

**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 7:30 P.M., August 21, 2000 to hold their regularly scheduled Board Meeting, it being the third Monday.

**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

Chairman Norris called the regularly scheduled Board Meeting to order and Commissioner McKenzie gave the invocation.

**BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to approve the Board Minutes for August 7, 2000 Meeting as recorded.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to approve the following Consent Agenda Items.

**Tax Refunds:**

Request a refund in the name of Eddie Parker, 103 Parkers Dr., Evergreen, N.C. 28438. Should be exempt. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #12-21160.

Request a refund in the name of David Wright, 665 Vinegar Loop Rd., Tabor City, N.C. 28463. Paid user fee that is double listed in the name of Roger Wright ETAL. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #06-00920.

**Tax Releases:**

Release the property value in the name of Anzie Brown (Mrs). Failed to receive full exemption. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #05-00700.

Release the property value in the name of William & Johnnie Huggins. Failed to receive full exemption. Amount \$130.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #12-12577.

Release the property value in the name of Louise Lennon. Failed to receive full exemption. Amount \$130.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #01-52540.

Release the property value in the name of Helen G. Singletary. Failed to receive full exemption. Amount \$5.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #01-83760.

Release the user fee in the name of Joe Blake & Ann Barefoot. House vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #11-00980.

Release the user fee in the name of J.D. Benton. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #01-00519.

Release the user fee in the name of Washington T. Bradley. House vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #12-00710.

Release the user fee in the name of Washington T. Bradley. House vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #12-00710.

Release the user fee in the name of Ivan W. Britton. House vacant. Amount \$65.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #13-04120.

Release the user fee in the name of Brooks Farm & Timber Co. No house here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #12-03060.

Release the user fee in the name of Charles H. Brown (Sr.). House vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #01-09158.

Release the user fee in the name of Debra S. Bullard. House vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #09-01989.

Release the user fee in the name of Joseph & Johnson D. Clewis. No trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #03-03323.

Release a portion of the user fee in the name of Diana Davis. Did not have trash can full year. Amount \$75.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #09-03141.

Release one of the user fees in the name of Alexander Dubar. Only one trash can here. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #15-12408.

Release the user fee in the name of Lawrence Dudley. House vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #03-04868.

Release the user fee in the name of Grady & Martha Duncan. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #13-10741.

Release the user fee in the name of Willie J. Farris (Heirs) House vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #11-08800.

Release the user fee in the name of Novella Gaskins. House vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #13-14822.

Release the user fee in the name of Katrina I. Graham. House burned. Amount \$65.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #04-02510.

Release the user fee in the name of George B. Harris, Jr. House vacant, mother in rest home. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #08-08282.

Release the user fee in the name of Margaret Rose & Thomas H. Hazelwood. House vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #01-38640.

Release the user fee in the name of Hames R. (Jr.) & Elizabeth Herring. Using commercial hauler. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #01-39350.

Release the user fee in the name of Richie & Crystal Hinson. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #16-04827.

Release the user fee in the name of Sammie & Jean Jacobs. Using commercial hauler. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #04-08760.

Release a part of the user fee in the name of Evelyn M. James. House inside city. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #01-02002.

Release one of the user fees in the name of Gary Jernigan. Only one trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #11-14461.

Release the user fee in the name of John D. & Louise W. Joyner (Heirs). This is vacant land. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #09-16060.

Release the user fee in the name of Russell McQueen. This is vacant land. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #03-16100.

Release the user fee in the name of Paul Eugene, III & Kristen F. Nance. House vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #16-11711.

Release the user fee in the name of James T. & Louise F. Page. House vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #16-12120.

Release the user fee in the name of Christine Patrick. No trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #04-12711.

Release a portion of the user fee in the name of Jimmy Perritte. Did not have trash can full year. Amount \$75.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #06-03636.

Release the user fee in the name of Darby & Valecia Pike. No trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #04-03721.

Release the user fee in the name of Allen Prevatte. House is vacant. Amount \$65.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #10-13833.

Release one of the user fees in the name of Johnnie W. & Marietta Pierce. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #11-19940.

