

**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., September 18, 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 Britt gave the invocation.

**BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to approve the September 5 and 12, 2000 Board Minutes, as recorded.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda items as follows.

**Tax Refunds:**

Request a refund in the name of Barb Enterprises Inc., 1000 Barbcrest Ave. 5-C, Whiteville, NC 28472. Overpaid for the use of four (4) trash cans. Amount \$40.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-02700, Bill # 80539.

Request a refund in the name of Thomas Collins Campbell (Heirs), 777 Harvard St. N. Western, Washington, DC 20001. Paid user fee on house that has been torn down. Amount \$65.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-12200, Bill # 84874.

Request a refund in the name of Jimmy Lee & Doris Fowler, 981 Gapway Ch. Rd., Tabor City, NC 28463. Should pay for two trash cans only. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-04940, Bill # 91218.

Request a refund in the name of Lucille Fowler Gore (Mrs.), 2981 Swamp Fox Hwy., Tabor City, NC 28463. Paid user fee on vacant house. Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-14900, Bill # 12226.

Request a refund in the name of C.O. & Estaleen T. Gore, P.O. Box 277, Whiteville, NC 28472. Paid user fee on vacant house. Amount \$65.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-11220, Bill # 92912.

Request a refund in the name of J.C. & Rebecca R. Lennon, 21669 Andrew Jackson Hwy. E., Bolton, NC 28423. Refund Acme Delco Fire District. Property is not located in that area. Amount \$120.24, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 15-23600, Bill # 57165.

Request a refund in the name of J.C. & Rebecca R. Lennon, 21669 Andrew Jackson Hwy. E., Bolton, NC 28423. Refund Acme Delco Fire District. Property is not located in this area. Amount \$120.24, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 15-23600, Bill # 19176.

Request a refund in the name of Patricia Moore, 2234 Prison Camp Rd., Whiteville, NC 28472. Mobile home was not listed late. Computer error. Amount \$4.48, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-04534, Bill # 4574.

Request a refund in the name of Timothy Wayne Simmons, 2000 Walter Todd Rd., Clarendon, NC 28432. Refund value of M/H, including Williams Fire fee, that is double listed in the name of Anthony Greg Floyd. Amount \$70.09, Value \$8,440.00, Year 1999, Account # 09-26815, Bill # 29766.

Request a refund in the name of Mamie L. & Cephus Spaulding, c/o Elizabeth Laws, 993 Jenkins Rd., Whiteville, NC 28472. Refund value of property, including Welches Creek fire, that is double listed on Map Book, 55 Page 38. Amount \$43.00, Value \$5,000.00, Year 1996, Account # 14-15880, Bill # 65420.

Request a refund in the name of Mamie L. & Cephus Spaulding (Heirs) c/o Elizabeth Laws, 993 Jenkins Rd., Whiteville, NC 28472. Refund property value, including Welches Creek Fire District fee, that is double listed on Map Book 55, Page 38. Amount \$63.55, Value \$8,200.00, Year 1997, Account # 14-15800, Bill # 63723.

Request a refund in the name of Mamie L. Spaulding & Cephus (Heirs) c/o Elizabeth Laws, 993 Jenkins Rd., Whiteville, NC 28472. Refund property value, including Welches Creek fee, that is double listed on Map Book 55, Page 38. Amount \$63.55, Value \$8,200.00, Year 1998, Account # 14-15880, Bill # 68955.

Request a refund in the name of Mamie L. Spaulding & Cephus, c/o Elizabeth Laws, 993 Jenkins Rd., Whiteville, NC 28472. Refund property value, including Welches Creek fee, that is double listed on Map Book 55, Page 38. Amount \$63.55, Value \$8,200.00, Year 1999, Account # 14-15880, Bill # 31416.

Request a refund in the name of Irene N. Williams, 1599 Sydney Cherry Grove Rd., Clarendon, NC 28432. Paid on incorrect user fee value. Should pay for three trash cans only. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-33520, Bill # 19365.

**Tax Releases:**

Release the Property Value in the name of Ila V. & Marilyn Fipps. Release property value, including Yam City fee. Failed to receive full senior citizens' exemption. Amount \$82.00, Value \$10,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-09820, Bill # 90424.

Release the Property Value in the name of Mamie L. Harvey. Release property

value, including Bolton Fire District, that should have received the senior citizens exemption.

Amount \$156.00, Value \$20,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-01648, Bill # 95419.

Release the Property Value in the name of Mary Henburg. Release value of M/H, including Cerro Gordo Fire District, that should receive the senior citizens exemption.

Amount \$207.60, Value \$15,810.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-02503, Bill # 95892.

Release the Property Value in the name of Martha Murphy McMillan. Release property value. Failed to receive senior citizens exemption. Amount \$144.00, Value \$20,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-24650, Bill # 46510.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dina Lynn Connor. Release the property value for the Town of Cerro Gordo. Property is not in the city limits. Amount \$16.30, Value \$8,150.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-03295, Bill # 40015.

Release the Property Value in the name of Mary Henburg. Release the property value of the City of Cerro Gordo. Should receive the senior citizens exemption. Amount \$34.78, Value \$15,810.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-02503, Bill # 40070.

