

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 7:00 P.M., June 21, 1999, for a scheduled Public Hearing regarding the 1999-2000 Proposed Operating Budget for Columbus County and at 7:30 P.M. for the regularly scheduled Board Meeting, it being the third Monday.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

C.E. Wilson, Chairman

Spruell R. Britt (Arrived at 7:10 P.M.)

David L. Dutton, Jr.

Amon E. McKenzie

Lynwood Norris

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sammie Jacobs, Vice Chairman

A. Dial Gray, III

PUBLIC HEARING - 1999-2000 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

Chairman C.E. Wilson called the Public Hearing to order for comments on the 1999-2000 Proposed Operating Budget for Columbus County.

The Chairman requested anyone wishing to speak concerning the 1999-2000 Proposed Operating Budget to be recognized by stating their name and the agency or department they are representing.

Jackie McPherson, representing the Whiteville School Board, complimented the Board and the Administrator on the County's accomplishments since Dempsey B. Herring became Administrator. Ms. McPherson reported that Whiteville City Schools needs additional funding for the following programs:

1. Technology network;
2. Alternative school for problem children;
3. Exceptional children program; and
4. Teacher recruitment - need supplements for teachers of more than 1%.

There were no other comments.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

At 7:15 P.M., Chairman Wilson declared the Public Hearing closed.

BOARD MEETING COMMENCED AT 7:30 P.M.

Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order and Ed Worley, Aging Director, 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 June 7, 1999, Board Meeting as recorded.

TAX REFUND & RELEASES

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to approve the following tax refund and releases:

Tax Refund:

Request a refund in the name of Eddie Bellamy, % Edgar Bellamy, 1021 Blanks Dairy Rd., Clarkton, N.C. 28433. Home moved off of property. Amount \$65.33, Value \$9400, Year 1998, Account #07-02237.

Tax Releases:

Release the property value, for the town of Bolton, in the name of Christopher & Sandra Daniels. Home double listed in the name of NC Indian Housing Authority. Amount \$183.15, Value \$26,353, Year 1998, Account #04-02973.

Release the user fee in the name of Glen Best. Fee double listed in the name of Glen & Rose Best. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-04206.

Release the user fee in the name of Amelia Campbell. Fee will be rebilled in August. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-01851.

Release two user fees in the name of William E. Collum. The two mobile

homes are used for storage. Amount \$200.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #15-09754.

Release the user fee in the name of Bill Edmund. Fee double listed in the name of Weldon Edmund. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-05943.

Release the user fee in the name of Harold Ford. Fee was double listed in the same name with a different account number. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-04030.

Release the user fee in the name of Ben David & Robin D. Greene. Building vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #11-11609.

Release the user fee in the name of Michael A. & Darlene Graham. Billed with two (2) user fees, only one (1) trash cart there. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #04-08090.

Release the user fee in the name of Jerry T. & Rachel J. High. Building vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #14-06717.

Release the user fee in the name of International Paper. Fee double listed in the name of IP Timberlands. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-00833.

Release the user fee in the name of J. K. Lane. Fee double listed in the name of Hazel M. Williamson. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-04154.

Release the user fee in the name of Odis Lowery. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #07-11380.

Release the user fee in the name of Franklin C. Moore. Home never passed inspection. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #01-63194.

Release the user fee in the name of Danny & Dana Nobles. Fee double listed in the name of Heath Callihan. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #13-29601.

Release the user fee in the name of Teresa Owens. Double listed same name, different account number. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-00025.

Release the user fee in the name of Peggy Scott. Does not have a trash cart. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #03-20744.

Release the user fee in the name of Gloria Ann Singleton. Double listed in the name of E.J. Sellers. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-01257.

Release the user fee in the name of Roger D. & Wanda G. Singletary. User fee billed on private garage. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #07-14800.

Release the user fee in the name of Tommy & Edna J. Small. No buildings on this property. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #07-14903.

Release the user fee in the name of Charlotte Spivey. There is no trash cart on this property. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #13-37637.

Release the user fee in the name of Charlotte Spivey. There is no trash cart on this property. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #13-37637.

Release the user fee in the name of Clayton Webb. Can has been removed. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-01212.

Release the user fee in the name of Darlene Williams. Fee double listed in the name of Mack Green. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #19-01308.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendments.

Solid Waste Expenditures:

Decrease	35-580-0200 Salaries	(\$ 7,673
Decrease	35-580-0500 FICA	(827)
Decrease	35-580-0600 Insurance	(77)
Increase	35-580-0700 Retirement	80
Increase	35-580-1100 Telephone	550
Decrease	35-580-1101 Postage	(100)
Increase	35-580-1300 Utilities	400
Decrease	35-580-1500 M/R Buildings & Grounds	(9,000)
Decrease	35-580-1700 M/R Vehicles	(700)
Decrease	35-580-1800 M/R Radios	(250)
Increase	35-580-2100 Rent	2,500
Decrease	35-580-2600 Advertising	(300)
Decrease	35-580-3100 Automotive Supplies	(3,900)
Decrease	35-580-3600 Uniforms	(184)
Increase	35-580-4500 Contracts	414,000
Decrease	35-580-5400 Insurance	(1,723)
Increase	35-580-5700 Miscellaneous Expense	1,000
Increase	35-580-5701 White Goods Disposal Costs	4,800
Increase	35-580-7400 Capital Outlay	8,385
Increase	35-580-8100 Principal-Leased Vehicle	5,117
Increase	35-580-8200 Interest-Leased Vehicle	<u>333</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES **\$ 412,431**

Solid Waste Revenue:

Decrease	35-312-0000 Refunds	(\$ 6,200)
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Decrease	35-313-0000 Releases	(97,000)
Increase	35-312-0000 Miscellaneous Revenue	37,800
Increase	35-335-0100 Miscellaneous Recyclables	56
Increase	35-348-0000 State Aid-Tire Disposal Fees	6,000
Increase	35-348-0100 State Aid-White Goods Disposal	13,476
Decrease	35-359-0000 Landfill User Fees	(145,257)
Increase	35-359-0300 Tipping Fees	340,000
Increase	35-397-0000 Transfer from General Fund	<u>263,556</u>

TOTAL REVENUE**\$ 412,431****FIRE DISTRICTS****(Collections over projected 1998-99 Budgeted Amounts)**