Release the user fee in the name of Willie C. or Edell Pierce. This property is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #11-20440.

Release the user fee in the name of William D. Powell. No trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #15-03019.

Release the user fee in the name of Joann D. Rhodes. Mobile home is vacant.  
Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #11-05530.

Release the user fee in the name of Rural Sanitation Service, Inc. of NC. Using  
commercial hauler. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #01-78305.

Release the user fee in the name of R.C. & Wanda S. Sellers. No trash can  
here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #13-35961.

Release the user fee in the name of Marion Brent Stanley. House vacant.  
Amount \$65.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #06-16401.

Release the user fee in the name of Marion B. & Cherly W. Stanley. House  
vacant. Amount \$65.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #06-35677.

Release the user fee in the name of Sherrill Stevens. House vacant. Amount  
\$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #03-03562.

Release the user fee in the name of Robert Arron Strickland. Property vacant.  
Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #16-15244.

Release the user fee in the name of Rodney Suggs. House vacant. Amount  
\$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #07-17761.

Release a part of the user fee in the name of James O. Todd. Did not have trash  
can full year. Amount \$75.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #12-03423.

Release the user fee in the name of Billy Ray & Edna M. Walker. No trash can  
here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #07-18460.

Release the user fee in the name of George W. Webb (Heirs). House vacant.  
Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #15-37940.

Release the user fee in the name of J. W. (Jr.) & Gladys Wheeler. House  
vacant. Amount \$65.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #10-18433.

Release the user fee in the name of Charles Williams. Mobile home vacant.  
Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #11-05538.

Release the user fee in the name of W. A. Williams. House vacant. Amount  
\$65.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #06-43540.

Release one of the user fees in the name of Eddie Leekota & Denise P. Williamson. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #12-30381.

Release the user fee in the name of Eddie Williamson. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #12-30382.

Release a portion of the user fee in the name of Jimmy Wilson. Did not have trash can full year. Amount \$75.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #06-05303.

Release one of the user fees in the name of Steven G. & Nancy Marie F. Wilson. Only one trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$N/A, Year 2000, Account #10-18981.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Carl Loren Camfield. Home double listed in the name of Margaret C. Horst Powell. Amount \$235.70, Value \$12,580, Year 2000, Account #03-00414.

Release the property value in the name of Joe Cartrette. Property combined with another parcel and listed in the same name. Amount \$15.60, Value \$2,000, Year 2000, Account #09-03380.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Chad Conner. Home double listed in the name of Jamie S. Turbeville. Amount \$213.55, Value \$11,180, Year 2000, Account #12-05841.

Release the value of a house in the name of Linda Harrelson Cox. Home moved off property. Amount \$261.94, Value \$16,700, Year 2000, Account #06-06440.

Release the property value in the name of Maggie Everette (Heirs) Property combined with another parcel and listed in the same name. Amount \$31.82, Value \$3,700, Year 1994, Account #15-13280.

Release the property value in the name of Maggie Everette (Heirs). Property combined with another parcel and listed in the same name. Amount \$32.56, Value \$3,700, Year 1995, Account #15-13280.

Release the property value in the name of Maggie Everette (Heirs). Property

combined with another parcel and listed in the same name. Amount \$33.30, Value \$3,700, Year 1996, Account #15-13280.

Release the property value in the name of Maggie Everette (Heirs) Property combined with another parcel and listed in the same name. Amount \$26.90, Value \$3,300, Year 1997, Account #15-13280.

Release the property value in the name of Maggie Everette (Heirs). Property combined with another parcel of land and listed in the same name. Amount \$26.90, Value \$3,300, Year 1998, Account #15-13280.

Release the property value in the name of Maggie Everette (Heirs). Property combined with another parcel and listed in the same name. Amount \$26.90, Value \$3,300, Year 1999, Account #15-13280.

Release the property value in the name of Maggie Everette (Heirs). Property combined with another parcel and listed in the same name. Amount \$27.72, Value \$3,300, Year 2000, Account #15-13280.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Debbie Fowler. Home double listed in the name of Anthony Hardie. Amount \$221.79, Value \$11,280, Year 2000, Account #09-05830.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Melony A. Gibson. Home double listed in the name of Elizabeth Blackmon. Amount \$268.97, Value \$16,360, Year 2000, Account #03-08344.

