

**COLUMBUS COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES**

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, NC at 8:07 A.M., June 5, 2000 to hold their regularly scheduled Board Meeting, it being the first Monday. The regularly scheduled meeting began at 8:07 A.M. due to the Board holding two (2) public hearings prior to the regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lynwood Norris, Chairman

Spruell R. Britt, Vice Chairman

David L. Dutton, Jr.

A. Dial Gray, III

Sammie Jacobs

Amon E. McKenzie

C.E. Wilson

James E. Hill, Jr.  
County Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring  
County Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

**PUBLIC HEARING -INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT FOR THE  
DETENTION CENTER**

At 8:00 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving citizens' comments regarding the approval and execution of an Installment/Purchase Contract in the principal amount of \$2,000,000.00 from Rural Development for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, enlarging, improving and/or extending the detention/nutrition facility at the Columbus

County Jail.

Chairman Norris requested comments from anyone present.

There were no comments.

At 8:03 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to close the Public Hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING - RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

At 8:04 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of citizens' input regarding the proposed funding of the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) for Fiscal Year 2000-2001.

Chairman Norris requested comments from anyone present.

There were no comments.

At 8:06 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to close the Public Hearing.

**REGULARLY BOARD MEETING COMMENCED**

At 8:07 A.M., Chairman Norris called the regularly scheduled Board Meeting to order and Ed Worley, Aging Director, gave the invocation.

**BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the May 15, 2000 Board Meeting, as recorded.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**Tax Refund:**

Request a refund in the name of David Earl and Helen H. Fowler, 980 Lebanon Church Road, Whiteville, NC 28472. Paid user fee on vacant house. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #09-08600.

**Tax Releases:**

Release the user fee in the name of David Earl & Helen H. Fowler. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #09-08600.

Release the user fees in the name of Albert Lacy Hayes, Jr. Mobile homes are vacant. Amount \$120.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #13-18240.

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Release the user fees in the name of Albert Lacy Hayes, Jr. Mobile homes are vacant. Amount \$300.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #13-18240.

Release the user fee in the name of Nakina Farm Supply, Inc. They use a commercial hauler. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #03-20314.

Release the user fee in the name of James Edward & Linda Pope. They did not have a trash can in 1998. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #11-20700.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Mark & Sandy Chapman. Home double listed in the name of Mark Chapman. Amount \$110.71, Value \$11,210, Year 1993, Account #09-04222.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Mark Chapman. Home double listed in the name of Vanderbilt Mortgage Co. Amount \$158.94, Value \$11,863, Year 1996, Account #03-02881.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Mark Chapman. Home double listed in the name of Vanderbilt Mortgage Co. Amount \$178.89, Value \$10,319, Year 1997, Account #03-02881.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Mark Chapman. Home double listed in the name of Vanderbilt Mortgage Co. Amount \$174.46, Value \$9,740, Year 1998, Account #03-02881.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Mark Chapman. Home double listed in the name of Vanderbilt Mortgage Co. Amount \$171.56, Value \$9,360, Year 1999, Account #03-02881.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Mark Chapman. Home double listed in the name of Vanderbilt Mortgage Co. Amount \$129.67, Value \$8,120, Year

1996, Account #09-04217.

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Release the property value in the name of D & L Funeral Home, Inc. Business double listed in the name of D & A Funeral Home, Inc. Amount \$8.68, Value \$1,249, Year 1997, Account #13-09668.

Release the property value in the name of D & L Funeral Home, Inc. Business double listed in the name of D & A Funeral Home, Inc. Amount \$9.55, Value \$1,249, Year 1998, Account #13-09668.

Release the property value in the name of D & L Funeral Home, Inc. Business double listed in the name of D & A Funeral Home, Inc. Amount \$9.93, Value \$1,299, Year 1999, Account #13-09668.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Paul Curtis Dyson. Home double listed as real and personal property. Amount \$88.82, Value \$3,456, Year 1996, Account #12-06696.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Paul Curtis Dyson. Home double listed as real and personal property. Amount \$121.64, Value \$2,830, Year 1997, Account #12-06696.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Aaron Haney. Home double listed in the name of Roxanne Haney. Amount \$63.29, Value \$5,432, Year 1997, Account #09-12398.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Joyce Haney. Home double

listed in the name of Roceda Haney. Amount \$198.58, Value \$12,400, Year 1997, Account #16-07337.

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Release the value of a boat in the name of Ernest G. & Wendy Lee King. Billed with two (2) boats but only owns one. Amount \$68.42, Value \$8,950, Year 1999, Account #07-09968.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Minnie P. Lee. Home sold prior to 1-1-99. Amount \$139.14, Value \$5,119, Year 1999, Account #03-12985.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Marilyn Reaves. Home traded for new home and listed in the name of Marilyn Pridgett. Amount \$8.58, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #01-75295.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Marilyn Reaves. Home traded for new home and listed in the name of Marilyn Pridgett. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1997, Account #01-75295.

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Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Marilyn Reaves. Home traded for new home and listed in the name of Marilyn Pridgett. Amount \$108.42, Value \$1,000, Year 1999, Account #01-75295.