Account Name	Account Number	Account Title	Revenue	Expense	Total
Evergreen	37-310-0000 37-312-0000 37-700-9200	District Tax Refunds Remit to District	\$2,550.00 (50.00)	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
St. James	38-310-0000 38-312-0000 38-313-0000 38-366-0000 38-700-6800 38-700-9200	District Tax Refunds Releases St. Shared Revenue Remit-St. Shared Rev. Remit to District	\$1,550.00 (25.00) (25.00) 34.00	34.00 1,500.00	\$1,534.00
North Whiteville	39-310-0000 39-700-9200	District Tax Remit to District	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Old Dock	41-310-0000 41-312-0000 41-366-0000 41-700-6800 41-700-9200	District Tax Refunds St. Shared Revenue Remit-St. Shared Rev. Remit to District	\$4,025.00 (25.00) 416.00	416.00 4,000.00	\$4,416.00
Hallsboro	42-310-0000 42-312-0000 42-366-0000 42-700-6800 42-700-9200	District Tax Refunds St. Shared Revenue Remit-St. Shared Rev. Remit to District	\$5,011.00 (11.00) 503.00	503.00 5,000.00	\$5,503.00
Roseland	43-310-0000 43-366-0000 43-700-6800 43-700-9200	District Tax St. Shared Revenue Remit-St. Shared Rev. Remit to District	\$2,300.00 365.00	365.00 2,300.00	\$2,665.00
Yam City	44-310-0000 44-366-0000 44-700-6800 44-700-9200	District Tax St. Shared Revenue Remit-St. Shared Rev. Remit to District	\$9,300.00 563.00	563.00 9,300.00	\$9,863.00
Acme Delco	45-310-0000 45-312-0000 45-313-0000 45-366-0000 45-700-6800 45-700-9200	District Tax Refunds Releases St. Shared Revenue Remit-St. Shared Rev. Remit to District	\$15,000.00 (300.00) (250.00) 623.00	623.00 14,450.00	\$15,073.00
Klondyke	46-310-0000 46-312-0000 46-366-0000 46-700-6800 46-700-9200	District Tax Refunds St. Shared Revenue Remit-St. Shared Rev. Remit to District	\$8,500.00 (25.00) 617.00	617.00 8,475.00	\$9,092.00

Account Name	Account Number	Account Title	Revenue	Expense	Total
Cole	47-310-0000	District Tax	\$5,225.00		
	47-313-0000	Releases	(225.00)		
	47-366-0000	St. Shared Revenue	394.00		
	47-700-6800	Remit-St. Shared Rev.		394.00	
	47-700-9200	Remit to District		5,000.00	\$5,394.00
Cerro Gordo	48-310-0000	District Tax	\$8,080.00		
	48-312-0000	Refunds	(30.00)		
	48-313-0000	Releases	(50.00)		
	48-366-0000	St. Shared Revenue	643.00		
	48-700-6800	Remit-St. Shared Rev.		643.00	
	48-700-9200	Remit to District		8,000.00	\$8,643.00
Williams	49-310-0000	District Tax	\$4,525.00		
	49-312-0000	Refunds	(25.00)		
	49-366-0000	St. Shared Revenue	619.00		
	49-700-6800	Remit-St. Shared Rev.		619.00	
	49-700-9200	Remit to District		4,500.00	\$5,119.00
White Marsh/ Welches Creek	51-310-0000	District Tax	\$3,100.00		
	51-313-0000	Releases	(100.00)		
	51-366-0000	St. Shared Revenue	113.00		
	51-700-6800	Remit-St. Shared Rev.		113.00	
	51-700-9200	Remit to District		3,000.00	\$3,113.00
Whiteville Rescue	52-310-0000	District Tax	\$7,500.00		
	52-366-0000	St. Shared Revenue	589.00		
	52-700-6800	Remit-St. Shared Rev.		589.00	
	52-700-9200	Remit to District		7,500.00	\$8,089.00
Brunswick	56-310-0000	District Tax	\$6,000.00		
	56-366-0000	St. Shared Revenue	738.00		
	56-700-6800	Remit-St. Shared Rev.		738.00	
	56-700-9200	Remit to District		6,000.00	\$6,738.00
Bolton	58-310-0000	District Tax	\$4,000.00		
	58-366-0000	St. Shared Revenue	275.00		
	58-700-6800	Remit-St. Shared Rev.		275.00	
	58-700-9200	Remit to District		4,000.00	\$4,275.00
Buckhead	59-310-0000	District Tax	\$1,810.00		
	59-312-0000	Refunds	(10.00)		
	59-313-0000	Releases	(100.00)		
	59-366-0000	St. Shared Revenue	48.00		
	59-700-6800	Remit-St. Shared Rev.		48.00	
	59-700-9200	Remit to District		1,700.00	\$1,748.00

AGING - CONTRACT FOR NUTRITION PROGRAM APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to accept a bid from Canteen America for the Department of Aging Nutrition Program in the amount of \$2.52 per meal for 70,356 meals annually, for a total cost of one hundred seventy seven thousand, two hundred ninety seven and no/100 dollars (\$177,297.00).

AGING - ACCEPT FUNDS FROM COG

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner

Britt and passed unanimously to accept funds in the amount of two hundred thirty five and no/100 dollars (\$235.00) for the Columbus County Department of Aging from the Cape Fear Council of Governments, Region O, with the County to match 10% for a total of twenty six dollars (\$26.00).

GOVERNING BODY - VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DESIGNATED FOR THE NACo 64TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appoint Commissioner Sammie Jacobs as the voting delegate and Commissioner Amon McKenzie as the alternate for Columbus County to participate in the annual election of officers and policy adoption for the National Association of Counties 64th Annual Conference to be held July 16-20, 1999 in St. Louis, Missouri.

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION POLICY - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to amend the Personnel Administration Policy, ARTICLE VIII. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE as follows:

AMENDMENT II

ARTICLE VIII. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 1. Organization of Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee and Personnel Officer shall:

- (1) Advise the Commissioners and the County Administrator of County personnel problems;
- (2) Conduct ~~public~~ hearings upon the request of the Commissioners or of discharged, suspended, or demoted County employees. The Board Personnel Committee and Personnel Officer shall have all powers necessary to complete investigation of the action taken, including the power to call and examine witnesses and papers. The Board Personnel Committee and Personnel Officer shall inform the employee, the Administrator and the

Commissioners in writing of its findings and recommendations; and

- (3) Keep an accurate record of all its proceedings, findings and recommendations.

Section 2. Grievance and Adverse Action - Definitions

A grievance is a claim or complaint based upon an event or condition which affects the circumstances under which an employee works, allegedly caused by misinterpretation, unfair application, or lack of established policy pertaining to employment conditions.

An adverse action is a demotion, dismissal, reduction in pay, layoff, or an undesirable transfer or suspension.

Section 3. Grievance Procedure Policy

In order to maintain a harmonious cooperative relationship between the County and its employees, it is the policy of the County to provide for the settlement of problems and differences through an orderly grievance procedure. Every permanent employee shall have the right to present the problem, grievance, or adverse action appeal in accordance with the established policy free from interference, coercion, restraint, discrimination, or reprisal.

It is the responsibility of supervisors and Department Heads at all levels, consistent with authority delegated to them, to consider and take appropriate action promptly and fairly on a grievance or adverse action appeal of any employee. All grievances or adverse actions appeal of any employee will be filed in writing with the County's Personnel Officer. This includes the Sheriff, Register of Deeds, Coroner, Health and Social Services Departments.

In adopting this policy, the County sets forth the following objectives to be attained in this program:

- Assure employees of a way in which they can get their problems or complaint considered rapidly, fairly, and without fear of reprisal.
- Encourage the employees to express how the conditions of work affect them as employees.
- Get better employee understanding of policies, practices, and procedures which affect them.

- Provide employees with assurance that actions are taken in accordance with policies.
- Provide a check on how policies are carried out by supervisors.
- Give supervisors a greater sense of responsibility in their dealings with employees.

Section 4. Grievance and Adverse Action Appeal Procedure -- Non-Discrimination

Any permanent County employee having a problem or grievance arising out of or due to the employee's employment and who does not allege discrimination because of his/her age, sex, race, color, national origin, religion, creed, physical disability, or political affiliation shall first discuss the problem or grievance with their supervisor, Department Head, County Personnel Officer in that order. All grievances will be in writing and a copy submitted to the County Personnel Officer and shall follow the grievance and adverse action appeal procedure established by the County.