Release the property value in the name of Cecil McDonald. Property double listed in the name of Cecil & Marilyn C. McDonald. Amount \$465.88, Value \$40,400, Year 2000, Account #12-17318.

Release the value of a boat in the name of Horace Ray & Deborah Long. Boat double listed in the name of Ray Long. Amount \$71.28, Value \$8,000, Year 2000, Account #01-53960.

Release the property value in the name of Luther McMillan. Property double listed in the name of Thurman Roseboro. Amount \$18.68, Value \$1,900, Year 2000, Account

#12-18040.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Bobby Mincey. Billed with two homes and he only has one. Amount \$50.47, Value \$5,598, Year 2000, Account #16-05435.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Junior Lee Norris. Mr. Norris deceased and home sold. Amount \$166.88, Value \$5,287, Year 2000, Account #07-12492.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Robert & Bessie Pierce. Home double listed in the name of Johnny & Marietta Pierce. Amount \$170.36, Value \$5,287, Year 2000, Account #11-20200.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Ginger Pope. Home moved to Johnston County. Amount \$247.78, Value \$14,310, Year 2000, Account #11-03922.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Diane Powell. Home double listed in the name of Michael Wright. Amount \$143.04, Value \$2000, Year 2000, Account #06-01650.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Hartford T. Sellers, Sr. Home burned. Amount \$120.61, Value \$8,320, Year 2000, Account #03-20847.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Mark E. Singletary. Home sold prior to 2000. Amount \$160.43, Value \$4,474, Year 2000, Account #06-32991.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Albert Solomon. Sale of home never finalized. Home never placed on lot. Amount \$282.29, Value \$19,860, Year 2000, Account #14-14687.

Release the property value in the name of St. Pauls Holiness Church. House moved off property and land is exempt. Amount \$221.24, Value \$21,700, Year 2000, Account #13-37761.

Release the property value in the name of St. Pauls Holiness Church. Property exempt. Amount \$11.52, Value \$1,600, Year 2000, Account #13-37761.

Release the value of a double wide home in the name of Amber Stewart. Home



double listed in the name of Charles Wilson & Karen Sue Norris. Amount \$522.02, Value \$50,900, Year 2000, Account #11-00216.

Release a portion of the property value in the name of Norman & Pearl Whaley. Billed with incorrect value. Amount \$248.40, Value \$34,500, Year 2000, Account #03-28920.

Release the value of a boat in the name of Lynwood & Ruby Wright. Boat sold prior to 2000. Amount \$52.60, Value \$7,050, Year 2000, Account #06-45100.

**Budget Amendments:**

Appropriate 10-660-9999 Contingency	(\$10,000)
Expend as follows:	
10-575-0200 Salaries	\$ 8,885
10-575-0500 FICA	680
10-575-0700 Retirement	435
Accept 10-348-0906 Federal Funds (Summer Food Program)	507
Expend 10-575-6000 Summer Food Program	507
Accept 10-348-3400 EZ-LSTA Grants	\$15,000
Expend 10-631-0400 Library Professional Services	15,000
Appropriate 35-348-0100 Retained White Goods Grant	\$21,756
Expend 35-580-7403 White Goods Grant	21,756

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - RESOLUTION TO ABANDON A  
PORTION OF SR 1116**

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

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
REQUEST FOR ABANDONMENT TO STATE MAINTAINED SECONDARY  
ROAD SYSTEM**

**North Carolina**

**County of Columbus**

**Road Description:** SR 1116 from SR 1006 to SR 1113 - 0.7 mile

**WHEREAS**, the attached petition has been filed with the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Columbus requesting that the above described road, the location of which has been indicated in red on the attached map, be deleted from the

Secondary Road System; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners is of the opinion that the above described road should be deleted from the Secondary Road System, if the road meets minimum standards and criteria established by the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation for the deletion of roads to the System.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Columbus that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the above described road, and to delete the road for maintenance if it meets established standards and criteria.

**CERTIFICATE**

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus at a meeting on the 21st day of August 2000.