Release the value of a double wide home in the name of Willie Smith. He did not own the home January 1, 1998. Amount \$477.63, Value \$47,500, Year 1998, Account #16-12561.

Release the value of a single wide home in the name of Willie Eugene Smith. Home was traded for a double wide and listed. Amount \$139.14, Value \$5,119, Year 1999, Account #06-33877.

Release the value of a single wide home in the name of Johnny Lee Starks, Sr.

Home repossessed. Amount \$209.23, Value \$20,190, Year 1995, Account #10-15982.

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Home repossessed. Amount \$181.18, Value \$16,921, Year 1996, Account #10-15982.

Release the value of a double wide home in the name of Johnny Lee Starks, Sr.

Home repossessed. Amount \$371.44, Value \$27,700, Year 1997, Account #10-15982.

Release the value of a double wide home in the name of Johnny Lee Starks, Sr.

Home repossessed. Amount \$424.24, Value \$27,700, Year 1998, Account #10-15982.

Release the value of a double wide home in the name of Johnny Lee Starks, Sr.

Home repossessed. Amount \$412.18, Value \$27,700, Year 1999, Account #10-15982.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of James Watts. Home double listed in the name of James Franklin Watts. Amount \$188.89, Value \$13,770, Year 1996, Account #03-28441.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of James Watts. Home double listed in the name of James Franklin Watts. Amount \$203.36, Value \$13,519, Year 1997, Account #03-28441.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of James Watts. Home double listed in the name of James Franklin Watts. Amount \$194.88, Value \$12,410, Year 1998, Account #03-28441.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of James Watts. Home double listed in the name of James Franklin Watts. Amount \$188.22, Value \$11,540, Year 1999, Account #03-28441.

Release the value of a double wide home in the name of Myrtle Strickland and Debbie Williams. Home double listed in the name of Benji Williams. Amount \$328.96, Value \$28,800, Year 1998, Account #16-15497.

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**Budget Amendments:**

Increase 10-335-0500 Cooperative Extension Miscellaneous \$ 300

Expend 10-605-5703 Special Programs Reimbursement	\$ 300
Increase 72-302-0000 Wireless E-9-1-1	\$12,000
Expend 72-526-7400 Capital Outlay	12,000
Transfer 10-660-5400 Non Departmental - Insurance	(\$58,000)
Expend 10-410-5400 Governing Body - Insurance	58,000
Transfer 10-340-0000 Lease Purchase Proceeds	\$295,594
Expend as follows:	
10-450-7400 Capital Outlay - Tax Office	\$40,979
10-575-7400 Capital Outlay - Health Department	49,076
10-510-7400 Capital Outlay - Sheriff's Department	205,539
Accept 10-348-1401 Dental Medicaid	\$22,000
Accept 10-353-0500 Insurance Payments	2,028
Accept 10-353-0500 Kate B. Reynolds	14,000
Expend 10-595-4500 Contracted Services	\$38,028
Accept 10-348-1502 Public Water Supply Funds	\$4,800
Expend 10-575-5701 Public Water Supply Project	4,800
Accept 35-348-0100 State Aid - White Goods	\$30,000
Expend 35-580-7403 Capital Outlay - White Goods	30,000

**SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE - INTRODUCTION OF PRESIDENT**

Sam Koonce, Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees Chairman, introduced Dr. Brantley Briley, the new President of Southeastern Community College effective June 1, 2000.

Dr. Briley stated he has been associated with Community Colleges for twenty-four (24) years and will be involved with community activities in Columbus County.

**AGING - ACCEPT A GRANT FROM PHILLIP MORRIS CORPORATION**

**DESIGNATED FOR HURRICANE FLOYD VICTIMS**

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to accept a grant for the Department of Aging from Phillip Morris Corporation through the Cape Fear Council of Governments in the amount of 42,253.00 designated for Hurricane Floyd victims.

**AGING - AWARD NUTRITION BID TO BATEMAN**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to award the nutrition bid of \$2.59 per meal to Bateman,

Division of Compass Group, for approximately 70,356 meals effective July 1, through June 30, 2001.

**RESOLUTION - ORDINANCE ON GROSS RECEIPTS FROM RETAIL SHORT-TERM LEASE OR RENTAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ORDINANCE  
LEVYING TAX ON GROSS RECEIPTS DERIVED FROM  
RETAIL SHORT-TERM OR RENTAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina General Assembly has ratified Senate Bill 1076, signed into law as Session Law 2000-2 (S.L. 2000-2) and effective for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2000; **and**

**WHEREAS**, this act repealed the property tax on certain vehicles leased or rented under retail short-term leases or rentals and authorized counties to replace the lost tax revenue through enactment of a local tax on gross receipts derived from retail short-term leases or rentals.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that the following ordinance is enacted:

**SECTION 1. Tax on Gross Receipts derived from retail short-term motor vehicle leases or rentals.** The County of Columbus hereby imposes and levies a tax of one and one-half (1 ½%) percent of the gross receipts from the short-term lease or rental of vehicles at retail to the general public.

**SECTION 2. Administration.** The County will administer and collect from operators of leasing and rental establishments the taxes levied hereby and the County may promulgate additional rules and regulations necessary for implementation of the taxes.

