

**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., April 6, 1998, for the regularly scheduled Board Meeting, it being the first Monday.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David L. Dutton, Jr., Chairman

A. Dial Gray, III, Vice Chairman

Spruell Randolph Britt

Sammie Jacobs

Lynwood Norris (Excused at 9:00 A.M.)

C.W. Williams

C.E. Wilson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring  
County Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

Chairman David L. Dutton, Jr. called the meeting to order and Commissioner C.E. "Gene" Wilson, gave the invocation.

**BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the March 16, 1998, Board Meeting, as recorded.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to approve the following consent agenda items.

**Tax Refunds:**

Request a refund in the name of Martha G. Bennett, P.O. Box 250, Bolton, N.C. 28423. Customer billed with county user fee, but property is located inside the city limits. Amount \$40.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #04-00601.

Request a refund for taxes paid in the name of Irie Cogdell Butler, 104 Grace St., Tabor City, N.C. 28463, for the years 1988 thru 1997. Taxes paid in error on property that is double listed in the name of Nathaniel Scott. Amount paid includes interest. Amount \$16.56, Value \$660, Year 1988, Account #06-03880.

Request a refund in the name of Irie Cogdell Butler Amount \$19.50, Value \$1200, Year 1989, Account #06-03880.

Request a refund in the name of Irie Cogdell Butler. Amount \$18.50, Value \$1200, Year 1990, Account #06-03880.

Request a refund in the name of Irie Cogdell Butler. Amount \$17.57, Value \$1200, Year 1991, Account #06-03880.

Request a refund in the name of Irie Cogdell Butler. Amount \$16.66, Value \$1200, Year 1992, Account #06-03880.

Request a refund in the name of Irie Cogdell Butler. Amount \$16.15, Value \$1200, Year 1993, Account #06-03880.

Request a refund in the name of Irie Cogdell Butler. Amount \$15.73, Value \$1200, Year 1994, Account #06-03880.

Request a refund in the name of Irie Cogdell Butler. Amount \$14.92, Value \$1200, Year 1995, Account #06-03880.

Request a refund in the name of Irie Cogdell Butler. Amount \$13.81, Value \$1200, Year 1996, Account #06-03880.

Request a refund in the name of Irie Cogdell Butler. Amount \$20.00, Value \$2800, Year 1997, Account #06-03880.

Request a refund in the name of Brady & Pearlee McMillian, 4784 Haynes Lennon Rd., Chadbourn, N.C. 28431. Taxes paid in error on home that was traded in on new home. Total includes interest. Amount \$88.25, Value \$12,125, Year 1997, Account #12-18037.

Request a refund in the name of Roger Cary Malpass, 3442 Byrdville-Freeman Rd., Delco, N.C. 28436. Home is double listed in the name of John & Sheryl Allen. Total includes interest. Amount \$151.12, Value \$5,140, Year 1997, Account #15-25792.

Request a refund in the name of Robert Lee (Jr.) & Bonita Powell, 61 Lena Dale Rd., Delco, NC, 28436. Mobile home sold. Amount paid includes interest. Amount \$120.05, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #15-30620.

Request a refund in the name of Charles Lester & Esther Roberts, 4524 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC 28311. One house is vacant and one used for storage. Amount \$200.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #11-22797.

Request a refund in the name of Johnnie Carmichael Sellers, 656 Sellerstown Rd., Whiteville NC 28472. Home sold to Howard Norris. Amount paid includes interest. Amount \$9.69, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #01-80701.

Request a refund in the name of Johnnie Carmichael Sellers, 656 Sellerstown Rd., Whiteville, NC 28472. Home sold to Howard Norris. Amount paid includes interest. Amount \$111.42, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #01-80701.

**Tax Releases:**

Release the property value in the name of Marvin Felton Bowen for the town of Bolton. Property is not located in the city limits. Amount \$48.40, Value \$8,800, Year 1997, Account #04-01254.

Release the property value in the name of Katie P. Edwards. Failed to receive full senior citizens exemption. Amount \$103.48, Value \$500, Year 1997, Account #13-11640.

Release the property value in the name of Jennie Hewett. Failed to receive full senior citizens exemption. Amount \$143.96, Value \$5,050, Year 1997, Account #01-39607.

Release the user fee in the name of Wanda Lee Ward Benson. House vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #03-01080.

Release the user fee in the name of Joseph Edward & Beverly Brown. Home used for storage. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1995, Account #05-00820.

Release the user fee in the name of Julius Byrd. This tract of land is vacant.

Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #14-02803.

Release the user fee in the name of Katie Ruth Chestnut. House is vacant.

Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #13-08166.

Release the user fee in the name of Clement Daniel Cox. House vacant.

Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #09-05040, bill #40156.

Release the user fee in the name of Clement Daniel Cox. House is vacant.

Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #09-05040, bill #40158.

Release the user fee in the name of Phyllis C. Creech. House vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #14-04003.

Release the user fee in the name of Beverly P. Davidson. Building vacant.

Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-19181.

Release one of the user fees in the name of Jethro George. There are only two (2) mobile homes on this land. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #13-15000.

Release the user fee in the name of Bruno Godwin, (Jr.). No dwellings on this land. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #03-08376.

Release the user fee in the name of Geneva & Manley Jacobs. Old store vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #04-08100.

Release the user fee in the name of Stuart & Janice Kuykendall. Mobile home used for storage. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #13-22735.

Release the user fee in the name of Willie & Lela Matthews (Heirs). Paid county rate, but property inside the city limits. Amount \$40.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #10-11200.

Release the user fee in the name of Robert Thurston Memory. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #07-12030.

Release the user fee in the name of Robert Thurston Memory. House is vacant. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-61180, bill #55303.

Release the user fee in the name of Robert Thurston Memory. House is vacant. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-61180, bill #55305.

Release the user fee in the name of Robert Thurston & Hilda Faye Memory. House is vacant. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-60985.

Release the user fee in the name of Eddie & Angela Mitchell. Billed with county rate but property is located inside city limits. Amount \$40.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #04-11633.

Release the user fee in the name of John & Marie M. Mitchell. Billed with county rate but property inside city limits. Amount \$40.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #13-27904.

Release the user fee in the name of Amy Simmons. House vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #03-21199.

Release the user fee in the name of Ralph Smith. House vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #07-15527.

Release the user fee in the name of Glenn & Rebecca S. Soles. House is located inside the city limits. Amount \$40.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #01-87147.

Release the user fee in the name of Manley, (Jr.) & Mezella Soles. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #06-34480.

Release the user fee in the name of Kathleen V. Stephens. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #09-29345.

Release the user fee in the name of Paul N. Todd. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #13-40320.

Release the user fee in the name of Katie Ward. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #02-01866.

Release the user fee in the name of Roger Ward. Billed for camper instead of mobile home. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #08-19952.

Release the user fee in the name of Richard Worrell. Mobile home used for storage. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #14-18081.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Donnie Ray Batten. Home sold prior to 1-1-96. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #14-01638.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Donnie Ray Batten. Home

sold prior to 1-1-96. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #14-01638.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of George Elliott Best. Mr. Best has never owned a mobile home. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #04-00680.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of George Elliott Best. Mr. Best has never owned a mobile home. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #04-00680.