**WITNESS** my hand and official seal this the 21st day of August 2000.

/s/ Ida L. Smith  
Clerk, Board of Commissioners  
County of Columbus

(SEAL)

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - RESOLUTION TO ABANDON A  
PORTION OF SR 1817**

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

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
REQUEST FOR ABANDONMENT TO STATE MAINTAINED SECONDARY  
ROAD SYSTEM**

**North Carolina**

**County of Columbus**

**Road Description:** SR 1817 from a point 200 North SR 1854 to dead end - 0.58 mile

**WHEREAS**, the attached petition has been filed with the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Columbus requesting that the above described road, the location of which has been indicated in red on the attached map, be deleted from the Secondary Road System; and

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**LUMBER RIVER STATE PARK - APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TAKEN UNDER**

**ADVISEMENT**

Mr. Andrew N. Ash, State Park Citizens Advisory Committee, and James Sessoms, Park Superintendent, advised the Board the Lumber River State Park Citizens Advisory Committee is currently trying to raise money in order to produce a series of educational videos concerning the Lumber River State Park. These videos will educate school children, visitors to the state park and the general public concerning the environmental values of the Lumber River and requested the Board to appropriate \$5,000 toward funding the project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to take the above request under advisement.

**RESOLUTION - SUPPORT FOR THE NATURAL GAS EXPANSION FUND**

**CONTRIBUTION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Britt

and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT  
FOR THE  
NATURAL GAS EXPANSION FUND CONTRIBUTION**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Utilities Commission (hereafter known as "Utilities Commission") has established an Expansion Fund administered by the Treasurer of the State of North Carolina for extension by North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation (hereafter known as "NCNG") of natural gas facilities to and in areas that otherwise would not be economically feasible to serve with natural gas and the Order establishing the Expansion Fund, as well as supporting legislation, was upheld by the North Carolina Supreme Court in July, 1994; and

WHEREAS, NCNG will be filing a Petition with the Utilities Commission seeking approval of funding for a natural gas expansion project to extend NCNG's natural gas system through Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, NCNG has selected a project that will be in the vicinity from Southeast Regional Park into the Whiteville area traveling South down U.S. Highway 701 to Tabor City for areas anticipated to experience increased industrial growth; and

WHEREAS, the Utilities Commission will be considering in the coming months whether to authorize the substantial funding necessary for the proposed natural gas expansion project; and

WHEREAS, there are existing industries and businesses in Columbus County who need natural gas service and to whom service would be available if this natural gas extension project is constructed and the expansion of gas utility services would assist in recruiting new industry to Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, there is a great demand for the extension of natural gas facilities throughout southeastern North Carolina but limited funds are available to facilitate such extensions; and

WHEREAS, one of the factors the Utilities Commission may consider in

deciding whether to approve funding from the Expansion Fund for NCNG's system is the extent of contributions from local governments to the project; and

**WHEREAS**, if the Utilities Commission approves the expansion project proposed by NCNG, NCNG will construct natural gas facilities in Columbus County, which will increase the County's tax base at least to the extent of the natural gas facilities and additional opportunities for economic development in the County, all leading to increased tax revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, in keeping with the needs of Columbus County citizens, a low-pressure line be installed on the designated route so as residents as well as small businesses may have the ability to hook-on to the gas line at reasonable connection fees as well as consideration be given to the designated route so as to serve the most populated areas from Southeast Region Park to the Tabor City Industrial Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Board of County Commissioners believes that it is appropriate to provide assistance to encourage the approval of other funding to aid with the extension of this natural gas utility service in Columbus County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners hereby approves and authorizes the provision of assistance in the extension of NCNG's utility services through Columbus County in order to promote economic development; such assistance may be in the form of annual allocations to be deposited with the Treasury of North Carolina for NCNG's Expansion Fund. This amount may be a direct allocation based on 75% of the ad valorem tax revenue received or collected annually by Columbus County for the expansion project. The duration of this allocation will be for five (5) fiscal years as part of the proposed project to be filed in NCNG's Petition with the Utilities Commission and authorized under North Carolina General Statutes 158-7.1(b)(5) and 62-158(b); such five (5) annual payments to the expansion fund being authorized to begin in the first calendar year after the year in which the proposed Natural Gas Project is completed.