Step One. The employee with a grievance or adverse action appeal shall present the matter in writing to their immediate supervisor within ten (10) working days of its occurrence or within ten (10) working days of the time the employee learns of its occurrence, with the objective of resolving the matter informally. The supervisor shall give the employee an answer within five (5) working days. A copy of the grievance will be forwarded to the County Personnel Officer. If the grievance is with the supervisor, the grievance will be filed with next level of authority.

Step Two. If the decision is not satisfactory to the employee in Step 1, or if the employee fails to receive an answer within the designated period provided in Step 1, the employee may file the grievance in writing within ten (10) working days with the department head, who shall hear the grievance and render a decision in writing within a maximum of ten (10) working days. A copy of the grievance will be forwarded to the County Personnel Officer.

For employees in the Sheriff's Department, ~~and the Register-of-Deeds' office,~~ and Coroner there shall be no appeal beyond the decision of the respective department

heads.

Step Three. Grievance - General County Employee. If the decision is not satisfactory to a general County employee in Step 2, or if an answer is not provided within the designated period provided in Step 2, an employee may file a written grievance appeal **with the County Personnel Officer** or refer to the ~~Personnel Committee~~ who shall render a decision in writing within ten (10) working days. **This decision may be rendered by the Personnel Officer convening the Personnel Committee to consider the matter.**

Step Four. Adverse Action - General County Employee. In an adverse action case (demotion, dismissal, reduction in pay, layoff or an undesirable transfer or suspension), the general County employee may appeal directly to the County Administrator **with a copy of appeal going to the County Personnel Officer.**

The County Administrator may hear the adverse action appeal and render a decision in writing within ten (10) working days or may refer the matter to the **Personnel Officer and Personnel Committee** or ~~appropriate Board/Commission~~. If the Administrator hears the adverse action appeal, he shall report this decision to the employee, **and County Personnel Officer, Department Head and** to the Commissioners within ten (10) working days.

If a general County employee shall appeal an adverse action to the **Personnel Officer and Personnel Committee**, or if the County Administrator shall refer an adverse action appeal to the Personnel Committee **and Personnel Officer** established in accordance with these rules, the Personnel Committee shall hold a hearing thereon within twenty (20) working days. Within ten (10) days of the hearing, the Personnel Committee shall render a written advisory opinion to the employee and the Administrator. In a hearing before the Personnel Committee, the County must produce evidence to justify the adverse actions taken by the County regarding the employee. The employee must be given the right at the hearing to examine all evidence and to cross-examine witnesses. The employee has the right to be

represented by a person of the employee's choice. The advisory opinion of the Personnel Committee shall be forwarded to the employee, the County Administrator and the County Commissioners.

Step Five. Employees subject to State Personnel - The following successive steps must be followed in all appeal cases, except that an employee alleging discrimination shall file the complaint directly with the State Personnel Commission as provided for in Step Three.

Appeal to the Director - If an employee disagrees with the action taken and wishes to appeal, a notice of appeal must be filed with the agency director and Personnel Officer in writing, citing specific reasons for the appeal, within ten (10) days of receipt of notification of the action. The director shall hear the matter and render a decision within ten (10) days or advise the employee as to the conditions which prevent an answer within the specified time frame and inform as to when an answer may be expected. If the written notice of appeal is not filed within ten (10) days, it will not be considered.

Appeal to the Agency Board - (Hereinafter called the Board) - An employee not having the appeal satisfactorily resolved in Step One and who wishes to appeal further, must make a request in writing, citing specific reasons for the appeal, within (10) days of receipt of the director's decision. This notice must be mailed to the Chairman of the Board (address to be provided) with a copy to the director and County Personnel Officer. Facts surrounding the case will be presented to the Board at its next meeting and the employee may speak to the Board, if so desired. After reviewing the data, the Board may consult with whatever sources it deems appropriate. The Board will render an advisory opinion to the director. The director will issue a decision to the employee within ten (10) days of the receipt of the Board's advisory opinion or advise the employee as to the special conditions which prevent an answer within the specified time frame and inform as to when a decision may be expected. If the appeal is not filed with the Board Chairman and a copy to the

County Personnel Officer within ten (10) days, the appeal will not be considered.

A copy of the written decision given to the employee and the employee's written appeal to the director and the Board of Directors will be filed by the director with the State Personnel Director **and County Personnel Officer** within ten (10) days of the decision in this step.

Appeal to the State Personnel Commission - If the employee is not satisfied with the decision of the director in Step Two and wishes to appeal further, the employee must file notice of appeal with the State Personnel Commission no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of notice. If the employee is unable to obtain a final decision from the director within a reasonable length of time, the employee may appeal to the State Personnel Commission.

An employee alleging discrimination shall file the complaint directly with the State Personnel Commission. The State Personnel Director or his/her designee, or designee of the Commission, shall investigate the disciplinary action or alleged discrimination which is appealed to the commission. The State Personnel Commissioner may hear the case or direct the State Personnel Director or his/her designee to conduct a hearing of the facts and issues. If, following the investigation and hearing, there are issues and facts on which agreement cannot be reached, the State Personnel Director or his/her designee shall report the findings to the commission with his recommendations. The commission at its next meeting, or as soon as possible thereafter, shall consider the report and modify, set aside, or affirm said report and certify its findings to the agency director.

The decision of the State Personnel Commission shall be binding in appeals of the local employees of Columbus County if the commission finds that the employee has been subjected to discrimination or in any case where a binding decision is required by applicable federal standards. However, in all other local employee appeals, the decision of the State Personnel Commission shall be advisory only to the local agency director.

Section 5. ~~Grievance Procedure - Appeals~~

~~All employees subject to a Board or Commission, in addition to the Commissioners, must appeal to that Board prior to an appeal to the Personnel Committee. The employee shall have ten (10) working days to submit a written appeal to the appropriate Board or Commission. The Board or Commission shall hold a hearing thereon within twenty (20) working days. Within ten (10) working days of the hearing, the Board or Commission shall render a written opinion to the employee and the Administrator.~~

Section 65. Grievance and Adverse Action Appeal Procedure - Discrimination

Any applicant for County employment, County employee, or former County employee who has reason to believe that employment promotion, training, or transfer was denied or that demotion, layoff, or termination of employment was forced because of age, sex, race, color, national origin, religion, creed, political affiliation, or physical disability except where specific age, sex or physical requirements constitute a bonafide occupational qualification necessary to proper and efficient administration, shall have the right to appeal directly to the County Administrator (in the case of general County employment) or the State Personnel Commission (in case of competitive service employment). A permanent County employee has the right to appeal using the grievance procedure outlined in Section 4 of this article if so desired. An employee or applicant must appeal an alleged act of discrimination within thirty (30) days of the alleged discriminatory action. **This action must be in writing with copies to the County Personnel Officer.**

Section 76. Back Pay Awards

Back pay and benefits may be awarded to reinstate employees in suspension, demotion, dismissal, and discrimination cases at the discretion of the Commissioners.

Personnel Amendment II effective June 21, 1999.