**SECTION 3. Payment of Taxes and Filing of Returns.** The taxes levied hereby are due and payable to the County in monthly installments on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the month following the month in which the tax accrues. Every taxable establishment required to collect the tax shall, on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of each



month, prepare and render a return to the County. The County shall design, print, and furnish to all taxable establishments the necessary forms for filing returns and instruction to ensure the full collection of the tax. A return filed for this purpose is not a public record as defined by Section 132-1 of the North Carolina General Statutes and may not be disclosed except as required by law.

**SECTION 4. Penalties.** In case of failure or refusal to file a return or pay the tax for a period of thirty (30) days after the time required for filing the return or paying the tax, there shall be an additional tax, as a penalty, of five (5%) percent of the tax due, with an additional tax of five (5%) percent for each additional month or fraction thereof until the tax is paid. The County Board of Commissioners for good cause shown, may compromise or forgive any penalty or additional tax imposed hereunder.

**SECTION 5. Misdemeanor for Willful Violation.** Any person, firm, corporation or association who willfully attempts in any manner to evade a tax imposed herein or who willfully fails to pay the tax or make and file a return shall, in addition to the penalties provided by law and herein, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable as provided by law.

**SECTION 6. Effective Day.** The short-term rental or leased vehicle gross receipts tax levied herein shall become effective July 1, 2000.

**SIGNED** this the 5th day of June 2000.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**/s/ LYNWOOD NORRIS, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

**RESOLUTION - IN SUPPORT OF U.S. HIGHWAY 17 BY-PASS COMPLETION**

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

**RESOLUTION of SUPPORT**

**U.S. HIGHWAY 17 BYPASS COMPLETION**

**WHEREAS,** the undersigned, being a duly elected representative of the

County of Columbus, State of North Carolina, and member of the Cape Fear Regional Council of Governments Region "O"; and

**WHEREAS**, it is hereby expressly considered to be in the best interest of this jurisdiction and the region as a whole to advocate the prompt completion of the proposed U.S. Highway 17 Bypass to Brunswick County, North Carolina; said project being identified as Project #R2633 and R2405-A on the North Carolina Transportation Improvement Program (T.I.P.) and locally referred to as the "U.S. Highway 17 Bypass"; and

**WHEREAS**, this jurisdiction has met with and allied itself with other Cape Fear Regional COG members to emphasize the urgency and highest priority of this project to the citizens they serve.

**THEN, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners does hereby respectfully petition the North Carolina Department of Transportation Board take appropriate and immediate action to expedite the "U.S. Highway 17 Bypass" completion date, and to amend the NC T.I.P. to initiate these changes.

**THIS** the 5th day of June 2000.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**/s/ LYNWOOD NORRIS, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

**PROCLAMATION - RAPE PREVENTION MONTH**

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

**RAPE PREVENTION MONTH**

**PROCLAMATION (2000)**

**WHEREAS**, rape is a violent crime most often committed by an acquaintance, intimate partner or family member; and

**WHEREAS**, anyone can become a victim of rape regardless of age, race or income level and research indicates that one (1) out of every three (3) women, one (1) out of every nine (9) men, and one (1) child out of every four (4) is sexually assaulted; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Women's Study (National Victim Center and Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center, 1992), six hundred eighty-three thousand (683,000) rapes occur every year, which equals fifty-six thousand nine hundred sixteen (56,916) per month; one thousand eight-hundred seventy-one (1,871) per day; seventy-eight (78) per hour, and one and three-tenths (1.3) per minute; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the National Victim Center reports that more than seven hundred thousand (700,000) women are raped or sexually assaulted annually. Of these, sixty-one (61%) percent are under the age of eighteen (18), and the American Academy of Pediatrics estimates that about five (5%) percent of sexual assaults are perpetrated against male victims; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Council for Women received reports from fifty-seven (57) funded programs in North Carolina of five thousand four hundred thirty-four (5,434) new primary victims and two thousand eight hundred forty-four (2,844) new secondary victims of sexual assault for the fiscal year July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the crime of rape violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity, and affects victims, families and communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim that June 2000, is ***RAPE PREVENTION MONTH*** in Columbus County and urge all our County's citizens to support Families First, Incorporated's program for rape victims, crime prevention efforts in our community, and police efforts to provide special programs to promote healthy attitudes toward women and discourage violence.

**ADOPTED** this the 5th day of June 2000.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **LYNWOOD NORRIS, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

**ANIMAL CONTROL PROPERTY - TIMBER BID ACCEPTED**

James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, opened the bids that were received for

timber located on the Animal Control Property as follows:

<b>Business</b>	<b>Bid-Amount</b>
Timber Network, Incorporated 1601 James B. White Highway, North Whiteville, NC 28472	\$ 8,175.00
Carolina Industries 307 West Lewis Street Whiteville, NC 28472	\$10,300.00
Canal Wood P.O. Box 38 Riegelwood, NC 28456	\$10,400.00
Canal Wood Corporation P.O. Box 764 Loris, SC 29569	\$12,000.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to award the bid to the highest bidder, Canal Wood Corporation, PO Box 764, Loris, SC 29569 in the amount of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) for timber located on the Animal Control Property.