**ADOPTED** this 21st day of August 2000.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **Lynwood Norris, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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

**WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT IV - RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE  
AUTHORIZATION OF WATER BONDS**

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to adopt the following documents relating to the authorization of Water Bonds for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV.

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 IV, 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 7:30 P.M. on August 21, 2000.

**Present:** Chairman 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 B. Godwin, Finance Officer, and Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

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Commissioner McKenzie introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been made available to each Commissioner and which was read by its title:

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, in

Columbus County, North Carolina (the "District"), has commenced authorizing the issuance of \$5,142,000 Water Bonds of the District pursuant to an order to be introduced by said Board on August 21, 2000, which order will be submitted to the voters of the District at a referendum to be held on November 7, 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 Green Engineering, P.L.L.C., Wilson, North Carolina, dated June 1999, as revised, 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 principal 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.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage. Upon motion of Commissioner McKenzie , seconded by Commissioner Britt , the foregoing resolution was passed by the following vote:

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

**Noes:** None.

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

**ORDER AUTHORIZING \$5,142,000 WATER BONDS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 162A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, 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 IV, 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 IV, 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 \$5,142,000 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 water mains and lines, an elevated water storage tank, water pumping facilities and appurtenant facilities for the transmission and distribution of water to be provided by the Town of Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina and two private water systems, the improvement of certain existing water pumping facilities of said private systems 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 foregoing order entitled: **"ORDER AUTHORIZING**

**\$5,142,000 WATER BONDS"** was passed on first reading. On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Commissioners fixed 8:00 A.M. on September 5, 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 IV, 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 a regular meeting held on August 21, 2000 as relates in any way to the matters described therein and that said proceedings are recorded in Minute Book No. 25 of the minutes of said Board, beginning on page \_\_\_\_ and ending on page \_\_\_\_.

**I DO 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 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 21st day of August 2000.

/s/ Ida L. Smith

(COUNTY SEAL)

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT IV,  
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 IV, in Columbus County, North Carolina, to make and file with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners a statement of the 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 August 21, 2000, but not yet adopted:		
Water Bonds .....	\$	5,142,000
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).....	\$	5,142,000

**(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-
b(4) Bonded debt included in gross debt and incurred, or to be incurred, for water purposes.....	\$	5,142,000

b(5) Bonded debt included in gross debt and incurred, or to be incurred, for sanitary sewer system purposes to the extent that said debt is made deductible by G.S. §159-55(b)..... \$ -0-

b(6) Uncollected special assessments heretofore levied for local improvements for which any part of the gross debt (that is not otherwise deducted) was or is to be incurred to the extent that such assessments will be applied, when collected, to the payment of any part of the gross debt..... \$ -0-

b(7) The amount, as estimated by the Finance Officer, of special assessments to be levied for local improvements for which any part of the gross debt (that is not otherwise deducted) was or is to be incurred, to the extent that the special assessments, when collected, will be applied to the payment of any part of the gross debt..... \$ -0-

(b) DEDUCTIONS, being the sum of b(1), b(2), b(3), b(4)g b(5), b(6) and b(7)..... \$ 5,142,000

**(c) NET DEBT**

(c) NET DEBT, being the difference between the GROSS DEBT (a) and the DEDUCTIONS (b).....\$ -0-

**( d) APPRAISED VALUE**

(d) APPRAISED VALUE of property subject to municipal taxation before the application of any assessment ratio, being the value fixed in 2000..... \$ 222,641,050

(e) Percentage which the NET DEBT (c) bears to the APPRAISED VALUE (d)..... 0.0%

The foregoing statement is true.

/s/ Gayle B. Godwin  
Finance Officer

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA )

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS ) ss.:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of August 2000.

/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 IV, 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 August 21, 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 21st day of August 2000.

/s/ Ida L. Smith  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

(COUNTY SEAL)

**WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT V - RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE  
AUTHORIZATION OF WATER BONDS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution relating to the authorization of Water Bonds for Water and Sewer District V.