Release the Property Value in the name of William Hoyle Williamson. Release the value of a mobile home for the Town of Boardman. Property not in the city limits. Amount \$16.07, Value \$29,200.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-32080, Bill # 46464.

Release the Special District in the name of J.C. & Rebecca R. Lennon. Release the Acme Delco fee. Property is not in that area. Amount \$120.24, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-23600, Bill # 410.

Release the Special District in the name of Junior Soles. Release \$25.00 North Whiteville fire and \$.93 Whiteville Rescue. Property is not located in that area. Amount \$25.93, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-87207, Bill # 12654.

Release the User Fee in the name of Pearl D. Ahrens. Release user fee. There are no trash cans here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-00117, Bill # 79611.

Release the User Fee in the name of Howard P. & Jacqueline C. Baldwin. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$65.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account #

01-02223, Bill # 80388.

Release the User Fee in the name of Thelba A. Benson. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 08-01100, Bill # 81556.

Release the User Fee in the name of Charles R. & Janice B. Ray Blackmon. Release user fee. Trash can picked up. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-01561, Bill # 81981.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gurnice Britt. Release user fee. Land vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-02580, Bill # 82911.

Release the User Fee in the name of John Albert Buck. Release user fee. Trash can picked up. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-01000, Bill # 83761.

Release the User Fee in the name of Edgar D. (Sr.) & Gurline D. Caines. Release user fee. No trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-06360, Bill # 84659.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lizzie S. Carter. Release user fee. No trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-13180, Bill # 85257.

Release the User Fee in the name of Dennis James Cartrette. Release user fee. House vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-04537, Bill # 85398.

Release the User Fee in the name of Elbert Cartrette. Release user fee. Trash can picked up. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-03180, Bill # 85414.

Release the User Fee in the name of Robert D. Cartrette. Release one user fee. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-07723, Bill # 85558.

Release the User Fee in the name of Curtis James Chancy (Sr.). Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-05663, Bill # 85717.

Release the User Fee in the name of Darrol D. & Ruth Ann Clarke. Release user fee. No trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 05-02554,

Bill # 85983.

Release the User Fee in the name of Avis Collins. Release user fee. Mobile home used for storage. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-03353, Bill # 86511.

Release the User Fee in the name of Columbus County Wildlife Club. Release user fee. No trash can here. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 18-00246, Bill # 39274.

Release the User Fee in the name of Columbus County Wildlife Club. Release user fee. No trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 18-00246, Bill # 21100.

Release the User Fee in the name of Linda Noble Cook. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-09943, Bill # 86766.

Release the User Fee in the name of Daisy Lee Deal & Gary D. McPherson. Release user fee. Trash can picked up. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-06414, Bill # 88121.

Release the User Fee in the name of Virginia Atkinson Dennis. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 05-01680, Bill # 88198.

Release the User Fee in the name of Nancy Dudley. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have trash can full year. Amount \$40.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-00315, Bill # 88645.

Release the User Fee in the name of Toy & Frances Carol Duncan. Release user fee. Store is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-07440, Bill # 88900.

Release the User Fee in the name of James T. Elderdice. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have trash can full year. Amount \$40.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-03780, Bill # 89329.

Release the User Fee in the name of Junior Robert Ellis. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-04940, Bill # 89467.

Release the User Fee in the name of Alton & Annie Ruth Fairfax. Release user fee. No trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-02159, Bill # 89979.

Release the User Fee in the name of Russell Fipps (ETAL). Release user fee. No trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-09941, Bill # 90441.

Release the User Fee in the name of Friedman Farms, Inc. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-04702, Bill # 91708.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore Trailer Mfg., Inc. Release user fee. Use commercial hauler. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-08800, Bill # 93457.

Release the User Fee in the name of Daniel J. & Janice W. Gore. Release user fee. Use commercial hauler. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-08940, Bill # 92953.

Release the User Fee in the name of Daniel J. & Janice W. Gore. Release user fee. Use commercial hauler. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-08760, Bill # 92952.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lucille Fowler Gore. Release user fee. Property is vacant. Amount \$65.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-14900, Bill # 93267.

Release the User Fee in the name of Michael Gore. Release user fee. No trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-15860, Bill # 93297.

Release the User Fee in the name of Patricia J. Gore. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-03806, Bill # 93324.

Release the User Fee in the name of Mattie J. Sagas Grice. Release user fee. Fee double listed in the name of Mattie Sagas. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-07950, Bill # 94430.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jerry Edward Grainger. Release user fee. No trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-12060, Bill # 93977.

Release the User Fee in the name of Margaret Faye Hall. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-04215, Bill # 94669.

Release the User Fee in the name of Pearl & Grover Hall. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$65.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-17153, Bill # 94676.

Release the User Fee in the name of Shane David & Tabitha Hardee. Release a portion of the user fee. Property inside city limits. Amount \$65.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-17204, Bill # 95017.

Release the User Fee in the name of John Heiser. Release user fee. Land is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-05438, Bill # 95826.