Release a portion of the value of a mobile home in the name of Joseph Edward & Beverly Brown. Billed with incorrect value and both homes are vacant. Amount \$250.25, Value \$7,230, Year 1997, Account #05-00820.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Joseph Shane Brown. Home was repossessed prior to 1-1-97. Amount \$136.20, Value \$5,210, Year 1997, Account #05-00830.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Jennifer Andrew Bryant. Home listed in Bladen County. Amount \$135.35, Value \$8,050, Year 1996, Account #15-07010.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Jennifer Andrew Bryant. Home listed in Bladen County. Amount \$159.63, Value \$7,800, Year 1997, Account #15-07010.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Stanland Levi Bryant. Home listed in Bladen County. Amount \$129.54, Value \$7,430, Year 1996, Account #15-07141.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Stanland Levi Bryant. Home listed in Bladen County. Amount \$154.89, Value \$7,180, Year 1997, Account #15-07141.

Release the amount of taxes due in the name of Bullocks Tire Service. Business sold to Robert Gary Cribb in 1996. Amount \$8.51, Value \$1,025, Year 1997, Account #09-02248.

Release the value of (24) mobile homes in the name of Mearl Gene & Mary

Francis Butler. Homes listed in New Hanover and Brunswick County. Amount \$224.64, Value \$24,000, Year 1996, Account #12-04840.

Release the value of (24) mobile homes and user fees in the name of Mearl Gene & Mary Francis Butler. Homes listed in New Hanover & Brunswick County. Amount \$2,583.48, Value \$24,000, Year 1997, Account #12-04840.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Annie Watson Byrd. Home burned years ago. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #15-08301.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Annie Watson Byrd. Home burned years ago. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #15-08301.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Kenny D. Cox. Mr. Cox has never owned a mobile home. Amount \$7.80, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #06-06367.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Kenny D. Cox. Mr. Cox has never owned a mobile home. Amount \$106.95, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #06-06367.

Release the value of (2) mobile homes in the name of Kenny D. Cox. Mr. Cox has never owned a mobile home. Amount \$254.04, Value \$14,320, Year 1996, Account #06-06367.

Release the value of (2) mobile homes in the name of Kenny D. Cox. Mr. Cox has never owned a mobile home. Amount \$305.66, Value \$13,820, Year 1997, Account #06-06367.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Keith Cox. Home sold years ago. Amount \$88.82, Value \$3,080, Year 1996, Account #06-06377.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Keith Cox. Home was sold years ago. Amount \$121.64, Value \$2,830, Year 1997, Account #06-06377.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Geneva Rich Creech. Ms. Creech has never owned a mobile home. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #13-09377.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Geneva Rich Creech. Ms.

Creech has never owned a mobile home. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #13-09377.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of D.J.J., (Inc.) Home sold in 1995. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #03-04497.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of D.J.J., (Inc.). Home sold in 1995. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #03-04497.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Linda Brown Durant. Home burned prior to 1-1-96. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #01-22191.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Linda Brown Durant. Home burned prior to 1-1-96. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #01-22191.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Jeff Edwards. Home burned in 1994. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #16-03916.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Jeff Edwards, Home burned in 1994. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #16-03916.

Release the value of a boat and mobile home in the name of James G. Gause. Both were sold prior to 1-1-97. Amount \$131.96, Value \$4,180, Year 1997, Account #09-09932.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Alvin T. Graham. Home sold 8 years ago. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #15-15963.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Alvin T. Graham. Home sold 8 years ago. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #15-15963.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Nellie & John Graham. Home moved to South Carolina. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #12-06801.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Nellie & John Graham. Home moved to South Carolina. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #12-06801.

Release a portion of the mobile home value in the name of Amanda Hinson.



Home priced as a 1997 instead of a 1993. Amount \$71.09, Value \$8,130, Year 1997, Account #06-13823.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Raymond Hinson. Home sold and modular purchased. Amount \$137.41, Value \$4,890, Year 1997, Account #13-19367.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Loraine Lacewell. Home listed in Bladen County. Amount \$110.27, Value \$5,370, Year 1996, Account #15-22788.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Loraine Lacewell. Home listed in Bladen County. Amount \$139.14, Value \$5,120, Year 1997, Account #15-22788.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name Doris Lavelle. Has never owned a mobile home. Amount \$10.08, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #09-16644.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Doris Lavelle. Has never owned a mobile home. Amount \$108.31, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #09-16644.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Anthony J. & Teresa Macon. Traded single wide for double wide and it is listed. Amount \$116.26, Value \$2,340, Year 1997, Account #15-25540.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Robert Earl Mintz. Home given to his brother years ago. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #15-27185.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Robert Earl Mintz. Home given to his brother years ago. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #15-27185.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Clarence & Deborah Mitchell. Home sold prior to 1-1-97. Amount \$208.91, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #04-11603.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of James Moore (Heirs). Billed in this name thru error. Amount \$7.80, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #14-10723.

Release the value a mobile home in the name of James Moore (Heirs). Home double listed in the name of James Moore. Amount \$305.64, Value \$15,200, Year 1997, Account #14-10723.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Joanna R. Moore. Mobile home double listed in the name of Jack Moore. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #15-27701.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Joanna R. Moore. Home double listed in the name of Jack Moore. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #15-27701.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of David Carlton. Home moved out of the county nine (9) years ago. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #13-30266, bill #68127.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of David Carlton Morton. Home sold nine (9) years ago. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #13-30266, bill #68128.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of David Carlton Norton. Home sold nine (9) years ago. Amount \$102.86, Value \$4,580, Year 1996, Account #13-30266, bill #68129.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of David Carlton Norton. Home sold nine (9) years ago. Amount \$133.10, Value \$4,330, Year 1997, Account #13-30266, bill #68130.

Release a portion of the value of a mobile home in the name of Larry Randolph. Billed with wrong year model. Amount \$42.44, Value \$5,110, Year 1997, Account #06-30564.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Roger Odell Richardson. Home sold in 1994. Amount \$149.58, Value \$9,574, Year 1996, Account #13-34466.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Roger Odell Richardson. Home sold in 1994. Amount \$171.25, Value \$9,320, Year 1997, Account #13-34466.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Riley & Hattie Rose. Home sold prior to 1-1-97 Amount \$231.20, Value \$4,080, Year 1997, Account #01-77900.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Sagrinda Scott. Home traded for a double wide and double wide listed. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997,

Account #06-32299.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Helen Little Simmons. Sold to Cheerful Hope Church years ago. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #04-14164.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Helen Little Simmons. Home sold to Cheerful Hope Church years ago. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #04-14164.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Robert Henry Smith. Home listed in Bladen County. Amount \$149.58, Value \$9,570, Year 1996, Account #14-14655.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Robert Henry Smith. Home listed in Bladen County. Amount \$171.25, Value \$9,320, Year 1997, Account #14-14655.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of George D. Spaulding. Traded single wide for double wide and double wide listed. Amount \$108.31, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #08-17466.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Harry Stewart. Home repossessed in 1994. Amount \$206.02, Value \$15,600, Year 1996, Account #16-13777.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Harry Stewart. Home repossessed in 1994. Amount \$217.35, Value \$15,350, Year 1997, Account #16-13777.