**APPOINTMENT - SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board concurred to omit the appointment to the Southeastern Community College Board of Directors until a later date.

**APPOINTMENTS - CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP**

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to appoint/reappoint the following persons to serve on the Criminal Justice Partnership Program Advisory Board:

- Appoint Scott Dorman, Assistant District Attorney, to replace Alexis Prease beginning June 1, 2000 for a term position.
- Reappoint Dan Miller, Juvenile Restitution Officer, for a one (1) year term beginning July 1, 2000 and expiring July 1, 2001.
- Reappoint Marie Tuttweiller, Columbus County Mental Health, for a one (1) year term beginning July 1, 2000 and expiring July 1, 2001

**EMERGENCY SERVICES - PRE-EMPLOYMENT SEARCH OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS ORDINANCE**

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

**COLUMBUS COUNTY PRE-EMPLOYMENT  
SEARCH OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS  
ORDINANCE**

In order to protect Columbus County from possible conduct which might be detrimental to Columbus County and its property, no person who is known to have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony crime of theft, burglary, embezzlement, robbery, fraud, wrongful conversion or misappropriation or misuse of property of others may be employed or offered employment with Columbus County in any position.

In the event of a vacancy in a County position, the Personnel Officer shall conduct an investigation of each applicant. As a part of that investigation, she/he shall require each applicant for these positions to provide fingerprints and all other necessary personal identification in order that the Emergency Services Director might cause a thorough search to be made of local and state criminal history records to determine if the applicant has a history of criminal conviction for any of the crimes enumerated in the previous paragraph of this subsection. The cost of such search of state criminal records shall be paid by the applicant.

In the event that the Emergency Services Director finds that an applicant for a County position has a criminal history of conviction for one (1) of the crimes named in this Ordinance, he/she shall not divulge to the Personnel Officer or anyone else that such a finding has been made or any particulars thereof, but shall, based upon the requirements of this Ordinance, indicate to the Personnel Officer in writing that he/she does not recommend the particular applicant. Upon receiving such recommendation, the Personnel Officer shall eliminate the particular applicant from further consideration of employment relative to the position offered for employment with Columbus County.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **Lynwood Norris, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

**(SEAL)**

The above Ordinance was passed by the Board of County Commissioners on June 5, 2000, upon motion by Commissioner Sammie Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner C.E. Wilson and passed unanimously and recorded in the Minutes of said Meeting, Book 25, Page 653.

**AGREEMENT - FRANCHISE FOR NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR COLUMBUS COUNTY APPROVED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to adopt a Franchise Agreement for Columbus Transport, Incorporated (Phillip Randy Guyton), for non-emergency services in Columbus County.

**FRANCHISE AGREEMENT for  
NON-EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE  
in COLUMBUS COUNTY**

**SECTION I: GRANT**

Subject to the terms and conditions of the Columbus County Non-Emergency Ambulance Service Ordinance, COLUMBUS TRANSPORT, INCORPORATED, successors and assigns, is hereby granted from and after the effective date hereof, the right, privilege and franchise to provide scheduled non-emergency ambulance service within Columbus County for the purpose of providing adequate non-emergency ambulance service to the citizens of Columbus County; all subject to present and future ordinances of Columbus County.

**SECTION II: TERM**

This Franchise is granted for the term of five (5) years from the date of Franchise awarding, provided that either party, at its option, may terminate the Franchise upon one hundred twenty (120) days written notice to the other party.

**SECTION III: TERRITORY**

This Franchise shall apply to all of Columbus County.

**SECTION IV: RENEWAL**

This Franchise is renewable at the option of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County.

**SECTION V: NON-EXCLUSIVE**

The right herein granted shall be non-exclusive, and Columbus County reserves the right to grant similar franchises to any person or persons at any period during the present Franchise or any extension thereof.

**SECTION VI: STANDARDS**

The standards for this franchised ambulance service, its drivers and attendants, its vehicles and equipment, and its communication facilities shall, at all times during the term of this Franchise or any extension hereof, comply with all of the laws and requirements of the State of North Carolina and the requirements of Columbus County's Non-Emergency Ambulance Service Ordinance, all of the terms and conditions of which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part hereof, the same as if fully set forth.

**SECTION VII: INSURANCE**

The grantee herein shall, at all times during the term of this Franchise and any extension thereof, maintain in full force and effect insurance coverage, issued by an insurance company licensed to do business in the State of North Carolina, sufficient to provide all the insurance necessary to meet the requirements of Columbus County's Non-Emergency Ambulance Service Ordinance.

**SECTION VIII: RECORDS**

Grantee will submit all required records for County inspection and will permit the County to inspect Grantee's records, premises and equipment at any time to ensure compliance with Columbus County's Non-Emergency Ambulance Service Ordinance.

**SECTION IX: RATE and CHARGES**

Grantee shall submit a schedule of rates to Columbus County for approval and shall not charge more than the approved rates without specific approval by Columbus County.

**SECTION X: ACCEPTANCE of FRANCHISE**

This Franchise and the right, privileges and authority hereby granted shall take

effect and be in force from and after final passage hereof, as provided by law, provided that within thirty (30) days after the date of the final passage of this Ordinance, the Grantee shall file with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners its unconditional acceptance of this Franchise and promise to comply with and abide by all of its provisions, terms and conditions, and said acceptance to be in writing and in the form and executed in the manner as provided in this Franchise.