RESOLUTION - CLEAN NORTH CAROLINA 2000

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

CLEAN NORTH CAROLINA 2000**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, there is a need to improve the appearance of our roadsides by removing litter, collapsing of unsafe structures and other debris that create eyesores and harm the environment; and

WHEREAS, a clean environment impacts economic development, travel and tourism and the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to get North Carolinians to renew their sense of pride and recommit to keeping our State clean, the Governor has announced the **Clean NC 2000** initiative; and

WHEREAS, the **Clean NC 2000** initiative aims to improve the appearance of North Carolina by removing litter and other debris from our roadsides, rivers, lakes and streams; and

WHEREAS, **Clean NC 2000** aims to educate all citizens about the harmful effects of litter; and

WHEREAS, there should be a partnership between the State and counties to clean up the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County that it endorses and supports the **Clean NC 2000** initiative.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that Columbus County will assist in identifying a county-wide organization to identify the needs specific to their County.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County organization will consist of a local coordinator that will work with the statewide coordinator.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of June, 1999.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ C.E. WILSON, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

COURTHOUSE SQUARE PARKING LOT - APPROVE TO CLOSE AFTER 10:00 P.M. NIGHTLY TO PUBLIC PARKING

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, requested the Board to approve the closing of parking lots around the Courthouse after 9:30 P.M. nightly to public parking when no business meetings are in operation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, and seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to close the parking lots around the Courthouse at 9:30 P.M. nightly to public parking.

Commissioner Dutton stated that he is favor of closing the parking lots around the Courthouse, but feels that 10:00 P.M. would be a better time as most parents allow their teens to stay out until 10:00 P.M.

Commissioner Norris withdrew the original motion to close the Courthouse parking lots at 9:30 P.M. and Commissioner McKenzie withdrew the second.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to close the parking lots around the Courthouse at 10:00 P.M. nightly to public parking when no business meetings are in operation. Closing of the parking lots will be effective immediately and will be put into effect as soon as all agencies concerned are contacted and agreements are made and appropriate signs are installed in Courthouse parking lots.

APPOINTMENT - FOUR-COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to reappoint Commissioner C.E. Wilson to serve on the Four-County Community Services Board of Directors for a five (5) year term, with term expiring June 30, 2004

APPOINTMENTS - REGION O AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to reappoint the following persons to serve on the Region O Aging Advisory Council for three (3) year terms, with terms expiring June 30, 2002.

Mr. Lester Drew

Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie

Also, the Board tabled appointing a replacement for Ms. Juanita Corbin, deceased, whose term expires June 30, 2000 until the next Board Meeting.

APPOINTMENTS - HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lynwood Norris reappointed Ralph Jolly to serve on the Housing Advisory Committee for a two (2) year term, with term expiring June 30, 2001, to represent District V.

Commissioner David L. Dutton, Jr. reappointed Janice Eulean Gore to serve on the Housing Advisory Committee for a two (2) year term, with term expiring June 30, 2001, to represent District VII.

In the absence of Commissioner A. Dial Gray, III, a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to reappoint Charles Langston to serve on the Housing Advisory Committee for a two (2) year term, with term expiring June 30, 2001, to represent District IV.

APPOINTMENT - JURY COMMISSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to reappoint J.B. Evans to serve on the Jury Commission for a two (2) year term, with term expiring June 30, 2001.

APPOINTMENT - LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Commissioner C.E. Wilson appointed Linda Williamson to serve on the Library Board of Trustees for a four (4) year term, with term expiring June 30, 2003 to represent District II. Ms. Williamson will replace Mary Miller who is not eligible to be reappointed as she has served the maximum of eight (8) years on the Library Board of Trustees.

1999-2000 OPERATING BUDGET - ADOPTION DELAYED UNTIL ALL BOARD

MEMBERS ARE PRESENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to delay adopting the 1999-2000 Operating Budget until

all County Commissioners are present.

BUDGET AMENDMENT- WATER & SEWER DISTRICT I

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendment for the Columbus County Water & Sewer District I:

Revenues:

Decrease	32-312-0000 Refunds	(\$ 258.00)
Increase	32-329-0000 Interest	310.00
Decrease	32-359-0000 Miscellaneous Revenue	(2,224.00)
Increase	32-359-0100 Water Tap on Fees	13,500.00
Decrease	32-359-0200 Water Deposits	(1,175.00)
Increase	32-359-0300 Penalties	5,200.00
Decrease	32-359-0400 Reconnect Fees	(2,195.00)
Increase	32-397-0000 Transfer to General Fund	<u>35,183.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 43,341.00

Expenditures:

Increase	32-690-0200 Salaries	\$ 1.00
Increase	32-690-0400 Professional Services	600.00
Decrease	32-690-0500 FICA	(18.00)
Decrease	32-690-0600 Insurance	(97.00)
Increase	32-690-0700 Retirement	1.00
Decrease	32-690-1100 Telephone	(550.00)
Increase	32-690-1101 Postage	528.00
Increase	32-690-1300 Utilities	370.00
Increase	32-690-1400 Travel	3,200.00
Increase	32-690-1500 Maintenance/Repairs	12,084.00
Increase	32-690-1600 Service Installations	13,675.00
Decrease	32-690-3200 Office Supplies	(50.00)
Increase	32-690-3300 Departmental Supplies	205.00
Increase	32-690-4500 Contracts	8,144.00
Increase	32-690-5700 Insurance	1,729.00
Decrease	32-690-5700 Miscellaneous Expense	(281.00)
Increase	32-690-6000 Water Purchases	<u>3,800.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 43,341.00

Appropriate	10-399-0000 Fund Balance	\$ 35,183.00
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Transfer to:	10-900-3200 Water District I	\$ 35,183.00
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FINANCE - LEASE PROCEEDS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to recognize Lease Purchase Proceeds in the 1998-99

Budget as follows:

10-340-0000 Lease Purchase Proceeds	\$188,466.00
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Distribute to the following Departments:

10-450-7400 Tax Office - Mailing Machine	\$ 4,028.00
10-510-7400 Sheriff - (5 vehicles)	99,875.00
10-530-7400 Fire Marshal - Vehicle	15,000.00
10-599-7400 Animal Control - Vehicle	15,000.00
10-610-7400 Social Services - (3 vehicles)	54,563.00

GOVERNING BODY - HURRICANE BONNIE REIMBURSEMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to accept the NC-CCPS Disaster Payments related to Hurricane Bonnie as follows:

Accept	10-348-0009 NC-CCPS Disaster Payments	\$ 3,800.00
Expend	10-410-6000 Special Projects	\$ 3,800.00

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND - MEDICAID DRAFTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to amend the Public Assistance Fund to reflect Medicaid Drafts exceeded expenditures in Fiscal Year 1998-99.

Appropriate	10-399-0000 Fund Balance	\$ 20,000.00
Appropriate	40-399-0000 Fund Balance	30,000.00
Transfer	40-397-0000 General Fund	20,000.00
Transfer	10-900-4000 Public Assistance	\$ 20,000.00
Increase	40-612-1300 Medicaid Drafts	50,000.00

GOVERNING BODY - WORKER'S COMPENSATION PAYMENTS NOT EXPENDED TO DEPARTMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to transfer funds from the following departments to expend for Worker's Compensation Insurance:

Decrease	10-660-5400 Insurance	(\$ 45,000.00)
Decrease	10-660-5700 Miscellaneous Expense	(5,000.00)
Decrease	10-660-7400 Computer & Programs	(5,000.00)
Decrease	10-425-0200 Salaries (Planning)	(3,000.00)
Expend	10-410-5400 Insurance (Governing Body)	\$ 58,000.00

BUDGET AMENDMENT - WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS STATE BONDS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner

McKenzie and passed unanimously to approve revisions made by the state for various projects in the State School Bonds for Whiteville City Schools.