Release the value of three (3) mobile homes in the name of Ellewese Turberville Homes sold prior to 1-1-96. Amount \$322.91, Value \$3,000, Year 1997, Account #03-25465.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Peter J. & Shirley Washington. Home traded for a double wide. Amount \$117.20, Value \$2,250, Year 1997, Account #10-18372.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Lee C. Williamson. Home sold to Bill & Elizabeth Ehlers. Amount \$206.02, Value \$15,600, Year 1996, Account #11-30069.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Lee C. Williamson. Home sold to Bill & Elizabeth Ehlers. Amount \$217.35, Value \$15,350, Year 1997, Account #11-

30069.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Merrel Daniel Willis. Home burned several years ago. Amount \$114.38, Value \$5,810, Year 1996, Account #02-07959.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Merrel Daniel Willis. Home burned several years ago. Amount \$142.50, Value \$5,560, Year 1997, Account #02-07959.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Ronald P. & Tamra Wilson. Home repossessed prior to 1-1-97. Amount \$250.10, Value \$18,880, Year 1997, Account #16-18067.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Kenneth Ray Young. Home burned prior to 1-1-96. Amount \$10.56, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #16-18322.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Kenneth Ray Young. Home burned prior to 1-1-96. Amount \$108.75, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #16-18322.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of T. J. Baldwin (Heirs). Home double listed in the name of Samuel C. & Donald Rouse. Amount \$340.89, Value \$30,300, Year 1997, Account #14-01420.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Mary Lois Batten. Home double listed in the name of Daniel O. Batten. Amount \$116.97, Value \$2,220, Year 1997, Account #13-01605.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Laura Britt. Home double listed in the name of Harry L. & Laura Britt. Amount \$95.84, Value \$3,829, Year 1996, Account #07-14881.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Laura Britt. Home double listed in the name of Harry L. & Laura Britt. Amount \$127.37, Value \$3,580, Year 1997, Account #07-14881.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Pamela Hughes Burchette.

Home double listed in the name of Donald W. & Pamela Burchette. Amount \$109.98, Value \$5,340, Year 1996, Account #10-02197.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Pamela Hughes Burchette.

Home double listed in the name of Donald W. & Pamela Burchette. Amount \$138.92, Value \$5,090, Year 1997, Account #10-02197.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Crystal Burnette. Home double listed in the name of Larry Wayne Pender. Amount \$154.28, Value \$8,730, Year 1996, Account #15-07721.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Crystal Burnette. Home double listed in the name of Larry Wayne Pender. Amount \$176.03, Value \$8,480, Year 1997, Account #15-07721.

Release the value of a vehicle in the name of Doretha Burney. Vehicle double listed on DMV. Amount \$38.41, Value \$5,526, Year 1997, Account #14-02646.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Bonita Diane Dale. Home double listed in the name of Robert Lee Powell, Jr. & Bonita Dale Powell. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #15-11088.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Bonita Diane Dale. Home double listed in the name of Robert Lee Powell, Jr. & Bonita Dale Powell. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #15-11088.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Reuben Dantzler. Home double listed in the name of Tyrah Williams. Amount \$193.79, Value \$12,260, Year 1997, Account #13-09707.

Release the value of business equipment in the name of First American National Bank. Property double listed in the name of Forrest Financial Corp. Amount \$32.46, Value \$4,391, Year 1997, Account #01-02610.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Randy Garrell. Home double listed in the name of Tonia Horne. Amount \$110.18, Value \$4,920, Year 1996, Account #01-30601.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Randy Garrell. Home

double listed in the name of Tonia Horne. Amount \$139.30, Value \$4,670, Year 1997, Account #01-30601.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Annie Mae George. Home double listed in the name of Jethro George. Amount \$94.36, Value \$3,670, Year 1996, Account #12-08988.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Annie Mae George. Home double listed in the name of Jethro George. Amount \$125.84, Value \$3,420, Year 1997, Account #12-08988.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Lennon Roland Gore. Home double listed in the name Mary C. Gore. Amount \$239.71, Value \$19,200, Year 1996, Account #06-14766.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Lennon Roland Gore. Home double listed in the name of Mary C. Gore. Amount \$244.87, Value \$18,950, Year 1997, Account #06-14766.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Melanie Gore. Home double listed in the name of Melony A. Gibson. Amount \$258.71, Value \$21,230, Year 1996, Account #03-09351.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Melanie Gore. Home double listed in the name of Melony A. Gibson. Amount \$260.39, Value \$20,980, Year 1997, Account #03-09351.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of John Dwight Grice. Home double listed in the name of Sabrina Jones. Amount \$260.45, Value \$19,200, Year 1996, Account #01-35333.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of John Dwight Grice. Home double listed in the name of Sabrina Jones. Amount \$263.64, Value \$18,950, Year 1997, Account #01-35333.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Ricky & Pam Hammond. Home double listed in the name of Oscar L. Cutchin. Amount \$232.22, Value \$18,400, Year 1996, Account #01-36488.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Ricky & Pam Hammond. Home double listed in the name of Oscar L. Cutchin. Amount \$238.75, Value \$18,150, Year 1997, Account #01-36488.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Melissa Hemmingway. Home double listed in the name of Verness Hemingway. Amount \$216.90, Value \$15,290, Year 1997, Account #06-18374.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Verness Hemingway. Home double listed in the same name in a different township. Amount \$128.06, Value \$3,670, Year 1997, Account #07-08231.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Charles Lewis, III. Home double listed in the name of Richard Thomas Hilbourn. Amount \$183.40, Value \$10,909, Year 1997, Account #04-10182.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Christine Hewett. Home double listed in the name of David & Julie Spaulding. Amount \$107.68, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #01-39526.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Connie Hyatt. Home double listed in the name of Jennis & Shirley Smith. Amount \$222.02, Value \$17,310, Year 1996, Account #03-11741.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Connie Hyatt. Home double listed in the name of Jennis & Shirley Smith. Amount \$230.43, Value \$17,060, Year 1997, Account #03-11741.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Thomas J. & Myrtle B. Keaton. Home double listed in the name of Thomas W. & Deborah Keaton. Amount \$170.10, Value \$9,170, Year 1997, Account #15-21840.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Shady French Lennon, II. Home double listed in the name of Barbara Williams. Amount \$141.71, Value \$8,730, Year 1996, Account #01-52566.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Shady French Lennon, II. Home double listed in the name of Barbara Williams. Amount \$164.83, Value \$8,480, Year

1997, Account #01-52566.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Deloris McCullum. Home double listed in the name of Geraldine Powers & Deloris McCullum. Amount \$130.10, Value \$7,490, Year 1996, Account #01-55327.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Deloris McCullum. Home double listed in the name of Geraldine Powers & Deloris McCullum. Amount \$155.35, Value \$7,240, Year 1997, Account #01-55327.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Brady & Pearlee McMillian. Home double listed in the name of Pearlie Mae McMillian. Amount \$29.41, Value \$1,690, Year 1997, Account #12-18037.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Gary McPherson. Home double listed in the name of Ruby Lynn McPherson. Amount \$239.05, Value \$19,130, Year 1996, Account #12-18188.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Gary McPherson. Home double listed in the name of Ruby Lynn McPherson. Amount \$244.34, Value \$18,880, Year 1997, Account #12-18188.

Release the property value in the name of Robert Mintz. Property double listed in the name of Elton Gore. Amount \$147.73, Value \$9,100, Year 1996, Account #04-11584.