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 V, 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 7:30 P.M. on August 21, 2000.

**Present:** Chairman 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 B. Godwin, Finance Officer, and Ida L. Smith, Clerk to

the Board of Commissioners.

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Commissioner Britt introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been made available to each Commissioner and which was read by its title:

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina (the "District"), has commenced authorizing the issuance of \$5,705,000 Water Bonds of the District pursuant to an order to be introduced by said Board on August 21, 2000, which order will be submitted to the voters of the District at a referendum to be held on November 7, 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 Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, P.A., Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, dated April 1999 and revised September 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 principal 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.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Upon motion of Commissioner Britt , seconded by Commissioner Wilson, the foregoing resolution was passed by the following vote:

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

**Noes:** None.

Thereupon Commissioner Britt introduced the following order authorizing bonds which was read:

**ORDER AUTHORIZING \$5,705,000****WATER BONDS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 162A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, 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 V, 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 V, 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 \$5,705,000 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 foregoing order entitled: "**ORDER AUTHORIZING \$5,705,000 WATER BONDS**" was passed on first reading.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Commissioners fixed 8:00 A.M. on September 5, 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 V, 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 a regular meeting held on August 21, 2000 as relates in any way to the matters described therein and that said proceedings are recorded in Minute Book No. 25 of the minutes of said Board, beginning on page \_\_\_\_ and ending on page \_\_\_\_ .

**I DO 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 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 21st day of August 2000.

/s/ Ida L. Smith

(COUNTY SEAL)

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT V,  
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 V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, to make and file with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners a statement of the 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 August 21, 2000, but not yet adopted:		
Water Bonds .....	\$	5,705,000
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).....	\$	5,705,000

**(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-
b(4) Bonded debt included in gross debt and incurred, or to be incurred, for water purposes.....	\$	5,705,000
b(5) Bonded debt included in gross debt and incurred, or to be incurred, for sanitary sewer system purposes to the extent that said debt is made deductible by G.S. §159-55(b).....	\$	-0-
b(6) Uncollected special assessments heretofore levied for local improvements for which any part of the gross debt (that is not otherwise deducted) was or is to be incurred to the extent that such assessments will be applied, when collected, to the payment of any part of the gross debt.....	\$	-0-
b(7) The amount, as estimated by the Finance Officer, of special assessments to be levied for local improvements for which any part of the gross debt (that is not otherwise deducted) was or is to be incurred, to the extent that the special assessments, when collected, will be applied to the payment of any part of the gross debt.....	\$	-0-
(b) DEDUCTIONS, being the sum of b(1), b(2), b(3), b(4), b(5), b(6) and b(7).....	\$	5,705,000

(c) NET DEBT

(c) NET DEBT, being the difference between the GROSS DEBT (a) and the DEDUCTIONS (b).....\$ -0-

(d) APPRAISED VALUE

(d) APPRAISED VALUE of property subject to municipal taxation before the application of any assessment ratio, being the value fixed in 2000..... \$ 121,911,630

(e) Percentage which the NET DEBT (c) bears to the APPRAISED VALUE (d)..... 0.0%

The foregoing statement is true.

/s/ Gayle B. Godwin  
Finance Officer

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA )  
 ) ss.:  
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS )

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of August 2000.

/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 V, 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 August 21, 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 21st day of August 2000.

/s/ Ida L. Smith  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

(COUNTY SEAL)

**RESOLUTION - REIMBURSEMENT FROM WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT IV**

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

**RESOLUTION of OFFICIAL INTENT**

**RESOLUTION for a GOVERNMENTAL ISSUER**

**(REIMBURSEMENT)**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FROM THE PROCESS OF A TAX-EXEMPT FINANCING FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES TO BE MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT IV**

**WHEREAS,** Columbus County is a political subdivision organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina; **and**

**WHEREAS,** the said County will make expenditures on or after the date hereof with respect to expenses incurred and to be incurred in connection with the acquisition and construction of Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV; **and**

**WHEREAS,** the Columbus County Board of Commissioners has determined that the funds advanced and to be advanced to pay expenditures are and will be available for a temporary period and it is necessary to reimburse the said County for the expenditures made on or after the date hereof with respect to the Project from the proceeds of the financing of the said Project; **and**