Release the User Fee in the name of Thomas S. Hobbs, c/o Gayle Kennedy. Release user fee. Uses commercial hauler. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-19440, Bill # 96780.

Release the User Fee in the name of Holland, Velma C. Release user fee. No house on this property. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-12175, Bill # 96879.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ralph D. & Rose M. Jacobs. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-00238, Bill # 98189.

Release the User Fee in the name of Delma Rae Ward Johnson. Release user fee. There is no trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account #



03-00901, Bill # 98556.

Release the User Fee in the name of Sybil M. Jolly. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$65.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-21883, Bill # 98802.

Release the User Fee in the name of Edna Campbell Jones. Release user fee. No trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-07700, Bill # 98870.

Release the User Fee in the name of Vina Mae Keaton. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 15-21845, Bill # 56097.

Release the User Fee in the name of Vina Mae Keaton. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 15-21845, Bill # 18079.

Release the User Fee in the name of Vina Mae Keaton. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-21845, Bill # 99280.

Release the User Fee in the name of Fred E. Lay, Jr. (Etal). Release user fee. No trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-10144, Bill # 113.

Release the User Fee in the name of John Carl, Jr. & Charles Lennon. Release a portion of the user fee. One of the trash cans is inside the city limits. Amount \$85.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-52480, Bill # 428.

Release the User Fee in the name of John V. & Elsa Long. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have trash can full year. Amount \$40.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-16947, Bill # 1148.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ocie Duncan Long. Release user fee. House vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 03-14574, Bill # 19951.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ocie Duncan Long. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-14574, Bill #

1224.

Release the User Fee in the name of Mary D. & Wade McKenzie. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-26065, Bill # 2703.

Release the User Fee in the name of Henry & Lou Floy Milligan. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-11199, Bill # 3964.

Release the User Fee in the name of Henry L. & Peggy N. Mills. Release the user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$65.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-26150, Bill # 4017.

Release the User Fee in the name of William D. (Sr.) & Lucy V. Mitchell. Release the user fee. House vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-17725, Bill # 4277.

Release the User Fee in the name of Mount Olive Charitable Giving Foundation, Inc. Release user fee that is double listed in the name of Washington T. Bradley. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 18-00258, Bill # 39284.

Release the User Fee in the name of Mount Olive Charitable Giving Foundation, Inc. Release user fee that is double listed in the name of Washington T. Bradley. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 18-00258, Bill # 21110.

Release the User Fee in the name of L. Lynwood & Nina G. Norris. Release the user fee. They use a commercial hauler. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-28119, Bill # 5808.

Release the User Fee in the name of Tony Moran Norris. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have trash can a full year. Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-28785, Bill # 5895.

Release the User Fee in the name of North Carolina Indian Housing Authority. Release the user fee that is double listed in the same name on account number 18-03141. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 18-00238, Bill # 21093.

Release the User Fee in the name of Annie Jo Norton. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-12045, Bill # 5992.

Release the User Fee in the name of John Pearce. Release user fee. There is no trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-04938, Bill # 6597.

Release the User Fee in the name of Thurman Y. Penny. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-11880, Bill # 6648.

Release the User Fee in the name of Craven R. Phillips. Release one of the user fees. One mobile home is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 05-05020, Bill # 6799.

Release the User Fee in the name of Dorothy H. Pierce. Release user fee. They use a commercial hauler. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-19600, Bill # 6919.

Release the User Fee in the name of E. L. Rabon. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-33840, Bill # 8276.

Release the User Fee in the name of Anthony Ray. Release user fee. Trash can has been picked up. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-13380, Bill # 8424.

Release the User Fee in the name of Michael Ray Richardson. Release user fee. There is no can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-19880, Bill # 8982.

Release the User Fee in the name of Russell Dale Rockwell. Release the user fee. Trash can picked in 1999. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-01031, Bill # 9311.

Release the User Fee in the name of Marshall J. & Linda F. Sarvis. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have trash can a full year. Amount \$40.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-78840, Bill # 9863.

Release the User Fee in the name of Rachel Sellers. Release user fee. There is no trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-04703, Bill # 46518.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wayne & David Sellers. Release a portion of the user fee. Billed incorrectly for two (2) houses inside the city limit. Amount \$20.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-81260, Bill # 10516.

Release the User Fee in the name of Clarence N. & Lettia R. Sharp. Release a portion of the user fee. Billed incorrectly for three (3) cans inside the city limits. Amount \$65.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-81501, Bill # 10593.

Release the User Fee in the name of James & Kenneth A. Shaw. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$65.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-78815, Bill # 10682.

Release the User Fee in the name of Barbara C. Simmons. Release one user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-83240, Bill # 11094.

Release the User Fee in the name of Charles L. & Maggie P. Simmons. Release one of the user fees. One mobile home is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-14040, Bill # 11110.

Release the User Fee in the name of Barbara Singletary (Etal). Release user fee. House is unlivable, and there has never been a trash can here. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 12-16390, Bill # 29824.

Release the User Fee in the name of Barbara Singletary (Etal). Release user fee. House is unlivable and there has never been a trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-16390, Bill # 11405.