Increase	69-680-0100 Whiteville Primary	\$ 98,365.00
Increase	69-680-0200 Edgewood Elementary	54,448.00
Increase	69-680-0300 Central Middle	45,810.00
Increase	69-680-0400 Whiteville High School	23,423.00
Increase	69-680-1600 Whiteville High School	1,944.00
Decrease	69-680-1700 Whiteville Primary	(80,000.00)
Decrease	69-680-1800 Edgewood Elementary	(50,000.00)
Decrease	69-680-1900 Central Middle	(32,000.00)
Decrease	69-680-2000 Whiteville High School	(61,990.00)

BUDGET AMENDMENT - VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to amend the Veterans Administration Budget for equipment that is necessary to be compatible with the Year 2000 and be in the network with the State Veterans Office as follows.

Increase	10-607-7400 Capital Outlay	\$ 4,846.00
Decrease	10-607-1100 Telephone	(85.00)
Decrease	10-607-1300 Utilities	(440.00)
Decrease	10-607-1400 Travel	(915.00)
Decrease	10-607-1600 Maintenance Equipment	(192.00)
Decrease	10-607-5300 Dues & Subscriptions	(135.00)
Increase	10-425-0200 Salaries - Planning	(3,079.00)

DOT - RIGHTS-OF-WAY SIGNATURES FOR SR 1130/NORRIS ROAD

Commissioner Norris presented a petition with rights-of-way signatures from all property owners for the paving of State Road 1130/Norris Road and requested Board approval of presenting the petition to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for consideration.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to present the petition signed by all property owners for the paving of State Road 1130/Norris Road to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for consideration of paving.

MEETING RECESSED

At 8:12 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to recess the Board Meeting until 6:30 P.M., Thursday, June 24, 1999.

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners reconvened their Board Meeting at 6:30 P.M., Thursday, June 24, 1999 that was recessed at 8:12 P.M., Monday, June 21, 1999.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

C.E. Wilson, Chairman

Sammie Jacobs, Vice Chairman

Spruell R. Britt

David L. Dutton, Jr.

A. Dial Gray, III

Amon E. McKenzie

Lynwood Norris

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

Chairman C.E. Wilson reconvened the recessed Board Meeting and the invocation was given by Commissioner A. Dial Gray, III.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS - VARIOUS

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

Increase	10-335-1000 Airport - Sale of Aviation Fuel	\$18,965.00
Expend	10-650-6000 Aviation fuel purchases	\$18,965.00
Transfer	10-397-0400 Telephone Internal Service	\$ 45,892.00
Expend	10-410-7400 Capital Outlay	\$ 45,892.00
Transfer	30-399-0000 Retained Earning Appropriation	\$45,892.00

Revenue:

	30-329-0000 Interest	\$ 1,600.00
	30-392-0000 Departmental Contributions	(40,964.00)
	30-399-0000 Retained Earnings Approp.	<u>7,118.00</u>
	Total Revenue	(32,346.00)
Transfer	30-725-9100 General Fund	\$45,892.00

Expenditures:

30-725-0200 Salaries	(\$ 1,505.00)
30-725-0500 FICA	(133.00)
30-725-0600 Insurance	(304.00)
30-725-0700 Retirement	(76.00)
30-725-1100 Telephone	(28,089.00)
30-725-1600 Maint/Repairs-Equipment	(1,722.00)
30-725-3200 Office Supplies	(188.00)
30-725-5400 Insurance	(74.00)
30-725-5700 Miscellaneous Expense	(155.00)
Total Expense	(\$32,246.00)

Project Revisions for Columbus County Schools per N.C. Department of Public Instruction:

Increase	69-670-1500 WCHS-Arts, Auditorium	\$1,076,622
Decrease	69-670-1700 Acme Delco Middle-Classrooms	(10,678)
Decrease	69-670-1800 Acme Delco Elem.-4 Classrooms	(67,952)
Decrease	69-670-1900 Acme Delco Middle - Admin. and Classrooms	(7,838)
Decrease	69-670-2000 Cerro Gordo Elem.-4 Classrooms	(78,145)
Increase	69-670-2100 Evergreen Elem.-4 Classrooms	76,625
Decrease	69-670-2200 Hallsboro Elem. -Additions	(11,637)
Decrease	69-670-2300 SCHS-Renovate Roof	(669,725)
Increase	69-670-2400 Tabor City Mdl.-4 Classrooms	76,625
Decrease	69-670-2500 Fair Bluff Elem.-4 Classrooms	(111,805)
Increase	69-670-2600 Chadbourn Mdl.-4 Classrooms	76,625
Decrease	69-670-2700 Chadbourn Elem.-4 Classrooms	(78,145)
Increase	69-670-2800 Guideway Elem.-2 Classrooms	187,175
Decrease	69-670-2900 Old Dock Elem. - 4 Classrooms	(111,805)
Decrease	69-670-3100 Williams - Renovate Classrooms	(151,967)
Decrease	69-670-3200 ECHS - Renovate Roof	(42,008)
Decrease	69-670-3700 Evergreen Elem. - Classrooms	(151,967)
Increase	10-325-0300 Marriage Licenses	\$ 1,600
Expend	10-480-9100 Childrens Trust Fund	1,600
Decrease	50-300-8026 HUD Annual Contribution	(\$ 43,314)
Decrease	50-410-4715 Housing Assistance Payments	(\$ 55,738)
Increase	50-410-4110 Administrative Salaries	208
Increase	50-410-4190 Sundry Expense	12,186
Increase	50-410-4510 Insurance	30

APPOINTMENTS - VEHICLE REVIEW COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to reappoint the following persons to serve on the Vehicle Review Committee as listed.

- Linwood Cartrette - 4 year appointment, expiring 2-1-03
- Vance T. Maulsby - 3 year appointment, expiring 2-1-02

RESOLUTION - BOARD MEETING TIME CHANGED

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

NOTICE and RESOLUTION to CHANGE MEETING TIME**of the BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS****of COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

The Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, unanimously approved on the 24th day of June 1999, to adopt the following Resolution.

WITNESSETH:

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

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, is desirous of changing the time of the meeting scheduled for the first Tuesday, July 6, 1999, following the first Monday, an observed Holiday only.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, North Carolina, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-40, shall hold the next regularly scheduled meeting in the Columbus County Commissioners' Chambers, 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina on Tuesday, July 6, 1999 at 7:30 P.M.

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

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ C.E. WILSON, CHAIRMAN

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, CLERK TO BOARD

1999-2000 OPERATING BUDGET ADOPTION

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, requested the Board to consider adopting the 1999-2000 Columbus County Operating Budget as presented with the following changes:

Discontinue the employees Long Term Disability Insurance to offset the

additional cost of Worker's Compensation with a savings of \$32,195.00 to be utilized as follows:

- A. Increase Capital Reserve from \$82,000 to \$100,000; and
- B. Decrease Fund Balance Appropriation by \$14,195.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray and seconded by Commissioner Norris to adopt the 1999-2000 Proposed Operating Budget as presented by Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator.