**SECTION XI: GRANTEE'S REPRESENTATION and COVENANTS**

The acceptance of this Franchise Ordinance by the COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, shall constitute representations and covenants by it, that:

- A. It accepts and agrees to all the provisions of this Ordinance and those instruments and documents incorporated herein by reference;
- B. It has examined all of the provisions of this and the Columbus County Non-Emergency Ambulance Service Ordinance and waives any claim that any provisions hereof are unreasonable, arbitrary or void;
- C. It recognizes the right of Columbus County to make reasonable amendments to the Franchise Ordinance or Franchise Agreement during the term of this Franchise, provided that no such change shall compromise the ability of COLUMBUS TRANSPORT, INCORPORATED to perform satisfactorily its obligations or right under this Ordinance. It further recognizes and agrees that Columbus County shall, in no way, be bound to renew the Franchise at the end of the Franchise term.

**SECTION XII: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Franchise shall be in full force and effect from and after its final approval by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina.

Franchise granted to COLUMBUS TRANSPORT, INCORPORATED at the regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County on the 5th day of June, 2000.

(Seal)

/s/ Lynwood Norris  
**Chairman, COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD  
of COMMISSIONERS**



**ATTESTED BY:**  
 /s/ Ida L. Smith  
 CLERK TO BOARD

(Corporate Seal)

**COLUMBUS TRANSPORT, INCORPORATED**

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**PRESIDENT/CEO**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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**SECRETARY**

**RESOLUTION AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS - DETENTION/NUTRITION FACILITY PROJECT**

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, ENLARGING, IMPROVING AND/OR EXTENDING ITS DETENTION/NUTRITION FACILITY (HEREINAFTER CALLED FACILITY) TO SERVE AN AREA LAWFULLY WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION TO SERVE.**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the County of Columbus (hereinafter called the Public Body) to raise a portion of the cost of such undertaking by the approval and execution of an Installment/Purchase Contract (hereinafter called Contract) in the principal amount of \$2,000,000.00 pursuant to the provisions of N.C. General Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Body intends to obtain assistance from Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture (herein called the Government) acting under the provisions of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.) in the planning, financing, and supervision of such undertaking.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises the Public Body hereby resolves:

1. To have prepared on its behalf and to adopt an ordinance or resolution for the adoption of the Contract containing such items and in such forms as are required by State statutes and as are agreeable and acceptable to the Government.

2. To refinance the unpaid balance, in whole or in part, of the Contract upon the request of the Government if at any time it shall appear to the Government that the Public body is able to refinance its debt obtaining a loan for such purposes from responsible cooperative or private sources at reasonable rates and terms for loans for similar purposes and periods of time as required by section 333© of said Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act [U.S.C. 1983(c)].

3. To provide for, execute, and comply with Form FmHA 400-4, "Assurance Agreement", and Form FmHA 400-1, "Equal Opportunity Agreement", including an "Equal Opportunity Clause", which clause is to be incorporated in, or attached as a rider to, each construction contract and subcontract involving in excess of \$10,000.

4. To indemnify the Government for any payments made or losses suffered by the Government on behalf of the Public Body. Such indemnification shall be payable from the same source of funds pledged to pay the loan or any other legal permissible source.

5. That upon default in the payments of any principal and accrued interest on the loan or in the performance of any covenant or agreement contained herein or in the instruments incident to making or insuring the loan, the Government at its option may (a) declare the entire principal amount then outstanding and accrued interest immediately due and payable, (b) for the account of the Association (payable from the source of funds pledged to pay the loan or any other legally permissible source), incur and pay reasonable expenses for repair, maintenance, and operation of the facility and such other reasonable expenses as may be necessary to cure the cause of default, and/or (c) take possession of the facility, repair, maintain, and operate or rent it. Default under the provisions of this resolution or any instrument incident to the making or insuring of the loan may be construed by the Government to constitute default under any other instrument held by the Government and executed or assumed by the Public Body, and default under any such instrument may be construed by the Government to constitute default hereunder.

6. Not to sell, transfer, lease, or otherwise encumber the facility or any portion thereof, or interest therein, or permit others to do so, without the prior written consent of the Government.

7. Not to defease the Contract, or to borrow money, enter into any contract or agreement, or otherwise incur any liabilities for any purpose in connection with the facility (exclusive of normal maintenance) without the prior written consent of the Government if such undertaking would involve the source of funds pledged to pay the indebtedness.

8. To comply with all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations and to continually operate and maintain the facility in good condition.

9. To provide for the receipt of adequate revenues to meet the requirements of debt service, operation and maintenance, and the establishment of adequate reserves. Revenue accumulated over and above that needed to pay operating and maintenance, debt service and reserves may only be retained or used to make prepayments on the loan. Revenue cannot be used to pay any expenses which are not directly incurred for the facility financed by Rural Development.

10. To acquire and maintain such insurance and fidelity bond coverage as may be required by the Government.

11. To establish and maintain such books and records relating to the operation of the facility and its financial affairs and to provide for required audit thereof and required by the Government, to provide the Government a copy of each such audit without its request, and to forward to the Government such additional information and reports as it may from time to time require.