Release the User Fee in the name of Roy Harold & Wanda Smith. Release user fee. They use a commercial hauler. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-86393, Bill # 12374.

Release the User Fee in the name of Junior Soles. Release user fee. Fee is

double listed in the name of Pearl G. Soles. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-87207, Bill # 12654.

Release the User Fee in the name of Kenneth W. Spaulding. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-15141, Bill # 13000.

Release the User Fee in the name of Julie C. Strickland. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-03601, Bill # 14511.

Release the User Fee in the name of Phillip & Jeannette Strickland. Release user fee. Trash can picked up two years ago. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-17260, Bill # 14574.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lacy & Mazie Suggs, c/o Verniece Shaw. Release the user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-17600, Bill # 14785.

Release the User Fee in the name of William Colon Wall, Jr. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-04641, Bill # 17113.

Release the User Fee in the name of Dula Belle Ward. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-32100, Bill # 17493.

Release the User Fee in the name of Harold P. & Naomi W. Ward. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$65.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-40940, Bill # 17572.

Release the User Fee in the name of John Colon & Linda Ward. Release user fee. They use a commercial hauler. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-27099, Bill # 17659.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jackie Ray White. Release the user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-19000, Bill # 18843.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lawrence & Rhonda White. Release the user fee. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 03-29189, Bill # 30038.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lawrence & Rhonda White. Release user fee. Home destroyed by hurricane. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 03-29189, Bill # 37057.

Release the User Fee in the name of Magdalene Williams. Release user fee. House is incomplete. No trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-12501, Bill # 19448.

Release the User Fee in the name of Tyndall Williamson. Release user fee. Store does not have a trash can. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-31920, Bill # 19988.

Release the User Fee in the name of Paul Curtis Willis (Etal). Release user fee. There is no trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-43808, Bill # 20050.

Release the User Fee in the name of Rose Bethea & Ralph Wilson. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-00241, Bill # 20189.

Release the User Fee in the name of Doris L. Wray. Release user fee. No house on this parcel of land. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 02-09346, Bill # 20561.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wyche & Co. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-30838, Bill # 20777.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fred T. & Mary A. Algood. Release a portion of the property value, including Whiteville Rescue fee. House flooded by hurricane. Amount \$167.12, Value \$13,800.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-05024, Bill # 79733.

Release the Property Value in the name of Keith & Lorie Bradley. Release

value of double wide that is double listed in the name of Brad & Lori McLean. Amount \$433.16, Value \$42,800.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-04321, Bill # 82702.

Release the Property Value in the name of Shawn Bress. Release value of single wide home, including Acme Delco fee, that was traded for new home and listed to Chinita Young. Amount \$183.91, Value \$9,360.00, Year 1999, Account # 15-04173, Bill # 1920.

Release the Property Value in the name of Shawn Bress. Release value of single wide home, including Acme Delco fee, that was traded for double wide and listed to Chinita Young. Amount \$206.60, Value \$8,830.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-04173, Bill # 82773.

Release the Property Value in the name of Charles Davis Bryant (Heirs). Release the value of a house, including the Acme Delco Fire fee, that was destroyed by fire in 1999. Amount \$449.24, Value \$38,600.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-06620, Bill # 83645.

Release the Property Value in the name of Buffkin & McDaniels Warehouse. Release a portion of the property value that is double listed in the name of H.B. Buffkin (Jr.) & Earl McDaniels. Amount \$1,727.72, Value \$222,600.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-27070, Bill # 83775.

Release the Property Value in the name of Carlos D. Bullard, III. Release a portion of the boat value that was priced too high. Amount \$12.96, Value \$1,800.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-00118, Bill # 83921.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dina Lynn Connor. Release a portion of the boat value and the Cerro Gordo Fire fee, that is priced too high. Amount \$25.83, Value \$3,150.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-03295, Bill # 86674.

Release the Property Value in the name of Daniel Hartford & Carol H. Cox. Release the value of a single wide home, including Old Dock Fire fee, that is double listed in the same name as a double wide. Amount \$144.62, Value \$2,230.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-04157, Bill # 87022.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ricky L. Edge. Release the value

of a grain bin, including the Brunswick Fire fee, that was destroyed by Hurricane Floyd. Amount \$44.55, Value \$5,500.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-22765, Bill # 89064.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fast C. Express, II. Release the business personal property value. Business burned December 1999. Amount \$178.18, Value \$24,747.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-02530, Bill # 90076.

Release the Property Value in the name of Linda Jacobs & Peter Freeman. Release the value of a storage building that is double listed in the same name but on a different parcel. Amount \$10.80, Value \$1,500.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-08447, Bill # 91606.

Release the Property Value in the name of Royce & Kathy Gore. Release value of double wide, including the Hallsboro Fire fee, that is double listed in the name of Kathy Buffkin Gore. Amount \$514.22, Value \$49,900.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-11341, Bill # 93390.

Release the Property Value in the name of Leon O. Hewett. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Anita Lowery. Amount \$135.24, Value \$4,610.00, Year 1999, Account # 07-08352, Bill # 14924.