Release the property value in the name of Robert Mintz. Property double listed in the name of Elton Gore. Amount \$233.70, Value \$18,100, Year 1997, Account #04-11584.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Zelma Rosetta Jacobs Moore. Home double listed in the name of Willie Calvin & Zelma Moore. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #04-26944.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Zelma Rosetta Jacobs Moore. Home double listed in the name of Willie Calvin & Zelma Moore. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #04-26944.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Aline Noble (Heirs). Home double listed in the name of Woodrow Nobles, Jr. Amount \$338.68, Value \$31,000, Year



1997, Account #13-29300.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Beatrice Freeman Robinson. Home double listed in the name of Barbara Richardson. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #04-13644.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Beatrice Freeman Robinson. Home double listed in the name of Barbara Richardson. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #04-13644.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Charles Neil & Gail Sellers. Home double listed in the name of Bennie Nealey. Amount \$136.92, Value \$4,890, Year 1997, Account #09-25520.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Howard Alton Snowten. Home double listed in the name of Annie & Howard Snowten. Amount \$144.48, Value \$11,590, Year 1996, Account #10-15909.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Howard Alton Snowten. Home double listed in the name of Annie & Howard Snowten. Amount \$146.69, Value \$11,340, Year 1997, Account #10-15909.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Raymond Snowten. Home double listed in the name of Raymond & Judean Snowten. Amount \$11.17, Value \$1,410, Year 1993, Account #10-15912.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Raymond Snowten. Home double listed in the name of Raymond & Judean Snowten. Amount \$8.58, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #10-15912.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Raymond Snowten. Home double listed in the name of Raymond & Judean Snowten. Amount \$67.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #10-15912.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Jimmy Soles. Home double listed in the name of Eddie Thomas. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #06-34366.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Jimmy Soles. Home double

listed in the name of Eddie Thomas. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #06-34366.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of N. Monroe & Rebecca Spivey. Home double listed in real and personal property. Amount \$227.74, Value \$16,920, Year 1997, Account #09-28320.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Earl Spurgeon Suggs. Home double listed in the name of Lois Ann Suggs. Amount \$118.13, Value \$6,210, Year 1996, Account #03-24661.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Earl Spurgeon Suggs. Home double listed in the name of Lois Ann Suggs. Amount \$145.56, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #03-24661.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of William Thompson. Home double listed in the name of Gladys Thompson. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #12-27559.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of William Thompson. Home double listed in the name of Gladys Thomspson. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #12-27559.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Helen Juanita Vincent. Home double listed in the name of Rita Vincent. Amount \$141.71, Value \$8,730, Year 1996, Account #04-15833.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Helen Juanita Vincent. Home double listed in the name of Rita Vincent. Amount \$164.83, Value \$8,480, Year 1997, Account #04-15833.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Jerry Wayne Ward. Home double listed in the name of Tina & Jerry Wayne Ward. Amount \$114.38, Value \$5,810, Year 1996, Account #03-27006.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Jerry Wayne Ward. Home double listed in the name of Tina & Jerry Wayne Ward. Amount \$142.50, Value \$5,560, Year 1997, Account #03-27006.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Joyce S. Ward. Home double listed in the name of N. Monroe Spivey. Amount \$526.58, Value \$56,500, Year 1997, Account #09-32220.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Kathy Sue Ward. Home double listed in the name of Leonard Ward. Amount \$206.02, Value \$15,600, Year 1996, Account #03-27388.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Kathy Sue Ward. Home double listed in the name of Leonard Ward. Amount \$217.35, Value \$15,350, Year 1997, Account #03-27388.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Linda Faye Williams. Home double listed in the name of Fay Williams. Amount \$95.84, Value \$3,820, Year 1996, Account #13-44058.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Linda Faye Williams. Home double listed in the name of Fay Williams. Amount \$127.37, Value \$3,580, Year 1997, Account #13-44058.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Pauline Worley. Home double listed in the name of Barry Worley. Amount \$258.71, Value \$21,229, Year 1996, Account #06-44291.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Pauline Worley. Home double listed in the name of Barry Worley. Amount \$260.39, Value \$20,980, Year 1997, Account #06-44291.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Charles Young. Home double listed in the name of Charles C. & Delores Young. Amount \$149.58, Value \$9,570, Year 1996, Account #03-29821.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Charles Young. Home double listed in the name of Charles C. & Delores Young. Amount \$171.25, Value \$9,320, Year 1997, Account #03-29821.

Release the tax listing in the name of Paul Ganus. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #01-30299.

Release property value in the name of Terry Godwin. Cannot locate property in county. Amount \$141.78, Value \$5,030, Year 1997, Account #09-08481.

Release the property value in the name of Max Gore. Cannot locate property in the county. Amount \$239.71, Value \$19,200, Year 1996, Account #06-15001.

Release the property value in the name of Max Gore. Cannot locate property in the county. Amount \$244.87, Value \$18,950, Year 1997, Account #06-15001.

Release the property value in the name of Julie Gurgainus. Cannot locate property in the county. Amount \$206.02, Value \$15,600, Year 1996, Account #03-25758.

Release the property value in the name of Julie Gurgainus. Cannot locate property in county. Amount \$217.35, Value \$15,350, Year 1997, Account #03-25758.

Release the property value in the name of Willard Jacobs. Cannot locate property in county. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #04-08822.

Release the property value in the name of Willard Jacobs. Cannot locate property in county. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #04-08822.

Release the value of property in the name of Carl Laws. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$95.84, Value \$3,830, Year 1996, Account #03-12781.

Release the property value in the name of Carl Laws. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$127.37, Value \$3,580, Year 1997, Account #03-12781.

Release the property value in the name of J.A. Lewis. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$93.50, Value \$3,580, Year 1996, Account #03-13188.

Release the property value in the name of J. A. Lewis. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$125.45, Value \$3,330, Year 1997, Account #03-13188.

Release the property value in the name of Ervin Long. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$90.52, Value \$3,270, Year 1996, Account #12-16511.

Release the property value in the name of Ervin Long. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$123.01, Value \$3,010, Year 1997, Account #12-16511.

Release the property value in the name of Shawn Mullins. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$214.44, Value \$16,500, Year 1996, Account #14-11461.

Release the property value in the name of Shawn Mullins. Cannot be located.

in the county. Amount \$224.23, Value \$16,250, Year 1997, Account #14-11461.

Release the property value in the name of Michael & Stacie Nealy. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$132.10, Value \$3,670, Year 1997, Account #16-11867.

Release the property value in the name of Lori Lee Parks. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$168.32, Value \$11,570, Year 1996, Account #14-11749.

Release the property value in the name of Lori Lee Parks. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$186.54, Value \$11,320, Year 1997, Account #14-11749.

Release the property value in the name of James Powell. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$129.54, Value \$7,430, Year 1996, Account #01-71586.

Release the property value in the name of James Powell. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$154.89, Value \$7,180, Year 1997, Account #01-71586.

Release the property value in the name of Roger Odell Richardson. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$146.58, Value \$9,570, Year 1996, Account #13-34466.

Release the property value in the name of Roger Odell Richardson. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$171.25, Value \$9,320, Year 1997, Account #13-34466.

Release the property value in the name of Ernie Felker Sease. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$124.21, Value \$6,860, Year 1996, Account #01-79977.

Release the property value in the name of Ernie Felker Sease. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$150.53, Value \$6,610, Year 1997, Account #01-79977.