**WHEREAS,** as of the date hereof, there have been no funds of the Issuer or any other entity that is part of the controlled group of entities of which the Issuer is deemed a part under Treasury Regulation, Sections 1.103-18 and 1.150-1(f) (the "Controlled Group"), that are, or are reasonably expected to be, allocated on a long-term basis, reserved or otherwise available pursuant to the budgets of the Issuer or any other entity that is part of the Controlled Group to finance the Project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** The Board hereby adopts this declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation, Section 1.103-18(c)(2)(I), or any other relevant section, and declares its intent to reimburse the Issuer with the proceeds of tax-exempt financing for expenditures.

**SECTION 2:** On the date of expenditures, all reimbursable cost of the Project will be of a type properly chargeable to a capital account under general federal income tax principals.

**SECTION 3:** The maximum principal of amount of debt expected to be issued is five million, one hundred forty-two thousand and 00/100 (\$5,142,000.00) dollars.

**SECTION 4:** The adoption of this Resolution is consistent with the budgetary and financial circumstances of the Issuer and all other entities that are a party to the Controlled Group.

**SECTION 5:** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

**SECTION 6:** Beginning no later than thirty (30) days after the beginning of this Project and ending at the time of which the final financing documents have been executed, this Resolution will be reasonably and continuously available for inspection by the general public, on each business day and during normal business hours at the Columbus County Administration Office, 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina.

**PASSED and ADOPTED**, this the 21st day of August 2000.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **Lynwood Norris, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

**RESOLUTION - REIMBURSEMENT FROM WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT V**

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

**RESOLUTION of OFFICIAL INTENT****RESOLUTION for a GOVERNMENTAL ISSUER****(REIMBURSEMENT)****RESOLUTION OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FROM THE PROCESS OF A TAX-EXEMPT FINANCING FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES TO BE MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT V**

**WHEREAS**, Columbus County is a political subdivision organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the said County will make expenditures on or after the date hereof with respect to expenses incurred and to be incurred in connection with the acquisition and construction of Columbus County Water and Sewer District V; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners has determined that the funds advanced and to be advanced to pay expenditures are and will be available for a temporary period and it is necessary to reimburse the said County for the expenditures made on or after the date hereof with respect to the Project from the proceeds of the financing of the said Project; **and**

**WHEREAS**, as of the date hereof, there have been no funds of the Issuer or any other entity that is part of the controlled group of entities of which the Issuer is deemed a part under Treasury Regulation, Sections 1.103-18 and 1.150-1(f) (the "Controlled Group"), that are, or are reasonably expected to be, allocated on a long-term basis, reserved or otherwise available pursuant to the budgets of the Issuer or any other entity that is part of the Controlled Group to finance the Project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** The Board hereby adopts this declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation, Section 1.103-18(c)(2)(I), or any other relevant section, and declares

its intent to reimburse the Issuer with the proceeds of tax-exempt financing for expenditures.

**SECTION 2:** On the date of expenditures, all reimbursable cost of the Project will be of a type properly chargeable to a capital account under general federal income tax principals.

**SECTION 3:** The maximum principal of amount of debt expected to be issued is five million, seven hundred five thousand and 00/100 (\$5,705,000.00) dollars.

**SECTION 4:** The adoption of this Resolution is consistent with the budgetary and financial circumstances of the Issuer and all other entities that are a party to the Controlled Group.

**SECTION 5:** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

**SECTION 6:** Beginning no later than thirty (30) days after the beginning of this Project and ending at the time of which the final financing documents have been executed, this Resolution will be reasonably and continuously available for inspection by the general public, on each business day and during normal business hours at the Columbus County Administration Office, 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina.

**PASSED and ADOPTED**, this the 21st day of August 2000.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **Lynwood Norris, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

**ADMINISTRATION - REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATOR**

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, reported to the Board on the following items:

1. The Water and Sewer Districts IV and V applications have been completed and filed with the Local Government Commission for approval for General Obligation Bonds.
2. Renovations have been scheduled for the Inspections and Sanitation Offices and these offices will be housed behind the E-911 Center in



modular units until the renovations are complete.