Release the Property Value in the name of Leon O. Hewett. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Anita Lowery. Amount \$169.54, Value \$5,623.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-08352, Bill # 96041.

Release the Property Value in the name of Michael Hinson. Release the value of a boat, including the Klondyke Fire fee, that was sold in 1997. Amount \$63.20, Value \$8,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-19346, Bill # 96674.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nol Luther Johnson (Heirs). Release property value. Estate settled in the 70's. No remaining part. Amount \$79.56, Value \$11,700.00, Year 1990, Account # 13-21740, Bill # 99404.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nol Luther Johnson (Heirs). Release property value. Entire estate settled in the 70's. No remaining part. Amount \$80.73, Value \$11,700.00, Year 1991, Account # 13-21740, Bill # 3623.



Release the Property Value in the name of Nol Luther Johnson (Heirs). Release property value. Entire estate settled in the 70's. There is no remaining part. Amount \$80.73, Value \$11,700.00, Year 1992, Account # 13-21740, Bill # 82197.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nol Luther Johnson. Release the property value. Entire estate was settled in the 70's. There is no remaining part. Amount \$84.24, Value \$11,700.00, Year 1993, Account # 13-21740, Bill # 77215.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nol Luther Johnson (Heirs). Release property value. Entire estate was settled in the 70's. There is no remaining part. Amount \$88.92, Value \$11,700.00, Year 1994, Account # 13-21740, Bill # 36325.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nol Luther Johnson (Heirs). Release property value, including North Whiteville fee. Entire estate settled in the 70's. There is no remaining part. Amount \$96.26, Value \$11,700.00, Year 1995, Account # 13-21740, Bill # 7637.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nol Luther Johnson (Heirs). Release property value, including North Whiteville fee. Entire estate settled in the 70's. There is no remaining part. Amount \$96.26, Value \$11,700.00, Year 1996, Account # 13-21740, Bill # 52773.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nol Luther Johnson (Heirs). Release property value, including the North Whiteville fee. Entire estate settled in the 70's. No remaining part. Amount \$127.32, Value \$17,600.00, Year 1997, Account # 13-21740, Bill # 50864.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nol Luther Johnson (Heirs). Release property value, including North Whiteville fee. Entire estate was settled in the 70's. There is no remaining part. Amount \$127.32, Value \$17,600.00, Year 1998, Account # 13-21740, Bill # 55544.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nol Luther Johnson (Heirs). Release property value, including North Whiteville fee. Entire estate was settled in the 70's. There is no remaining part. Amount \$127.32, Value \$17,600.00, Year 1999, Account # 13-21740,

Bill # 17496.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nol Luther Johnson, (Heirs).

Release the property value, including the North Whiteville fee. Entire estate was settled in the 70's. There is no remaining part. Amount \$131.72, Value \$17,600.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-21740, Bill # 98677.

Release the Property Value in the name of Christopher Lee. Release value of mobile home that is double listed in the name of John L. Lee. Amount \$168.41, Value \$5,480.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-51878, Bill # 193.

Release the Property Value in the name of Donald Neil Long. Release a portion of the house value. House was billed incorrectly with a carport and porches. Amount \$103.68, Value \$14,400.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-13712, Bill # 1027.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brad & Lori McLean. Release value of mobile home that is double listed in the name of Keith and Lori Bradley. Amount \$133.48, Value \$4,380.00, Year 1999, Account # 15-25049, Bill # 21538.

Release the Property Value in the name of Patsy Martin, Etal. Release a portion of the house value. The house is vacant in remodeling incomplete. Amount \$102.44, Value \$5,200.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-25243, Bill # 1979.

Release the Property Value in the name of Walter Massey. Release value of office unit that was moved off lot in 1999. (Waccamaw Bank) Amount \$182.16, Value \$25,300.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-41241, Bill # 2043.

Release the Property Value in the name of Michael T. Mills. Release value of Boston Whaler that he has never owned. Amount \$121.00, Value \$15,050.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-26975, Bill # 4045.

Release the Property Value in the name of Patricia B. Moore. Release a portion of the property value, including Brunswick Fire District, that was billed with incorrect year built. Amount \$28.35, Value \$3,500.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-63060, Bill # 4576.

Release the Property Value in the name of Larry R. Nance. Release value of boat that is double listed in the name of Larry Willoughby. Amount \$80.70, Value

\$11,208.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-00225, Bill # 5040.

Release the Property Value in the name of Janice D. Rainey. Release the value of a mobile home, including the Yam City Fire District, that is double listed in the name of Marjorie S. Floyd. Amount \$149.72, Value \$2,740.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-30566, Bill # 8312.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nathaniel Robinson. Release value of mobile home, including the Whiteville Rescue fee, that is now listed in Bladen County. Amount \$186.21, Value \$14,890.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-77068, Bill # 9167.

Release the Property Value in the name of Russell Dale Rockwell. Release value of mobile home that is double listed in the same name with a different account number. Amount \$140.84, Value \$2,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-23007, Bill # 9310.