Commissioner Gray withdrew the above motion and Commissioner Norris withdrew the second.

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to adopt the 1999-2000 Columbus County Operating Budget with the following changes:

- A. Allow all County employees to have the option to keep the Long Term Disability with the County providing 50% of the premium cost and the employees will have a payroll deduction for 50% of the premium cost; and
- B. Decrease Capital Reserve from \$100,000 to \$82,000 and increase Fund Balance Appropriation by \$20,000 to cover the County's portion of the Long Term Disability premiums of \$38,000.00.

The 1999-2000 Columbus County Budget Ordinance is as follows:

BUDGET ORDINANCE 1999-2000

COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina.

SECTION 1: BUDGET ADOPTION 1999-2000

There is hereby adopted the following Operating Budget for the County of Columbus for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000; the same being adopted by fund and activity within each fund as listed:

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES:

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Current Year Ad Valorem Taxes	\$16,039,961
Prior Year Ad Valorem Taxes	\$1,200,000
Discounts	\$126,000-
Refunds	\$4,500-
Releases	\$200,000-
Penalty and Interest	\$200,000

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Privilege License	\$4,000
Excise Tax - RD	\$133,000
Marriage License	\$14,000
Interest on Investments	\$635,000
Rent	\$62,360
Miscellaneous - General Fund	\$190,000
General - Local Fees	\$5,000
Gifts/Donations - Health Department	\$2,500
Miscellaneous Revenue - Library	\$40,000
Elections	\$19,337
Miscellaneous - Cooperative Extension	\$4,000
Microenterprise - Other Co	\$5,000
Intangible Taxes	\$400,000
Local 1 Cent Sales Tax	\$2,640,000
½ Cent Sales Tax	\$1,200,000
Second ½ Cent Sales Tax	\$680,000
½ Cent Sales Tax - County Schools	\$372,000
Second ½ Cent Sales Tax - County Schools	\$740,000
½ Cent Sales Tax - City Schools	\$141,000
Second ½ Cent Sales Tax - City Schools	\$281,000
5 Cent ABC Tax	\$14,000
NC - CCPS State Aid - Emergency	\$20,000
State Aid - Veteran Services of America	\$2,000
State Aid - Soil Conservation	\$42,728
Criminal Justice Program	\$84,020
State Aid - DWI	\$6,000
COPS First	\$134,850
Food and Lodging - State Grant	\$750
General - State Grant	\$43,450
General - Medicaid	\$3,500
Wise Woman State Grant	\$27,346
Family Planning - Medicaid	\$86,000
Family Planning Grant	\$114,094
Immunization Action Plan	\$18,559
Maternal Health Grant	\$22,070
Child Health State	\$138,598
Child Services Coordinator	\$46,415
Child Services Coordinator - Medicaid	\$170,000

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Child Health - Medicaid	\$82,711
Home Health - State	\$36,300
Home Health - Medicaid	\$500,000
Home Health - Medicare	\$3,250,767
Home Health - Local	\$100,000
Health Promotion	\$82,287
Comp Breast Screening - State	\$53,726
Adult Health - Med XIX	\$25,000
Childrens Spec Health - Medic	\$2,000
Childrens Spec Health - State	\$10,704
Maternal Health Medicaid	\$424,000
WIC - State	\$272,066
Comm Disease - State	\$48,097
Comm Disease - Medicaid	\$3,300
Tuberculosis - State	\$1,150
Environmental Health	\$6,000
Aid to Social Services Administration	\$574,797
10.561 Food Stamp Administration	\$367,085
93.558 Work First Block Grant	\$759,684
93.563 IV-D	\$351,583
93.568 Energy Administration	\$8,516
93.568 Crisis Intervention	\$29,339
93.596 Child Care Dev-Adm	\$116,997
93.645 Permanency Planning	\$5,678
93.658 IV-E Administration	\$588,515
93.667 Social Services Block Grant	\$153,478
93.674 Independent Living	\$500
93.767 N.C. Healthchoice	\$62,544
93.778 Medicaid Administration	\$723,288
CP&L Energy	\$15,069
Non IVE Adoption/Foster Care	\$2,687
NC DOT - Work First/Empl Trans	\$11,000
NCDOT - Interagency Transportation	\$75,750
State Aid to DSS Administration	\$77,481
Day Care Coordinator	\$1,739
SCC Microenterprise 97-M-03	\$50,000
NC Partnership for Children	\$46,732
Emergency Food Administration	\$6,500

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Families First Grant	\$34,166
State Aid - Library	\$138,304
Concealed Weapon Fees	\$1,500
Arrest Fees	\$55,000
Facilities Fees	\$70,000
Childrens Spec Health Serv - FE	\$200
Environmental Health Fees	\$54,000
Child Safety Seats	\$4,500
Family Planning Fees	\$12,000
Health Promotion Fees	\$26,000
Child Health Fees	\$1,000
Comm Disease - Local	\$2,000
Health Assessment - Smart Start	\$34,847
Maternal Health - Local	\$500
Glaxo Welcome Comm ENHNCM	\$25,000
Building Permits	\$100,000
Fire Inspection Fees	\$20,000
Register of Deeds' Fees	\$165,000
Sheriff's Department Commission	\$1,000
Jail Fees - Clerk of Court	\$106,000
Animal Control Fines/Fees	\$10,000
Cable Franchise Fees	\$35,000
Occupancy Tax	\$75,000
Inventory Tax	\$1,185,000
Senior Citizen Tax Exemption	\$100,000
Sales Tax (Food Stamp Loss)	\$73,000
Gasoline Tax Refund	\$20,000
5% Commission on Tax Coll-Riegelwood	\$2,200
1 ½ Coll Fee - Towns Veh	\$4,300
Transfer from Aging	\$250,000
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$1,520,829

TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE: \$ 38,705,454

EXPENDITURES:

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Governing Body	\$215,031
County Administration	\$200,250
Personnel	\$38,804

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Elections	\$252,616
Finance	\$234,197
Tax Administration	\$667,853
Professional Services	\$135,089
Register of Deeds	\$456,159
Economic Development	\$186,858
Travel and Tourism	\$75,000
Courthouse and Grounds	\$219,217
Judges Chambers	\$4,130
Social Services Building	\$384,420
Admin Building/Grounds	\$42,965
Senior Center Building	\$19,845
Miller Building	\$301,672
Public Buildings - All Others	\$449,646
Farm Services Building	\$186,761
Sheriffs Department	\$2,289,499
Families First	\$43,155
COPS Universal Supplement	\$132,366
District Court	\$25,617
CJPP Grant	\$85,473
Law Enforcement Center	\$1,372,425
Fire Marshal	\$89,845
Emergency Services	\$561,097
Inspections	\$130,923
Wise Woman	\$27,346
Environmental Health	\$324,379
Immunization Action 93.268	\$18,559
Comp Breast Screening	\$53,726
Comm Disease - AIDS & T B	\$81,644
Glaxo Welcome Comm Enhancement	\$25,000
Health Assess - Smart Start	\$34,847
Health Promotion	\$133,287
Child Services Coordination	\$216,415
Child Health Care	\$222,309
Cooperative Health	\$647,728
Family Planning	\$212,094
Maternal Health	\$442,970
Home Health	\$3,887,067