12. To provide the Government at all reasonable times, access to all books and records relating to the facility and access to the facility so that the Government may ascertain that the Public body is complying with the provisions hereof and of the instruments incident to the making or insuring of the loan.

13. That if the Government requires that a reserve account be established and maintained, disbursements from that account may be used when necessary for payments due if sufficient funds are not otherwise available. With the prior written approval of the Government, funds may be withdrawn for:

- (a) Paying the cost of repairing or replacing any damage to the facility caused by catastrophe.

- (b) Repairing or replacing short-lived assets.
- (c) Making extensions or improvements to the facility.

Any time funds are disbursed from the reserve account, additional deposits will be required until the reserve account has reached the required funded level.

14. To provide adequate service to all persons within the service area who can feasibly and legally be served and to obtain Rural Development's concurrence prior to refusing new or adequate services to such persons. Upon failure to provide services which are feasible and legal, such person shall have a direct right of action against the Public Body.

15. To comply with the measures identified in the Government's environmental impact analysis for this facility for the purpose of avoiding or reducing the adverse environmental impacts of the facility's construction or operation.

16. To accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$ 2,000,000.00 under the terms offered by the Government; that the Chairman and County Clerk of the Public Body are hereby authorized and empowered to take all action necessary or appropriate in the execution of all written instruments as may be required in regard to or as evidence of such grant, and to operate the facility under the terms offered in said grant agreement(s).

The provisions hereof and the provisions of all instruments incident to the making or the insuring of the loan, unless otherwise specifically provided by the terms of such instruments, shall be binding upon the Public body for the life of the loan. The provisions of sections 6 through 16 hereof may be provided for in more specific detail in the Contract; to the extent that the provisions contained in such Contract should be found to be inconsistent with the provisions hereof, these provisions shall be construed as controlling between the Public Body and the Government or assignee.

The vote was:        Yeas: 7;        Nays: 0;        Absent: 0.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus has duly adopted this resolution and caused it to be executed by the officers below in duplicate on the 5th day of June, 2000.

/s/ Lynwood Norris, Chairman

Commission Chairman

/s/ Ida L. Smith

Clerk to Board

**Note:** The following associated loan forms have been fully executed and are on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board: OMB No. 0575-0015, 0575-0018, 0575-0019, 0575-0127, AD-1047, AD-1048, FmHA 1940-1, 1040-Q, and SF-3881.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - DIRECTOR POSITION APPROVED**

Commissioner McKenzie advised the Board Members the Economic Development Commission Director Selection Committee Members unanimously agreed to request the Board of Commissioners to approve the appointment of Phyllis Owens as the Columbus County Economic Development Director effective July 1, 2000, as she was the most qualified applicant for the position.

Commissioner Britt, a member of the Economic Development Commission Director Selection Committee, sanctioned Commissioner McKenzie's remarks.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and unanimously approved to offer the position of Economic Development Commission Director to Phyllis Owens.

**AGREEMENT - BILL AND COLLECT TAXES FOR THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK**

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to approve the following Agreement with the Town of Brunswick.

**AMENDED AGREEMENT BETWEEN COLUMBUS COUNTY  
AND TOWN OF BRUNSWICK  
FOR TAX BILLING AND COLLECTION**

**NORTH CAROLINA**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY**

**THIS AGREEMENT** made and entered into this the 5th day of June 2000, by and between the **COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**, North Carolina, party of the first part, herein referred to as County, and the **TOWN OF BRUNSWICK**, North Carolina, party of the second part, herein referred to as Town:

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, both parties feel that it would be mutually advantageous to cooperate in developing a single system for billing all ad-valorem taxes within the County, to be reimbursed on a fee basis.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants of the parties hereto and for the purpose aforesaid, it is hereby agreed by and between the County and Town as follows:

1. County will bill and collect ad-valorem taxes due Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000 and subsequent years so long as this Agreement shall continue in force.
2. Town shall pay County one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per account serviced rendered by it on behalf of Town as reimbursement for County's services rendered under the terms of this Agreement. County shall bill Town annually for services performed under this Contract.
3. The Town agrees that the County shall not be liable to any taxpayer for any mistake or omission in any tax bill sent to the taxpayer by the County on behalf of the Town. The Town further agrees to execute a Release Agreement on an individual basis should any mistake or omission occur.

**THIS RESOLUTION** may be rescinded by a Resolution adopted by majority vote of either the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County or the governing body of the Town of Brunswick and upon 120 days written notice given by either party.

**THIS AGREEMENT** for joint tax billing functions between the Town and County shall be valid for a period of two (2) years from the date hereof, and automatically renewed thereafter for periods of one (1) year until rescinded pursuant to the preceding paragraph.

**THIS AGREEMENT** is separate and apart from that Agreement dated June 23, 1993 pertaining to the billing and collecting taxes on classified motor vehicles.