Release the property value in the name of James Thomas Simmons. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #03-21466.

Release the property value in the name of James Thomas Simmons. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #03-21466.

Release the property value in the name of Willie Snead. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$170.43, Value \$8,480, Year 1997, Account #04-34121.

Release the property value in the name of Geneva Hinson Spraque. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #02-50354.

Release the property value in the name of Geneva Hinson Spraque. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #02-50354.

Release the property value in the name of Kimberly Stevens. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$181.87, Value \$13,020, Year 1996, Account #09-29501.

Release the property value in the name of Kimberly Stevens. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$197.63, Value \$12,780, Year 1997, Account #09-29501.

Release the property value in the name of Raymond Curtis Ward. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$86.48, Value \$2,830, Year 1996, Account #11-29276.

Release the property value in the name of Raymond Curtis Ward. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$119.72, Value \$2,580, Year 1997, Account #11-29276.

Release the property value in the name of Elouise Watts. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$222.02, Value \$13,710, Year 1996, Account #09-32966.

Release the property value in the name of Elouise Watts. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$230.43, Value \$17,060, Year 1997, Account #09-32966.

Release the property value in the name of Peggy Willetts. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #03-29351.

Release the property value in the name of Lanelta Smith Williams. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$135.35, Value \$8,050, Year 1996, Account #03-29522.

Release the property value in the name of Lanelta Smith Williams. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$159.63, Value \$7,800, Year 1997, Account #03-29522.

Release the property value in the name of Douglas Wayne Williams. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$110.27, Value \$5,370, Year 1996, Account #14-17744.

Release the property value in the name of Douglas Wayne Williams. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$139.14, Value \$5,120, Year 1997, Account #14-17744.

Release the property value in the name of Wholesale Homes. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$114.38, Value \$5,810, Year 1996, Account #01-59989.

Release the property value in the name of Wholesale Homes. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$142.50, Value \$5,560, Year 1997, Account #01-59989.

Release the property value in the name of Bobby Wright. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #06-44522.

Release the property value in the name of Bobby Wright. Cannot be located

in the county. Amount \$107.56, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #06-44522.

Release the property value in the name of Jeffrey D. Blake. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #01-06485.

Release the property value in the name of Jeffrey D. Blake. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #01-06485.

Release the property value in the name of Iva Ward Boswell. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$18.72, Value \$2,000, Year 1996, Account #01-07081.

Release the property value in the name of Iva Ward Boswell. Amount \$215.29, Value \$2,000, Year 1997, Account #01-07081.

Release the property value in the name of Charles C. Butler. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #13-06018.

Release the property value in the name of Charles C. Butler. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #13-06018.

Release the property value in the name of Jerry Glenn Cain. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #12-04933.

Release the property value in the name of Jerry Glenn Cain Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #12-04933.

Release the property value in the name of Len Eddie Carmichael. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #12-05145.

Release the property value in the name of Len Eddie Carmichael. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #12-05145.

Release the property value in the name of Michael Davis. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$116.72, Value \$5,419, Year 1996, Account #05-20553.

Release the property value in the name of Michael Davis. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$144.42, Value \$5,810, Year 1997, Account #05-20553.

Release the property value in the name of Tareld Enzor. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$155.18, Value \$6,310, Year 1997, Account #10-04876.

Release the property value in the name of Ricky Wayne Fowler. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #06-10233.

Release the property value in the name of William R. Fowler. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$232.22, Value \$18,400, Year 1996, Account #03-08192.

Release the property value in the name of William R. Fowler. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$238.75, Value \$18,150, Year 1997, Account #03-08192.

Release the property value in the name of Caldwell Faulk. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$239.71, Value \$19,200, Year 1996, Account #03-07011.

Release the property value in the name of Caldwell Faulk. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$244.87, Value \$18,950, Year 1997, Account #03-07011.

Release the property value in the name of Sue West Albertson. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$10.80, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #15-00143.

Release the property value in the name of Sue West Albertson. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$108.97, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #15-00143.

Release the property value in the name of Brenda Kay Baines. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #01-01832.

Release the property value in the name of Brenda Kay Baines. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #01-01832.

Release the property value in the name of James Arthur Battle. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$9.36, Value \$,1000, Year 1996, Account #13-01591.

Release the property value in the name of James Arthur Battle. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #13-01591.

Release the property value in the name of Gwendolyn Marie Best. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$93.50, Value \$3,538, Year 1996, Account #01-05381.

Release the property value in the name of Gwendolyn Maire Best. Cannot be located in the county. Amount \$125.45, Value \$3,330, Year 1997, Account #01-05381.

**Budget Amendments:**

Appropriate	10-399-0000 Fund Balance	\$48,318
Decrease	10-690-9200 Reserve - Capital Projects	( 25,000)
Increase	10-507-7400 Capital Outlay	73,318
Accept	10-354-0100 Smart Start Funds for Car Safety Seats	\$ 3,500



Expend	10-590-6000 Child Safety Seats	3,500
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Accept	10-354-0800 Health Check Coordination/Smart Start	14,800
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Expend as follows:

10-577-0200	Salaries	\$ 9,000
10-577-0500	FICA	630
10-577-1101	Postage	400
10-577-1400	Travel & Training	1,500
10-577-2600	Advertising	200
10-577-3200	Office Supplies	1,820
10-577-3300	Departmental Supplies	1,250

Accept	10-354-0700 Health Assessments/Smart Start	\$15,000
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Expend as follows:

10-585-0200	Salaries	\$13,000
10-585-0500	FICA	994
10-585-0600	Insurance	358
10-585-0700	Retirement	648

Increase	10-348-1204 Adult Health Medicaid	\$ 581
Increase	10-348-1302 Maternal Health Medicaid	76,799
Increase	10-348-1404 STD Medicaid	318
Increase	10-348-1409 Tuberculosis Medicaid	112

Expend as follows:

10-595-0200	Salaries	\$ 581
10-592-4600	Drugs and Supplies	76,799
10-581-0200	Salaries	430

Accept	10-348-3400 Historical Preservation Grant	\$ 15,000
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Expend as follows:

10-631-0200	Salaries	\$ 14,006
10-631-0500	FICA	994

Accept	10-348-1600 State Aid to Social Services Administration	\$ 13,077
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Expend	10-610-4500 Contracted Services	\$ 13,077
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#### **APPOINTMENT - BOARD OF EQUALIZATION & REVIEW**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to appoint Clyde Gore to serve on the Board of Equalization and Review for an indefinite term, to replace Robert Dale Inman.

#### **APPOINTMENT - SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE TABLED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Norris

and passed unanimously to table the appointment to the Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees until the April 20, 1998 Board Meeting.

**AGING - HOME CARE COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPROVED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to approve the following items regarding the Home Care Community Block Grant for Columbus County.

1. Appoint the Columbus County Department of Aging as the continued Receiver-Service Provider;
2. Allow all programs to remain as presently provided; and
3. Accept proposed allocations in the amount of \$441,863.00 and contribute the local match of 10% which equates to \$49,096.00 for a grand total of \$490,959.00.