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Childrens Spec Health Service	\$12,904
WIC	\$272,066
Animal Control	\$119,967
Coroner & Medical Examiner	\$44,935
Smart Start-Coop Extension	\$36,514
Cooperative Extension	\$336,455
Soil Conservation	\$95,538
Veterans Services Officer	\$69,823
Social Services Administration	\$5,060,501
Interagency Transp Grant #9918	\$75,750
Recreation	\$441,032
Library	\$1,010,853
Airport	\$54,510
Non-Departmental	\$225,000
Education	\$8,170,374
Special Appropriations	\$914,418
Miscellaneous	\$61,500
Interfund Transfers	\$6,575,030

TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: \$ 38,705,454

LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND

REVENUES:

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
LLEBG-US Department of Justice	\$38,535
Transfer from Special Alcohol	\$4,282
TOTAL LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND:	\$42,817

EXPENDITURES: \$42,817

AGING FUND

REVENUES:

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Miscellaneous	\$183,690
Donations	\$26,475
Lease Purchase Proceeds	\$55,451
Federal Grant	\$387,888
Long-Term Screening	\$915,430
Personal Care	\$1,617,150

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Title III-B	\$98,596
County Appropriations	\$79,595
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$250,000
TOTAL AGING FUND:	\$3,614,275

EXPENDITURES:

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Personal Care Services	\$1,380,455
Bug Hill Senior Center	\$40,280
Chore Title IIIB; Title XX	\$534,020
Community Alternative Program	\$965,400
Information/Case Assistance	\$83,145
Tabor City Senior Center	\$44,160
Whiteville Senior Center	\$51,375
Nutrition	\$234,895
Minor Home Repairs	\$5,600
Transportation	\$66,370
Home Delivered Meals	\$130,365
Fair Bluff Senior Center	\$39,835
East Columbus Senior Center	\$38,375
TOTAL AGING FUND:	\$3,614,275

DEBT SERVICE FUND**REVENUES:**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Contribution - School Building Capital Funds	\$544,598
Contribution - Hospital	\$983,062
Contribution - Schools ½ Cent Sales Tax	\$684,000
Contribution - General Fund	\$620,282
Contribution - Water District	\$75,988
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND:	\$2,907,930

EXPENDITURES:

Total Debt Service Fund \$2,907,930

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT I**REVENUES:**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Refunds	\$1,000-
Interest Earned	\$300

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$5,000
Water Sales	\$180,000
Water Tap on Fees	\$10,000
Water Deposits	\$1,000
Penalties	\$4,500
Reconnect Fees	\$1,000
Transfer from General Fund	\$38,442
TOTAL COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT I:	\$239,242

EXPENDITURES:

Columbus County Water District I:

TOTAL **\$239,242**

SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND**REVENUES:**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Refunds	\$7,000-
Releases	\$100,000-
Interest	\$20,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$39,000
Miscellaneous - Recyclable Material	\$2,000
State Aid - Tire Disposal F	\$50,000
State Aid - White Goods	\$34,000
Landfill User Fees	\$2,070,000
Tipping Fees	\$850,000
Transfer - General Fund	\$982,592
TOTAL SOLID WASTE:	\$3,940,592

EXPENDITURES:

Solid Waste Enterprise

TOTAL **\$3,940,592**

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND**REVENUES:**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
State Aid - Foster Home Care	\$182,837
State Foster Care	\$53,125
Day Care - State	\$1,395,449
Incentive & 4-D	\$174,676
Transfer from General Fund	\$4,150,119
TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND:	\$5,956,206

EXPENDITURES:

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Child Daycare - State	\$1,468,484
Family Planning - Title XX	\$800
Medicaid Drafts	\$3,237,979
Spec Asst to Adults	\$791,267
IV-E Foster Home Care	\$300,000
Staffing Grant	\$20,808
Adoption Assistance Payments	\$8,000
State Foster Care	\$100,000
Foster Care - Basic Needs	\$5,000
Special Asst for Blind	\$22,183
Adult Day Care	\$1,685
TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND:	\$5,956,206

H.U.D. FUND

REVENUES:

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Annual Contr Earned	\$1,663,819
TOTAL H.U.D. FUND:	\$1,663,819

EXPENDITURES:

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Public Housing Admin Expense	\$1,663,819
TOTAL H.U.D. FUND:	\$1,663,819

SPECIAL ALCOHOL/DRUG FUND

REVENUES:

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Interest	\$300
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$500
Controlled Substance Tax	\$15,000
U.S. Marshal - DEA	\$9,200
TOTAL SPECIAL ALCOHOL/DRUG FUND:	\$25,000

EXPENDITURES:

TOTAL SPECIAL ALCOHOL/DRUG FUND: \$25,000

REVALUATION FUND

REVENUES:

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Contribution - General Fund	\$20,000
TOTAL REVALUATION FUND:	\$20,000

EXPENDITURES: \$20,000

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM**REVENUES:**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Surcharge - E911	\$450,000
Interest	\$1,000
TOTAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM:	\$451,000

EXPENDITURES:

\$451,000

FIRE and RESCUE TAX**REVENUES/EXPENDITURES:**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	TOTAL REVENUES	TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Remittance to District)
Evergreen Special District Tax	\$16,000		
Refunds	\$50-		
Releases	\$150-		
TOTAL EVERGREEN FIRE DISTRICT:		\$15,800	\$15,800
St. James Special District Tax	\$9,500		
Refunds	\$20-		
Releases	\$50-		
State Shared Revenue	\$60		
TOTAL ST. JAMES VOLUNTEER:		\$9,490	\$9,490
North Whiteville Special District Tax	\$46,000		
Refunds	\$50-		
Releases	\$500-		
TOTAL NORTH WHITEVILLE:		\$45,450	\$45,450
Old Dock-Cypress Creek Special District Tax	\$19,000		
Refunds	\$5-		
Releases	\$350-		
State Shared Revenue	\$150		
TOTAL OLD DOCK-CYPRESS CREEK:		\$18,795	\$18,795
Hallsboro Fire Special District Tax	\$34,000		
Refunds	\$30-		
Releases	\$500-		
State Shared Revenue	\$200		
TOTAL HALLSBORO FIRE:		\$33,670	\$33,670
Roseland Fire Special District Tax	\$31,100		
Refunds	\$20-		
Releases	\$400-		
State Shared Revenue	\$200		
TOTAL ROSELAND FIRE:		\$30,880	\$30,880
Yam City Fire Special District Tax	\$52,000		
Refunds	\$10-		
Releases	\$1,300-		