**THIS AGREEMENT** bears an effective date of June 5, 2000.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, Columbus County and the Town of Brunswick have caused this instrument to be signed by their proper officials, by authority of the

Resolution of the governing body of each tax unit, duly adopted.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY**

**ATTEST:** /s/ Lynwood Norris, Chairman

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board **Date: June 5, 2000**

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK**

**ATTEST:** /s/ Bennett Williams

/s/ Minerva Willams, Town Clerk **Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**WATER & SEWER DISTRICT III - RESOLUTION, SWORN STATEMENT OF DEBT, PUBLIC HEARING APPROVED**

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to rescind the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Bond Order approved May 1, and May 8, 2000 and approve the following Water and Sewer District III Bond Order as follows:

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina, was held in the Commissioners' Chambers on the Second Floor of the Columbus County Courthouse Annex at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 8:00 A.M., on June 5, 2000.

Present: Chairman L. Lynwood Norris, presiding, and Commissioners Spruell R. Britt, David L. Dutton, Jr., A. Dial Gray, III. Sammie Jacobs, Amon E. McKenzie and C. E. Wilson.

Absent: none.

Also present: Gayle Godwin, Finance Officer, and Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

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Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie introduced the following order authorizing bonds which was read by its title:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF WATER BONDS OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT III**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County North Carolina (the "District"), has commenced authorizing the issuance of \$6,571,000 Water Bonds of the District pursuant to an order to be introduced by said Board on June 5, 2000, which order will be submitted to the voters of the District at a referendum to be held on August 15, 2000, and it is necessary to take certain related action at this time.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DETERMINED AND RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the District as follows:

Section 1. Said Board hereby finds and determines in connection with authorizing the issuance of such bonds that (i) the proceeds of such bonds will be used, with any other available funds, for constructing a water system of the district, as described in a preliminary engineering report prepared by McKim & Creed Engineers, Wilmington, North Carolina, dated September 1998 and revised May 1999, to provide the residents of the District with a much-needed, dependable and safe supply of water and, accordingly, the issuance of such bonds is necessary or expedient for the District, (ii) the principle amount of such bonds is adequate and not excessive for the proposed purpose of such bonds because it is based upon the District's best estimates of the cost of constructing such water system and related uses of funds and the District's best estimates of the sources of funds that will be available for such purpose, (iii) the District's debt management procedures and policies are good and will be managed in strict compliance with law, (iv) the increase in taxes, if any, necessary to service such bonds will not be excessive because it is expected that the revenues derived from the operation of such water system will be sufficient to pay for the cost of operating it and debt service on such bonds and (v) such bonds can be marketed at reasonable rates of interest.

Section 2. The law firm of Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A., Charlotte, North Carolina, is hereby confirmed as bond counsel of the District in connection with the authorization and issuance of such bonds.



Section 3. The Chairman of said Board and the County Manager, the Finance Officer and the County Attorney of said County are each hereby authorized to take such action as may be advisable in connection with authorizing the issuance of such bonds; and all actions heretofore taken by any of such officers or any other officer of said County relating to such matter, including the filing of an application with the Local Government Commission of North Carolina for approval of such bonds, are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

Section 4. The resolution passed by the Board on May 1, 2000 entitled: "RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF WATER BONDS OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT III" is hereby repealed.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Upon motion of Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Spruell R. Britt, the foregoing resolution was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Norris, Britt, Dutton, Gray, Jacobs, McKenzie and Wilson.

Noes: None.

Thereupon Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie introduced the following order authorizing bonds which was read:

**ORDER AUTHORIZING \$6,571,000**

**WATER BONDS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 162A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina, was duly created for the purpose of providing water service to the residents of the territory included within said District and vested with the powers set forth in said Article 6;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina has found that there is a demonstrable need for providing water service in said District; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to said Article 6, said Board is the governing body of

said District; now, therefore,

**BE IT ORDERED** by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina:

1. That, pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 162A of the General Statutes of North Carolina and The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina, is hereby authorized to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said District may now or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue Water Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$6,571,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for constructing a water system of said District, within and without the corporate limits of said District, including the construction and installation of wells, water treatment facilities, an elevated water storage tank, water mains and lines and appurtenant facilities, and the acquisition of necessary land, rights-of-way, and equipment.

2. That taxes shall be levied in said District in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds.

3. That a sworn statement of the debt of said District has been filed with the Clerk to said Board and is open to public inspection.

4. That this order shall take effect when approved by the voters of said District at a referendum as provided in The Local Government Bond Act, as amended.

The Board of Commissioners thereupon designated the Finance Officer of the County as the officer whose duty it shall be to make and file with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners the sworn statement of debt of the District which is required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, to be filed after the bond order has been introduced and before the public hearing thereon.

Thereupon the Finance Officer filed with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, in the presence of the Board of Commissioners, the sworn statement of debt as so required.

Thereupon the order entitled "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$6,571,000 WATER

BONDS" was passed on first reading.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Commissioners fixed 7:30 P.M. on June 19, 2000, in the Commissioners' Chambers on the Second Floor of the Columbus County Courthouse Annex at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina, as the hour, day and place for the public hearing upon the foregoing order and directed the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners to publish said order, together with the appended statement as required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, once in The News-Reporter not later than the sixth day before said date.