**RESOLUTION - REQUESTING AN INCREASE IN FACILITIES AND OFFICER FEES**

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

**"INCREASE IN FACILITIES and OFFICER FEES**

**under G.S. 7A-305 and G.S. 15-209"**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** Boards of County Commissioners are required under North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 7A-305 to provide adequate courtrooms and judicial facilities within their boundaries; and

**WHEREAS,** Boards of County Commissioners are required under North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 15-209 to provide suitable accommodations for probation officers in or near the courthouse; and

**WHEREAS,** the North Carolina Legislature, since 1965, has recognized the financial burden upon counties, and as a result enacted N.C.G.S. 7A-304-305 which establishes fees which in 1994 were set at \$6.00 per case for facilities and \$5.00 per case for officers; and

**WHEREAS,** the costs incurred by counties have risen dramatically through

the construction and renovation of courtrooms, judicial offices, Clerk-of-Superior Court Offices, through the employment of additional bailiffs for court proceedings and safety, and for the installation of security systems to reduce the occurrence of courthouse violence; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of these additional requirements, the County now incurs direct expenses that are completely out of proportion in comparison to fees received from the Court for judicial operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the recent addition of new probation officers, judges and development and construction of new court spaces has impacted the County's Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the "costs of court" represent those costs associated with providing a judicial system whereby only those charged and convicted under the laws of the State of North Carolina bear the primary financial burden.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Columbus County Board of Commissioners requests that its legislative delegation, in the North Carolina General Assembly, introduces and supports statewide legislation to increase the facilities' fee from its present \$6.00 per case to \$12.00 per case and the officers' fee from its present \$5.00 per case to \$10.00 per case which will partially defray the costs of maintaining judicial facilities; and
2. This Resolution be forwarded to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and all counties to request their assistance in the 1998 Short Session. This Resolution was introduced and passed unanimously this the 6th day of April, 1998.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **DAVID L. DUTTON, JR., Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

**RESOLUTION - REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM NCDOT/PTD  
FOR WORK FIRST EMPLOYMENT TRANSPORTATION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner

Britt and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution.

**WORK FIRST TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION**

by the COUNTY of COLUMBUS

**WHEREAS**, the success of the Work First Program is dependent on adequate transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Columbus does not have a public transportation system; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds are not available through the TANF Block Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has funds available to assist with the transportation needs of Work First participants.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners requests financial assistance from the NCDOT/PTD to Columbus County for Work First and employment transportation services.

**ADOPTED** this the 6th day of April, 1998.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **DAVID L. DUTTON, JR., Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

**PROCLAMATION - PROCLAIMING APRIL 17-30, 1998 AS "LITTER SWEEP" IN COLUMBUS COUNTY**

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

**LITTER SWEEP**

**1998**

**BY THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's beautiful scenery and clean environment are

a source of great pride, attracting tourists and aiding in recruiting new industries; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Office of Beautification Programs organizes a statewide cleanup campaign each spring and fall to ensure clean roadsides throughout our state; and

**WHEREAS**, a spring cleanup campaign has been planned for April 17-30, 1998, to help educate the public about the harmful effects of litter on the environment and give every citizen the opportunity to take responsibility for clean roads in Columbus County; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's spring and fall cleanups will be especially meaningful as 1998 marks the 10th anniversary of the Adopt-A-Highway program in North Carolina. The program began with a few hundred groups and has grown to approximately 6,000 groups. More than 200 Adopt-A-Highway groups have been cleaning their adopted highways since the program began in 1988.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 17-30, 1998, as "LITTER SWEEP" in Columbus County, and urge all citizens to participate in keeping our roadsides clean and to reduce and recycle solid wastes.

**ADOPTED** this the 6th day of April, 1998.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**/s/ DAVID L. DUTTON, JR. Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

**SOLID WASTE - LETTER REQUESTING ENDORSEMENT OF LITTER LAWS**

The Board discussed the litter situation in Columbus County and concurred to direct Administration to write a letter to all Columbus County Law Enforcement Officials regarding the enforcement of litter laws as requested by Resolution adopted May 15, 1995.

**CAPE FEAR COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS - AGREEMENT FOR 1996 CDBG  
TECHNICAL HOUSING SERVICES WITH ADEPT CONSTRUCTION &  
DEVELOPMENT, INC.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously for Columbus County to enter into an Agreement with AdePt Construction & Development, Incorporated to provide technical housing services for the 1996 Community Development Block Grant Scattered Housing Restoration in Columbus County.

**AGREEMENT  
FOR  
1996 CDBG TECHNICAL HOUSING SERVICES  
BETWEEN  
COLUMBUS COUNTY  
AND  
ADEPT CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT, INC.**

**THIS AGREEMENT**, made this 6th day of April, 1998 by and between the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County for itself and its successors and assigns, hereinafter referred to as the **OWNER**, and ADePt Construction & Development, Inc., North Carolina for itself and its successors and assigns, hereinafter referred to as the **CONSULTANT**:

**WHEREAS**, the **OWNER** has been funded under the North Carolina 1996 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the **OWNER** desires services of the **CONSULTANT** to provide technical housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the **OWNER** selected and negotiated this contract with ADePt Construction & Development, Inc. in response to the **OWNER'S** "Request for Proposals" dated February 18, 1998;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the **OWNER** and the **CONSULTANT** in consideration of mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, agree as follows:

**SECTION A - PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The proposed activities of the 1996 CDBG Program which are included in this Agreement are as follows:

- a. Residential rehabilitation - 13 units

#### **SECTION B - ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL HOUSING SERVICES**

The **CONSULTANT** agrees to work with the Cape Fear Council of Governments hereinafter referred to as the Program Administrator, and assist the Program Administrator with general administrative activities. In addition, the **CONSULTANT** agrees to furnish personnel and facilities necessary to complete technical housing activities for the above named work. Services may include, but are not necessarily limited to the following:

1. Attendance at conferences and meetings with **OWNER**, State and/or Federal agency representatives or other interested parties shall be handled by the Program Administrator. The **CONSULTANT** agrees to be available to attend such meetings on an as needed basis for a fee of \$200.00 per meeting.
2. Prepare plans, specifications, and contract documents for all housing rehabilitation contracts.
3. Provide general housing inspection of the contractor's work as construction progresses to determine general conformance with the contract documents and applicable Local, State and Federal regulations. The **CONSULTANT** shall not be held responsible for the Contractor's workmanship, conformance with Local, State and Federal regulations.
4. Review necessary change orders as the **OWNER'S** Representative and, after approval by the **OWNER'S** Authorized Representative, forward to necessary agencies for approval.
5. Maintain project records in an orderly manner.
6. Serve as the Program Administrator's Representative in coordinating communications between the Program Administrator and DOC.
7. Additional services shall be negotiated prior to providing the requested service and may be authorized by the Program Administrator. Additional services

may include, but shall not be limited to the following:

- a) Redesigns requested by the **OWNER** or Program Administrator after final write-ups have been accepted by the **OWNER** or Program Administrator, except redesigns to reduce the project cost to within the funds available.
  - b) Preparation for or appearances before courts or boards on matters of litigation or hearings related to the project.
  - c) Any special investigations, testing and reporting which are of an unusual circumstance and beyond the general accepted scope of services for general administrative services.
  - d) Special permits to include but not limited to:
    - 1) CAMA
    - 2) Wet lands
    - 3) Corps of Engineers
    - 4) NPDES
8. This contract may be amended at any time to include any additional consulting services requested under this CDBG program.