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	TOTAL REVENUES	TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Remittance to District)
State Shared Revenue	\$300		
TOTAL YAM CITY FIRE:		\$50,990	\$50,990
Acme-Delco Fire Special District Tax	\$140,000		
Refunds	\$250-		
Releases	\$1,700-		
State Shared Revenue	\$5,000		
TOTAL ACME-DELCO FIRE:		\$143,050	\$143,050
Klondyke Fire Special District Tax	\$72,000		
Refunds	\$50-		
Releases	\$1,200-		
State Shared Revenue	\$4,686		
TOTAL KLONDYKE FIRE:		\$75,436	\$75,436
Cole's Service Special District Tax	\$43,000		
Refunds	\$50-		
Releases	\$700-		
State Shared Revenue	\$9,118		
TOTAL COLES'S SERVICE:		\$51,368	\$51,368
Cerro Gordo Special District Tax	\$44,000		
Refunds	\$30-		
Releases	\$750-		
State Shared Revenue	\$256		
TOTAL CERRO GORDO:		\$43,476	\$43,476
Williams Township Special District Tax	\$40,700		
Refunds	\$30-		
Releases	\$400-		
State Shared Revenue	\$250		
TOTAL WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP:		\$40,520	\$40,520
White Marsh-Welches Creek Special District Tax	\$26,500		
Refunds	\$10-		
Releases	\$650-		
State Shared Revenue	\$150		
TOTAL WHITE MARSH-WELCHES CREEK:		\$25,990	\$25,990
Whiteville Rescue Service Special District Tax	\$112,000		
Refunds	\$50-		
Releases	\$1,400-		
State Shared Revenue	\$598		
TOTAL WHITEVILLE RESCUE		\$111,148	\$111,148
Brunswick Fire Special District Tax	\$68,000		
Refunds	\$30-		

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	TOTAL REVENUES	TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Remittance to District)
Releases	\$1,400-		
State Shared Revenue	\$370		
TOTAL BRUNSWICK FIRE:		\$66,940	\$66,940
Bolton Fire Special District Tax	\$21,000		
Refunds	\$20-		
Releases	\$550-		
State Shared Revenue	\$120		
TOTAL BOLTON FIRE:		\$20,550	\$20,550
Buckhead Fire Special District Tax	\$9,000		
Refunds	\$10-		
Releases	\$125-		
State Shared Revenue	\$50		
TOTAL BUCKHEAD FIRE:		\$8,915	\$8,915

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

All Capital Projects are Continued:

TOTAL FUNDS

TOTAL REVENUES (ALL FUNDS): **\$ 58,358,803**

TOTAL EXPENDITURES (ALL FUNDS): **\$ 58,358,803**

SECTION II. TAX RATE LEVY

There is hereby levied for the fiscal year 1999-2000 an ad valorem property tax on all property having a situs in Columbus County as listed for taxes as of January 1, 1999, at a rate of Sixty-nine and one-half (\$0.695) Cents per one hundred (\$100.00) dollars of assessed value of such property pursuant to and in accordance with the Machinery Act of Chapter 105 of the North Carolina General Statutes and other applicable laws. The estimated revenues from the ad valorem property tax are based on an established collection during the 1999-2000 fiscal year of Ninety-six (96%) percent of the levy and the estimated taxable base of two billion, four hundred four million, seventy thousand, nine hundred twenty-one, and 00/100 (\$2,404,070,921.00) dollars.

Special district tax rates for purpose of providing Fire and Rescue Protection are also levied as follows:

DISTRICT	FEE
Evergreen Fire	Fee
Acme-Delco Fire	\$.12
Bolton Fire	\$.06
Brunswick Fire	\$.07
Buckhead Fire	\$.06
Cerro Gordo Fire	\$.10
Cole Fire	\$.10

DISTRICT	FEE
Hallsboro Fire	\$.06
Klondyke Fire	\$.07
North Whiteville Fire	Fee
Old Dock - Cypress Creek Fire	\$.08
Roseland Fire	\$.06
St. James Fire	\$.06
Tabor City Fire	\$.10
White Marsh / Welches Creek Fire	\$.08
Whiteville Rescue	\$.02
Williams Township Fire	\$.06

SECTION III.

Building Inspection fees are amended as reflected by Board action.

SECTION IV. SCHEDULE BUSINESS LICENSES

The business license fees are hereby continued for Fiscal Year 1999-2000.

SECTION V. SOLID WASTE FEES

The Solid Waste Tipping Fees are as follows for Fiscal Year 1999-2000. The Collection and Landfill Fees are hereby continued for Fiscal Year 1999-2000.

Commercial and Residential Tipping Fee	\$ 38.95/Ton
LCID and C&D Materials Tipping Fee	\$ 30.00/Ton
Collection and Landfill Fee for County Residents	\$100.00/Annually
Landfill Fee for Municipal Residents	\$ 60.00/Annually

SECTION VI. SALARIES

The following provision shall govern salary and wage compensation for Fiscal Year 1999-2000.

PAY PLAN: There is hereby continued a pay plan applicable to all County employees. The pay plan shall have a range of twenty (20) steps with each step increasing by two and one-half (2½%) percent.

County employees will receive a five percent (5% - 2 steps) across-the-board salary increase.

SECTION VII. BUDGET CONTROLS

The Board of Commissioners, in approving the proposed Budget, has utilized to the fullest extent possible its revenue sources and the County Administrator is herein directed to initiate steps to ensure that the Budget fixed herein is lived within.

SECTION VIII. APPROPRIATIONS

The amount of the General Fund proposed for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 is hereby appropriated to the County Administrator for the operations of the Columbus County Government and its departments and agencies for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1999 and ending June 30, 2000. In administering the program authorized under this Ordinance, the County Administrator is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund between objects of expenditures within a department without limitations and without a report being requested, and between departments within a fund not to exceed two thousand and 00/100 (\$2,000.00) dollars. Appropriations for land and new

buildings included in this Ordinance may be expended only after release by the Board of Commissioners. The Chairman of the Board and the Administrator are hereby authorized to execute the necessary agreements within funds included in the Budget Ordinance for the following purposes:

- (1) Grant agreement to Public and Non-Public Agencies;
- (2) Leases of normal and routine business equipment;
- (3) Consultant, Professional, or Maintenance Service Agreements;
- (4) Purchase of apparatus, supplies and materials where formal bids are not required by law;
- (5) Agreements for acceptance of State and Federal Grant Funds; **and**
- (6) Construction or repair work where formal bids are not required by laws.

SECTION IX. RESTRICTED REVENUES

The Finance Officer is hereby directed to fund appropriations which have been specified revenue prior to the funding with General Fund monies. This is to include, but not limited to Fines and Forfeiture, ABC profits and Forestry Revenues.

SECTION X. PUBLIC PURPOSE LIMITATION

In accordance with Article V of the North Carolina Constitution which states in part, that "Power and Taxation shall be exercised....for public purposes" and/or division of the State Supreme Court, the County Administrator shall require the following before releasing public funds to other governmental agencies or private groups:

- (1) The activity in question is for a public purpose;
- (2) The activity in question is one which the County is authorized to undertake or for which the County has specific statutory authorization for giving financial aid to the agencies in question; **and**
- (3) Through appropriate means, the County retains some degree of control over the expenditures of its funds.

SECTION XI. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective July 1, 1999.

.....Adopted this the 24th day of June, 1999.

Motion by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Spruell R. Britt and passed unanimously.

/s/ **C.E. WILSON, Chairman**
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


ATTESTED BY:

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

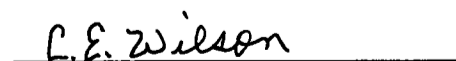
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to adjourn the Board Meeting at 7:05 P.M.

APPROVED:



Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board



C. E. Wilson, Chairman