Release the Property Value in the name of Eugenia M. Ruiz. Release value of boat that is double listed in the name of Eugenia M. Gore. Amount \$20.12, Value \$2,795.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-01015, Bill # 9626.

Release the Property Value in the name of Martha Sellers. Release the value of three mobile homes, including Hallsboro Fire fee. These homes are unlivable and junked. Amount \$465.00, Value \$10,490.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-03447, Bill # 10416.

Release the Property Value in the name of Helen G. & Louise L. Singletary. Release the value of a house, including the North Whiteville Fire fee, that was torn down in 1999. Amount \$290.30, Value \$19,100.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-83763, Bill # 11430.

Release the Property Value in the name of Katherine Sledge. Release the value of a house, including Whiteville Rescue, that is double listed in the name of Mark Shelley. Amount \$176.00, Value \$15,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-84143, Bill # 11599.

Release the Property Value in the name of Katherine Sledge. Release the value of a house, including the Whiteville Rescue fee, that is double listed in the name of Wesley Powell. Amount \$259.62, Value \$26,300.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-84143, Bill # 11601.

Release the Property Value in the name of Space Masters International. Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Williams Scotsman. Amount \$197.38,

Value \$28,400.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-34869, Bill # 31227.

Release the Property Value in the name of Space Masters International. Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Williams Scotsman. Amount \$204.48, Value \$28,400.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-34869, Bill # 12843.

Release the Property Value in the name of Space Masters International. Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Williams Scotsman. Amount \$175.84, Value \$25,300.00, Year 1999, Account # 13-37581, Bill # 31228.

Release the Property Value in the name of Space Masters International. Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Williams Scotsman. Amount \$182.16, Value \$25,300.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-37581, Bill # 12844.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sherry Sue Spivey. Release the value of a mobile home, including the Klondyke Fire fee, that is double listed in the name of Jerry Scott Turbeville. Amount \$165.68, Value \$4,680.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-36446, Bill # 13328.

Release the Property Value in the name of Danny Ray Strickland. Release a portion of the property value, including the Cole Service fee, that is double listed in the name of Tiffany Ransom. Amount \$49.20, Value \$6,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-14080, Bill # 14375.

Release the Property Value in the name of James Clyde Todd, Jr. Release the value of a boat that was sold in 1998. Amount \$31.72, Value \$4,150.00, Year 1999, Account # 09-04736, Bill # 52453.

Release the Property Value in the name of James Clyde Todd, Jr. Release the value of a boat that was sold in 1998. Amount \$32.87, Value \$4,150.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-04736, Bill # 15914.

Release the Property Value in the name of Michael & Paulette Watts. Release the value of a single wide home, including the Cerro Gordo Fire fee, that was traded for a double wide and listed. Amount \$288.60, Value \$18,340.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-00481, Bill # 18298.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lawrence & Rhonda White. Release the value of a mobile home that was destroyed by a hurricane in 1999. Amount \$81.73, Value \$10,320.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-29189, Bill # 8881.

Release the Property Value in the name of Whit-Mart, Inc. Release business personal property value and Whiteville Rescue fee, that has been moved out of the county. Amount \$395.36, Value \$53,426.00, Year 2000, Account # 02-04190, Bill # 18748.

Release the Property Value in the name of Shirley Grimsley Williamson. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Mildred E. Hayes. Amount \$91.16, Value \$3,330.00, Year 1996, Account # 16-17856, Bill # 81679.

Release the Property Value in the name of Shirley Grimsley Williamson. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Mildred E. Hayes. Amount \$127.37, Value \$3,580.00, Year 1997, Account # 16-17856, Bill # 81680.

Release the Property Value in the name of Shirley Grimsley Williamson. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Mildred E. Hayes. Amount \$125.02, Value \$3,230.00, Year 1998, Account # 16-17856, Bill # 75541.

Release the Property Value in the name of Shirley Grimsley Williamson. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Mildred E. Hayes. Amount \$123.94, Value \$3,090.00, Year 1999, Account # 16-17856, Bill # 38162.

Release the Property Value in the name of Shirley Grimsley Williamson. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Mildred E. Hayes. Amount \$152.00, Value \$3,367.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-17586, Bill # 19971.

Release the Property Value in the name of Carl Wright. Release a portion of the property value, including the Williams Fire fee, that was billed with incorrect value. Amount \$189.54, Value \$24,300.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-34820, Bill # 20601.

Release the Property Value in the name of Shirley Wright. Release the value of a home, including the Williams Fire fee, that was torn down in 1999. Amount \$300.50, Value \$22,500.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-36423, Bill # 20731.