#### **SECTION C - OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. The **OWNER** shall furnish the **CONSULTANT** in a timely manner with copies of pertinent correspondence relating to the project.
2. The **OWNER** shall provide full information as to requirements for work performed by the **CONSULTANT**.
3. The **OWNER** shall give prompt consideration to recommendations and work submitted by the **CONSULTANT**.
4. The **OWNER** shall be responsible for all legal fees, real estate appraisal fees, newspaper advertisement fees, audit fees, permit fees, encroachment fees, register of deed fees, and other similar fees not directly associated with performance of the **CONSULTANT** responsibilities defined by this



Agreement.

5. The **OWNER** will bear all costs incident to compliance with the requirements of this section.
6. The **OWNER** will give prompt notice to the **CONSULTANT** whenever **OWNER** observes or otherwise becomes aware of any defect in the project or changed circumstances.
7. The **OWNER** will guarantee access to and make provisions for the **CONSULTANT** to enter upon private property as required for the **CONSULTANT** to perform his services.

#### **SECTION D - COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES**

1. The **OWNER** shall compensate the **CONSULTANT** for technical housing services the lump sum of thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$32,500.00) dollars. A sum equal to 100% of the compensation for each unit shall be paid upon award of each unit. Amounts shall be invoiced monthly.
2. All payments due the **CONSULTANT** shall be paid in full on or before the tenth day of the month following the date of the bill.
3. The **CONSULTANT** shall complete the proposed activities within 12 months provided sufficient rehabilitation contractors are available.
4. In the event that additional construction beyond the scope of the proposed work is necessary or possible, an addendum to be agreed upon by the **OWNER** and **CONSULTANT** shall be executed establishing the amount of additional compensation.
5. Payment for any additional technical services shall be based on the existing corporate fee schedule at the time of service.

#### **SECTION E - GENERAL CONDITIONS**

1. Executive Order 11246 - Equal Employment Opportunity. The **CONSULTANT** shall comply with all applicable provisions of Executive Order 11246, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity" as amended by

Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor Regulations (41 CFR, Part 60). During the performance of this contract, the **CONSULTANT** agrees as follows:

- a) The **CONSULTANT** will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The **CONSULTANT** will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The **CONSULTANT** agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- b) The **CONSULTANT** will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the **CONSULTANT**, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- c) The **CONSULTANT** will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the **CONSULTANT** commitments under Section 202 of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

- d) The **CONSULTANT** will comply with all provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- e) The **CONSULTANT** will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- f) In the event of the **CONSULTANT** noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this Agreement or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this Agreement may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- g) The **CONSULTANT** will include the provisions of Paragraphs (a) through (g) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The **CONSULTANT** will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the contracting agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for

noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event the **CONSULTANT** becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the contracting agency, the **CONSULTANT** may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

2. Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as Amended

No qualified handicapped person shall, on the basis of handicap be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity which receives or benefits from Federal financial assistance.

3. Access to Records & Record Retainage

The North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance, the North Carolina Department of the Treasurer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, shall have access to any books, documents, papers and records of the Administering Agency which are pertinent to the execution of this Agreement, for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions for a period of three years following project close out in compliance with 15 NCAC 13L Rule .0911, Record Keeping.

4. "Section 3" Compliance in the Provision of Training, Employment, and Business Opportunities

**CONSULTANT** agrees as follows:

- a) The work to be performed under the contract is on a project assisted under a program providing direct Federal financial assistance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act

of 1268, as amended, 12 U.S.G. 1701u. Section 3 requires that to the greatest extent feasible opportunities for training and employment be given lower income residents of the project area and contracts for work in connection with the project be awarded to business concerns which are located in, or owned in substantial part by persons residing in the area of the project.

- b) The parties to this contract will comply with the provisions of said Section 3 and the regulations issued pursuant thereto by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and all applicable rules and orders of the Department issued thereunder prior to the execution of this contract. The parties to this Agreement certify and agree that they are under no contractual or other disability which would prevent them from complying with these requirements.
- c) The **CONSULTANT** will send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, if any, a notice advising the said labor organization or workers' representative of his commitments under this Section 3 clause and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment or training.
- d) The **CONSULTANT** will include this Section 3 clause in every subcontract for work in connection with the project and will, at the direction of the applicant for or recipient of Federal financial assistance, take appropriate action pursuant to the subcontract upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of regulations issued by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 24 CFR Part 135. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where it has notice or knowledge that the latter has been found in violation of regulations under 24 CFR Part 135 and will not let any subcontract

unless the subcontractor has first provided it with a preliminary statement of ability to comply with the requirements of these regulations.

- e) Compliance with the provisions of Section 3, the regulations set forth in 24 CFR Part 135 and all applicable rules and orders of the Department issued hereunder prior to the execution of the contract, shall be a condition of the Federal financial assistance provided to the project, binding upon the applicant or recipient, for such assistance, its successors and assigns. Failure to fulfill these requirements shall subject the applicant or recipient, its engineers and subcontractors, its successors, and assigns to those sanctions specified by the grant or loan agreement or contract through which Federal assistance is provided, and to sanctions as are specified by CFR Part 135.

5. Termination Provision - Legal Remedies Provision

The **CONSULTANT** and **OWNER** mutually agree as follows:

- a) This Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part in writing by either party in the event of substantial failure by the other party to fulfill its obligations under this agreement through no fault of the terminating party: Provided, that no such termination may be effected unless the other party is given (1) not less than ten (10) calendar days written notice (delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested) of intent to terminate and (2) an opportunity for consultation with the terminating party prior to termination.
- b) This Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part in writing by the **OWNER** for its convenience, provided, that such termination is for good cause (such as for legal or financial reasons, major changes in the work of program requirements, initiation of a new Step) and that the **CONSULTANT** is given (1) not less than ten (10) calendar days

written notice (delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested) of intent to terminate and (2) an opportunity for consultation with the terminating party prior to termination.

- c) If termination for default is effected by the **OWNER**, an equitable adjustment in the price provided for in this Agreement shall be made, but (1) no amount shall be allowed for anticipated profit on unperformed services or other work, and (2) any payment to the **CONSULTANT** at the time of termination may be adjusted to the extent of any additional costs occasioned to the **OWNER** by reason of the **CONSULTANT** default. If termination for default is effected by the **CONSULTANT** or if termination for convenience is effected by the **OWNER**, the equitable adjustment shall include a reasonable profit for services or other work performed. The equitable adjustment for any termination shall provide for payment to the **CONSULTANT** for services rendered and expense incurred, prior to the termination, in addition to termination settlement cost reasonably incurred by the **CONSULTANT**, relating to commitments which had become firm prior to the termination.
- d) Upon receipt of a termination action pursuant to Paragraphs (a) or (b) above, the **CONSULTANT** shall (1) promptly discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise), and (2) deliver or otherwise make available to the **OWNER** all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries and such other information and materials as may have been accumulated by the **CONSULTANT** in performing this Agreement, whether completed or in process.

6. Nondiscrimination Clause - Section 109, Housing & Community Development of 1974.

No person in the United States shall on the ground of race, color, national origin or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds available under this title.

7. Nondiscrimination Clause - Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VI

No person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subject to discrimination under any program or activity which receives federal funds.

8. Age Discrimination Act of 1975, As Amended Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age

No qualified person shall on the basis of age be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity which receives or benefits from Federal financial assistance.