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I, Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of so much of the proceedings of said Board at an adjourned regular meeting held on June 5, 2000 as relates in any way to the introduction and passage on first reading of an order authorizing bonds of said District and the calling of a public hearing upon such order and that said proceeding are recorded in Minute Book Number 25 of the minutes of said Board, beginning on Page 663 and ending on Page 667.

**I HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY** that a schedule of regular meetings of said Board, stating that regular meetings of said Board are held in the Commissioners' Chambers on the Second Floor of the Columbus County Courthouse Annex at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina, on the first and third Mondays of each month at 8:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M., respectively, has been on file in my office as of a date not less than seven (7) days before the date of said meeting in accordance with G.S. §143-318.12.

**WITNESS** my hand and the corporate seal of said County, this 5th day of June, 2000.

s/IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT III,  
IN COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
SWORN STATEMENT OF DEBT MADE PURSUANT  
TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOND ACT, AS AMENDED**

I, Gayle B. Godwin, Finance Officer of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, having been designated by the Board of Commissioners for said County, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina, to make and file with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners a statement of debt of said District pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the following is a true statement as shown by the books in my office, not taking into consideration any debt incurred or to be incurred in anticipation of the collection of taxes or other revenues or in anticipation of the sale of bonds other than funding and refunding bonds:

**(a) GROSS DEBT**

a(1)	Outstanding debt evidenced by bonds.....	\$ -0-
a(2)	Bonds authorized by an order introduced on May 8, 2000, but not yet adopted: Water Bonds.....	\$6,571,000
a(3)	Unissued bonds authorized by adopted orders.....	\$ -0-
a(4)	Outstanding debt, not evidenced by bonds.....	\$ -0-
(a)	GROSS DEBT, being the sum of a(1), a(2), a (3) and a (4).....	\$6,571,000

**(b) DEDUCTIONS**

b(1)	Funding and refunding bonds authorized by orders introduced but not yet adopted.....	\$ -0-
b(2)	Funding and refunding bonds authorized but not yet issued.....	\$ -0-
b(3)	The amount of money held in sinking funds or otherwise for the payment of any part of the principal of gross debt other than debt incurred for water purposes or sanitary sewer purposes (to the extent that the bonds are deductible under G.S. §159-55(b)).....	\$ -0-



/s/ Karen King  
Notary Public

(Official Seal)

My Commission Expires: 8-27-2002

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I, Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer district III, in Columbus County, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a statement which was filed with me at a meeting of said Board held on June 5, 2000, after the introduction and before the public hearing on an order authorizing bonds of said District, and that said statement is open to public inspection in my office.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County, this 5th day of June 2000.

/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

TO THE PUBLISHER OF THE NEWS-REPORTER

Please publish the following on June 8.

**ORDER AUTHORIZING \$6,571,000**

**WATER BONDS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 162A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina, was duly created for the purpose of providing water service to the residents of the territory included within said District and vested with the powers set forth in said Article 6;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina has found that there is a demonstrable need for providing water service in said District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Article 6, said Board is the governing body of said District; now, therefore,

**BE IT ORDERED** by the Board of Commissioners for the County of

Columbus, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina:

1. That, pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 162A of the General Statutes of North Carolina and The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina, is hereby authorized to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said District may now or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue Water Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$6,571,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for constructing a water system of said District, within and without the corporate limits of said District, including the construction and installation of wells, water treatment facilities, an elevated water storage tank, water mains and lines and appurtenant facilities, and the acquisition of necessary land, rights-of-way, and equipment.

2. That taxes shall be levied in said District in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds.

3. That a sworn statement of the debt of said District has been filed with the Clerk to said Board and is open to public inspection.

4. That this order shall take effect when approved by the voters of said District at a referendum as provided in The Local Government Bond Act, as amended.

The foregoing order has been introduced and a sworn statement of debt has been filed under The Local Government Bond Act showing the appraised value of said District to be \$203,570,505 and the net debt thereof, including the proposed bonds, to be \$0. A tax will be levied to pay the principal of and interest on the bond if they are issued. Anyone who wishes to be heard on the questions of the validity of the bond order and the advisability of issuing the bonds may appear at a public hearing or an adjournment thereof to be held at 7:30 P.M. on June 19, 2000 in the Commissioners' Chambers on the Second Floor of the Columbus County Courthouse Annex at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina.

/s/ Ida L. Smith  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners  
for the County of Columbus, North Carolina

**BUDGET (2000-2001 PROPOSED) - PRESENTED AND ACCEPTED**

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator presented the Board with an overview of the 2000-2001 Proposed Operating Budget for their acceptance.

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to accept the 2000-2001 Proposed Operating Budget.

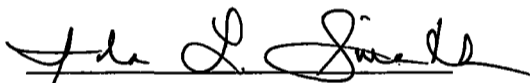
**BUDGET (2000-2001 PROPOSED) - PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED**

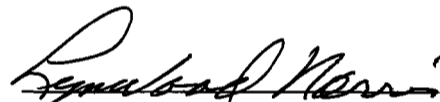
A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to schedule the Public Hearing for the 2000-2001 Proposed Operating Budget for 7:30 P.M., Monday June 19, 2000.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:10 A.M.

**APPROVED:**

  
Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

  
Lynwood Norris, Chairman