**Budget Amendments:**

Decrease	72-302-0000 Wireless E911	(\$36,000)
Decrease	72-526-1600 M/R - Equipment	(\$18,000)
Decrease	72-526-5700 Miscellaneous Expenses	(\$18,000)
Increase	10-348-0005 NC ITS - E911 Wireless Funds	\$36,000
Expend as follows:		
	10-536-1600 M/R - Equipment	\$18,000
	10-536-5700 Miscellaneous Expense	18,000
Accept	10-348-1400 Federal Funds - WIC	\$17,576
Expend as follows:		
	10-598-1102 Postage-Client/Services	\$ 2,400
	10-598-3301 Misc. Supplies & Services	\$11,676
	10-598-4601 Drugs and Supplies	\$ 3,500
Appropriate	10-399-0000 Fund Balance - FEMA Reimbursement	\$22,397
Expend	Contract Services	\$22,397
Appropriate	10-399-0000 Fund Balance Historical Preservation Grant	\$ 3,011
Expend as follows:		
	10-631-0200 Salaries	\$ 2,869
	10-631-0500 FICA	\$ 142
Accept	10-348-3300 NCDOT-Job Access Transp.	\$88,775
Expend as follows:		
	10-614-0400 Vanpool Manager Fee	\$ 5,000
	10-614-1100 Communications	500
	10-614-1101 Postage	300
	10-614-2600 Van Lettering	450
	10-614-3200 Printing and Binding	500
	10-614-3201 Brochures/Inserts	500
	10-614-5700 Promotional Items	400
	10-614-5701 Contests	125
	10-614-7400 Vans-Capital Outlay	81,000
Appropriate	10-399-0000 Fund Balance - Smart Start Funds Reserved at FY 1999/2000	\$31,555
Expend	10-620-6500 Smart Start Playground Grant	\$31,555

**PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL 4-H WEEK**

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

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, social problems concern our nation and threaten its future; **and**

**WHEREAS**, connecting youth and adults to work together through volunteer service can bridge the differences that separate people and help solve social problems; **and**

**WHEREAS**, we, the American people, have a tradition of philanthropy and volunteerism; **and**

**WHEREAS**, more than 6.6 million youth touch and enhance the lives of others during National 4-H Week and throughout the year by doing good, by giving where there is a need, rebuilding what has been torn down, teaching where there was a desire to learn and inspiring those who had lost hope; **and**

**WHEREAS**, 4-H, 4-H youth, volunteers and Cooperative Extension staff have joined to promote a week of national, collaborated volunteer community service; **and**

**WHEREAS**, volunteer community service is an investment in the future we all must share.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim

***October 1-7, 2000***  
***National 4-H Week***

in **Columbus County, North Carolina**, and urge our fellow citizens to observe this week by connecting with youth, friends, fellow employees and relatives, and with school, community and civic groups to engage in projects benefitting their community.

**SIGNED** this 18th day of September 2000.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **LYNWOOD NORRIS, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

**RESOLUTION - SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOND ISSUE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner

Jacobs, and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution as requested by Ronald Aycock, North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' Executive Director.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HIGHER EDUCATION BONDS TO ASSIST NORTH CAROLINA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN MEETING THEIR FACILITY NEEDS AND ACCOMMODATING THEIR STUDENTS.**

**WHEREAS,** higher education has historically played a tremendous role in building the State of North Carolina into the thriving economic, cultural, and social leader that it is today; and

**WHEREAS,** North Carolina's community colleges and universities allow citizens of this State to learn the skills necessary to compete in today's and tomorrow's competitive economy; and

**WHEREAS,** in the next decade, our community colleges expect more than 57,000 new students to enroll, and our universities' enrollment will grow by more than 48,000 students; and

**WHEREAS,** our higher education campuses must upgrade and construct academic, residential and administrative facilities, including critical laboratory and classroom space, to accommodate the growing numbers of students; and

**WHEREAS,** the \$3.1 billion bond package approved by the General Assembly will assist our community college and universities in meeting their significant facility needs; and

**WHEREAS,** the bonds are subject to voter approval on the November 2000 ballot and deserve rightful consideration by the citizens of this state.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners strongly supports the higher education bond proposal because it will enable our systems of higher education to better educate tomorrow's students and maintain North Carolina's place as the national leader in higher education learning and training.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners pledges to educate and inform citizens of our State about the importance of



the bonds improving our community colleges and universities, and pledges to encourage voters to approve the bonds this November.

**ADOPTED** this 18th day of September 2000.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**/s/ Lynwood Norris, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

**CAPE FEAR REGIONAL GROWTH TEAM - APPROVAL OF LETTER TO BE  
WRITTEN TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES**

Commissioner Wilson, representing the Cape Fear Regional Growth Team Committee, updated the Board regarding Regional Transportation Needs and requested the Board write a letter to the General Assembly Candidates requesting their assistance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve writing the following letter to the General Assembly Candidates regarding the Regional Transportation Needs.

To: Persons seeking election to the General Assembly for the year 2000

**RE: Regional Transportation Needs**

Greeting:

During the fall of 1999, UNC-W sponsored a regional growth summit. At the conclusion of the regional growth summit, a group of local government elected officials in attendance asked the Region "0" Council of Governments to take the lead in arranging meetings among the elected officials in the region, with a vision of creating a viable forum for addressing regional concerns.

County Commissioners from Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, and Pender Counties, and the Wilmington City Council, comprising an entity which has been named the "Cape Fear Regional Growth Team," have been meeting monthly since January, and have identified several immediate issues. We are writing to you today on two of these issues which involve transportation.

