Supply	Dog Warden - Dog Food & Hose (7111)	45.94
Whiteville Building Supplies	Adm. Bldg. - Social Ser. to Board up Windows - Repeater Bldg. Blocks	34.22
G.V. Singletary & Sons	Social Ser. Jan. 22 Delivery Less Pick up	58.54
Lester Shaw's Sons	Burial of Baby Girl Williams	40.00
Goodwill Funeral Home	Burial Services for James Brown	60.00
Hall & McChesney, Inc.	Register of Deeds Acct. - Various Deeds	317.66
Memory's Fire Extinguishers	Civil Preparedness - Fire Extinguishers	1,380.30
Dameron Drug Store	Civil Preparedness - First Aid Kits	383.24
Burroughs Corporation	County of Columbus - Continuous Leaders	13.58
Columbus County News	Tax Super. & Dog Warden - Advertising	152.80
Gray & Creech, Inc.	Register of Deeds Acct. - 1 Case Toner	16.66
Owen G. Dunn	Register of Deeds - 500 Birch Certificates	26.35
Hall & McChesney, Inc.	Register of Deeds - Permafex Recording	295.01
Hyatt Exterminating Co.	Services to Various Accounts (7124)	44.00
Council & Company, Inc.	County of Columbus - I used combination safe	600.00
The Sherwin-Williams Co.	Extension Office Acct. - Paint	417.24
Public Safety Commission	Reimbursement for gas to Sheriff Dept.	21.05
Jimmy's Texaco	Sheriff Dept. Acct. - Gas, etc. for March	78.73
Xerox Corporation	Social Services - Rental on 813 Copier	41.60
Hubb's Supply Company	Jail Account - 1 2500 Belt	2.02
Williamson Insurance Agency	Rent for Magistrate's Office	85.00
Town of Fair Bluff	Rent for Magistrate's Office	75.00
Town of Bolton	Rent for Magistrate's Office	60.00
General Electric Co.	Columbus County Account - Base Station, Mobile Units & Repeater	8,826.83
Paulina N. Moore	Social Service Board Meet 3/27/75	35.75
Clemmon L. Jacobs	Social Service Board Meeting 3/27/75	43.10
Dictaphone Corporation	Welfare Dept. Acct - Maintenance Agreements	657.00
U. S. Leasing	Social Ser. Acct. - Rent on PB Mailing Machine	32.44
National Automobile Dealers	Social Ser. - 1 Annual Magazine Subscription	15.00
Guiton's Drug Store	Social Ser. Acct. - 3 Prescriptions	6.50
Bernard Peal	Rent Employment Security Office(7141)	150.00
N.C. Dept of Natural & Economic Res.	Columbus County for February	2,246.59
Mrs. Matthew Ward	Out Door Poor	5.00
Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co.	March Bill for Various Accounts	1,296.47
Uptown Office Supplies, Inc.	March Account of Various County Offices	525.66
Caroling Power & Light Company	March Bill for Various County Offices	1,305.70
City of Whiteville	Water Bill for Various County Offices	143.99
The Style Shop	Social Ser. - Clothing for Marsie Richett	38.18
Floyd's Insurance Agency, Inc.	Insurance Premiums Due	7,268.00
Floyd's Insurance Agency, Inc.	Property Floater for Various Accounts	187.00
The News Reporter	Advertisement, Auditor-Tax Collector & Dog Warden	631.21
The News Reporter Company	Advertisement for Various County Offices	218.91
W. B. Buffkin	Meetings & Conferences in March(7153)	74.20
N.C. Dept. of Revenue	Sales & Use Tax for 1st Quarter	399.85
Southeastern Regional Mental Health C	Budget Appropriation - 4th Quarter	18,649.75
Southeastern Community College	Budget Appropriation (7156)	53,370.75
N. C. Public Employees' S. S. Agency	Social Security for 1st Quarter	32,307.91
Group Insurance Services	Life Insurance for Emmett Brown (7158)	7.75

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The following resolution was passed upon motion by Commissioner Marlowe and seconded by Commissioner Williamson:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Commissioners request that Columbus County be included in Zone I along with Bladen, Sampson, Duplin, Lenoir, Pitt, Martin, Bertie, Hertford, and Gates Counties in Mosquito Control & Water Management Projects.