3. We are in the process of preparing proposals to receive bids for the construction of the Animal Shelter.
4. We have not received the Bladen County Emergency Service area incident report as yet.

#### **DETENTION CENTER ADDITION AND RENOVATIONS - REPORT**

James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, reported the Architect's Service Agreement regarding the Columbus County Detention Center Addition and Renovations has not been agreed upon as yet, but will be negotiated with the Architect and placed on the September 5, 2000 Agenda for approval.

#### **DOT - ROAD DITCHES ALONG HIGHWAY 130 TO BE CLEANED OF DEBRIS REQUEST**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to request the North Carolina Department of Transportation to have the ditches along Highway 130 cleaned of debris as there is a steady water problem in the area where Bitmore Road intersects with Highway 130.

#### **WHITEVILLE (CITY OF) - ANTI-CRUISING DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Dutton reported that he hopes the Whiteville City Council will revisit the issue of cruising in the downtown area as he supports cruising in the City of Whiteville. Commissioner Dutton commented he has heard from many constituents who are upset that residents are no longer allowed to cruise.

Commissioners Gray and Wilson stated they have also heard numerous complaints regarding the cruising ban which went into effect May 5.

Sheriff Jimmy Ferguson reported it is creating a problem for the Sheriff's Department on weekends as the Whiteville Police Officers radio the 911 communications center regarding the cruisers causing the Sheriff's Department to be unable to get through to 911.

Commission Chairman Norris reported he has received reports of the Sheriff

Deputies trying to call the 911 center and are being put on hold because Whiteville Policemen are running multiple series of tag checks to enforce the cruising ban.

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, reported the workload on the telecommunicators in the 911 center has increased.

David Singletary of the Citizens Rights Committee addressed the Board and spoke his concern that the cruising ban is sending a signal to young people that they are not welcome in Whiteville.

Paula Rogers, a member of a classic automobile club, said club members were not going to participate in the 2000 Harvest Days Festival to show support for cruising.

**FIRE MARSHAL - APPLICANT TO BE INTERVIEWED AT SEPTEMBER 5, 2000**

**BOARD MEETING**

Commissioner Wilson stated everyone has received the potential candidates for the position of Columbus County Fire Marshal. Mr. Herring has checked references on applicants and recommends that Scott Garner, Assistant Fire Marshal in Brunswick County, be considered for the Fire Marshal position.

The Board concurred for Mr. Herring to contact Scott Garner and request his presence at the September 5, 2000 Board Meeting for the Board to meet and interview for the Fire Marshal's position

**DOT - REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF TREE LIMB WHICH IS OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC LIGHT**

Commissioner Gray requested Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, to contact the Department of Transportation regarding the obstruction of the traffic light at the intersection of Jefferson and Franklin Streets as a large tree limb blocks the view coming from the courthouse traveling east toward Columbus County Hospital.

The Board concurred with Commissioner Gray's request.

**DOT - REQUEST REFLECTORS AT INTERSECTION OF OLD LAKE ROAD AND HIGHWAY 74-76**

Commissioner Jacobs requested Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator,

contact the Department of Transportation to look into the possibility of having some type of reflective materials placed on the guard rails at the intersection of Old Lake Road and U. S. 74 at East Columbus High School intersection.

The Board concurred with Commissioner Jacobs' request.

**DOT - REQUEST FOR ENGINEERING REVIEW REGARDING INTERSECTION  
OF BLACKSMITH ROAD AND US 74**


Mayor Frank Wilson of Bolton voiced concerns regarding the dangerous situation at the intersection of Blacksmith Road and U.S. 74 stating there have been numerous accidents as well as life-threatening accidents at this intersection.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to request Demspey Herring, County Administrator, to contact the Department of Transportation and request an engineering review in regards to the safety of the intersection of Blacksmith Road and U.S. 74. The Board also requested Mayor Frank Wilson to contact the Department of Transportation and make the same request from the Town of Bolton.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:40 P.M.

**APPROVED:**

  
Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

  
Lynwood Norris, Chairman