9. Conflict of Interest - Interest of Members, Officers, or, Employees of the Recipient, Members of Local Governing Body, or Other Public Officials.

No member, officer, or employee of the recipient, or its agents, no member of the governing body of the locality in which the program is situated, and no other public official of such locality or localities who exercises any functions or responsibilities with respect to the program during the tenure or for one year thereafter, shall have any financial interest, either direct or indirect, in any contract or subcontract, or the proceeds thereof, for work to be performed in connection with the program assisted under this Agreement. Immediate family members, officers, employees, and officials are similarly barred from having any financial interest in the program. The recipient shall incorporate, or cause to be incorporated, in all such contracts or subcontracts, a provision prohibiting such interest pursuant to the purpose of this section.

10. Lobbying, As Required by Section 1352, U. S. Code



- a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.

This is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U. S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

11. The **OWNER** and the **CONSULTANT** each binds themselves, their successors, legal representatives and assigns to the other party to the Agreement and to the successors, legal representatives and assigns of such other party in respect to all covenants of this Agreement. Except as above, neither the **OWNER** or the **CONSULTANT** shall assign or transfer his interest in this Agreement without written consent of the other.

The **OWNER** and the **CONSULTANT** hereby agree to the full performance of the covenants contained herein.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** they have executed this Agreement on the date and year first above written.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY**

ATTEST:

/s/ Ida L. Smith

(SEAL)

OWNER:

/s/ Dempsey B. Herring

**ADEPT CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT, INC.**

ATTEST:

/s/ Tammy H. Jones

(SEAL)

CONSULTANT:

/s/ M. Floyd Adams

**DRUG SERVICES MANAGEMENT - PRESENTATION**

Marie Wheatley and Cynthia Ripple, representing Drug Services Management, advised the Board that Drug Services Management, Incorporated is a full service substance abuse control provider and a full blood services laboratory, both with mobile facility capabilities. Additional services include paramedical examinations and occupational health screening for employee wellness programs. The representatives requested the Board to consider selecting their firm toward eradicating the use of illegal substance abuse in Columbus County.

Chairman Dutton advised Ms. Wheatley and Ms. Ripple the Board will take their request under advisement.

**FIRE AND RESCUE - SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR NAKINA RESCUE SQUAD FOR ESTABLISHING A TAX SERVICE DISTRICT**

Priscilla Long, Nakina Fire and Rescue Chief, requested the Board to schedule a public hearing for the purpose of establishing a Rescue Tax Service District.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to schedule a public hearing for the proposed Rescue Tax

Service District, May 19, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. at the Nakina Rescue Squad Building.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - REQUEST APPROVED TO OFFER INDUSTRIAL PROSPECT THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

Steve Yost, Economic Development Director, requested the Board to offer the Industrial Development Grant Incentive to a company strongly considering Columbus County as the location of a manufacturing facility. The Industrial Project will consist of the following components:

- Investment in Columbus County - \$7.5 - \$10 million dollars.
- Employment - 40 - 50 persons.
- Building size: - 30,000 square feet.
- Time Table - Decision will be made by May 31, 1998 on site location.
- Location in Columbus County - Looking at two (2) sites.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed to provide the Industrial Development Incentive Program to the prospective industry as adopted by the Board of Commissioners, October 6, 1997.

AYES: Commissioners Britt, Dutton, Jacobs, Norris, Williams and Wilson

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Gray due to possible conflict of interest.

**PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION POLICY - ADOPTION AS PRESENTED WITH THREE (3) AMENDMENTS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to adopt the updated Columbus County Personnel Administration Policy to become effective July 1, 1998, as presented with the following three (3) amendments. A copy of the master Columbus County Personnel Administration Policy is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

**Page 30, Section 5, Retirement Age - Paragraph 2**

Employees retiring with thirty (30) years of service, regardless of age, may continue their coverage in the County's group health insurance program. The County shall pay 100% of the

retiree's individual group premium up to age 65 or Medicare age. If the retiring employee accepts employment with another agency and insurance coverage is provided to the employee, the County will discontinue their insurance coverage for the period of employment.

**Page 31, 32, Section 9. Failure in Personal Conduct - Change b. to read:**

Termination of employment if you are convicted of a felony or a conviction of a misdemeanor of moral turpitude.

**Page 40, Section 1. Insurance Benefits - Change Paragraph 2 to read the same as Page 30,**

**Section 5. Retirement Age - Paragraph 2.**

Add Paragraph 4 to read:

Officials who are elected to County offices, and if deceased, their spouse, may continue their group health insurance program whether it is by retirement or election defeat until age 65 or retirement age. The entire premium for health coverage must be paid by the individual and premiums must be paid in advance on a basis consistent with the County and the insurance carrier.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY DISTRICTED WATER - PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT TABLED**

Wade Lewis and Michael Koonce, representing Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates, presented Preliminary Engineering Report for Water System Improvements at North Whiteville, Hallsboro, and Mollie-Pireway Communities and requested authorization for Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates to submit an application to USDA Rural Development.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to table the authorization to Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates until revisions and modifications are made to the proposed water system study and presented to the Board for consideration at the April 20, 1998 Board Meeting.

**RESOLUTION - OPPOSITION TO CLOSING BRIDGE ON N.C. 904**

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

**OPPOSITION TO CLOSING/DETOURING of  
NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 904 RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina Highway 904, Swamp Fox Highway, is a main arterial thoroughfare in Columbus County; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina Highway 904 serves the farming and agrarian population, particularly in the Southern region of Columbus County; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina Highway 904 also serves as a major route for tourists who travel to the North and South Carolina Beaches; and

**WHEREAS**, as the removal of and bridge work on North Carolina Highway 904, causing an approximately twenty (20) mile detour and also one hundred (100) days of closing, would, and is causing tremendous hardships on the citizens of the community, tourists and emergency and law enforcement operations; and

**WHEREAS**, it is totally unfeasible to close North Carolina Highway 904 and detour traffic at this time of the year; and

**WHEREAS**, if North Carolina Highway 904 is closed, a temporary bridge should be built to accommodate the traffic, especially during this time of the year.

**NOW THEREFORE**, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, request that the work be stopped until a temporary bridge can be put into place.

**ADOPTED** this the 6th day of April, 1998.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **DAVID L. DUTTON, JR. Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

**ADMINISTRATION - ADMINISTRATOR'S EVALUATION**

Commissioner Dutton, Chairman, presented the Board with the Annual Evaluation of the County Administrator, Dempsey B. Herring, stating the score was 56 out of a possible 60 points. The score average was 3.7 on a zero-to-four scale which only lacks 4 points of being clearing outstanding on the evaluation report.

The Board reached a general consensus to extend the Contract of Employment for Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, with Columbus County for an additional

period of one (1) year which will be through April 6, 2000.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:00 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to enter into closed session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 318.11(a)(5).

**RESUME REGULAR SESSION**

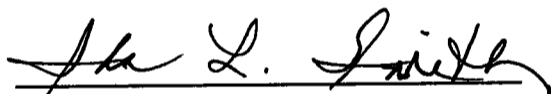
At 9:15 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to adjourn closed session and resume regular session.

No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Immediately, thereafter, a motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to adjourn the Board Meeting.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

  
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David L. Dutton, Jr., Chairman