The first issue is the expedited completion of the US Highway 17 connector between 1-40 north of Wilmington and US Highway 17 South in Brunswick County (NC DOT TIP project codes R-2633 and R-2405). The benefits to our region of an "Outer Loop" are numerous. We are especially sensitive to the need for this project due to safety and economic reasons. Currently the project is on schedule. We realize we are on schedule thanks to the cooperative effort of many people. We will strive to keep this project moving forward.

Our second issue is the improvement of NC Highway 130 from the Brunswick County line to Whiteville and onto US Highway 74/76 in Columbus County. This connector is the primary evacuation route out of the coastal Brunswick County beaches during storm events. The Cape Fear Regional Growth Team feels this road is not designed to safely accommodate the peak load which must be handled during the evacuation of our beaches. We are seeking improvements to this evacuation route.

We are well aware of how hard you have worked for Columbus County and the region and hope you will advocate these regional issues at the State level. We also appreciate your interest and look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ Lynwood Norris  
Chairman

CC: Mr. Chris May, Director  
Cape Fear Council of Governments

**CAPE FEAR GROWTH TEAM - ADOPTED A "MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATIVE, COMPREHENSIVE AND CONTINUING TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION"**

Commissioner Wilson, Cape Fear Growth Team Committee Member, requested the Board adopt a "Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative and Continuing Transportation Planning and the Establishment of a Rural Transportation Planning Organization" for Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender Counties.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to adopt a "Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative, Comprehensive and Continuing Transportation Planning and the Establishment of a Rural Transportation Planning Organization" for Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender Counties as follows:

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
FOR  
COOPERATIVE, COMPREHENSIVE AND CONTINUING  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING  
AND THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF A RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
FOR**

The County of Brunswick, the County of Columbus, the County of New Hanover, the County of Pender, and the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

**WITNESSETH**

**Whereas**, section 135 of Title 23, United States Code, declares that it is in the national interest to encourage and promote the development of transportation systems embracing various modes of transportation in a manner that will serve all areas of the State efficiently and effectively; and

**Whereas**, North Carolina General Statute 136-18 was amended by the North Carolina General Assembly by ratification of Senate Bill 1195 on July 6, 2000, and this same bill was signed by the Governor on July 14, 2000, and subsequently Chaptered, and which Chaptered statute provides for the establishment of Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RPO's), similar in concept to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's), for transportation planning in North Carolina's urban areas; and

**Whereas**, the establishment of a Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO), similar in concept to the urban Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organizations (MPO's) would provide rural areas the opportunity to work in partnership with the North Carolina Department of Transportation toward development of sound, short and long-range transportation planning for rural areas; and

**Whereas**, the establishment of a Rural Transportation Planning Organization for the four county Region "O" area would assist the North Carolina Department of Transportation in complying with the provisions of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA 21 ), enacted June 9, 1998, relative to the participation of local officials and the public in the transportation planning process; and

**Whereas**, it is the desire of these local governments and agencies to establish a continuing, comprehensive, cooperative transportation planning process with the establishment of a Rural Transportation Planning Organization for the four-county Region "O" Planning Area; the following memorandum of understanding is made.

**Section 1.** It is hereby agreed, that the County of Brunswick, the County of Columbus, the County of New Hanover, the County of Pender, and the North Carolina Department of Transportation intend to establish and participate in a Rural Transportation Planning Organization created for the general purposes and responsibilities outlines in the following:

1. To develop long-range local and regional multi-modal transportation plans in cooperation with the area MPO and the North Carolina Department of Transportation.
2. Provide a forum for public participation in the rural transportation planning process.
3. Develop and prioritize suggestions for transportation projects which the Rural Transportation Planning Organization believes should be included in the State Transportation Improvement Program.
4. To conduct transportation related studies and surveys for local governments and other interested entities/organizations.
5. To undertake mutually agreed upon transportation related tasks to enhance transportation system development, coordination and efficiency.

**Section 2.** It is hereby further agreed that transportation plans and programs and land use policies and programs for the Rural Transportation Planning Organization will be coordinated by the Region "O" Council of Governments, an agency selected on behalf of participating local governments and the North Carolina Department of Transportation, to be

the administrative entity and to serve as the lead local planning agency for coordinating transportation planning in the four county planning area.

**Section 3.** Establishment of Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC). A Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) is hereby established with the responsibility for serving as a forum for cooperative transportation planning decision making for the Rural Transportation Planning organization (RPO). The Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) shall have the responsibility for keeping the policy boards informed of the status and requirements of the transportation planning process; to assist in the dissemination and clarification of the decisions, inclinations, and policies of the policy boards; and to help ensure meaningful public participation in the rural transportation planning process.

1. The Rural Transportation Advisory Committee will be responsible for carrying out the following:
  - A. Establishment of goals, priorities, and objectives for the transportation planning process.
  - B. Endorsement, review, and approval of changes to adopted Transportation Plans for the Rural Transportation Planning Organization.
  - C. Endorsement, review, and approval of a work program for transportation planning which defines work tasks and responsibilities for the various agencies participating in the Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO).
  - D. Endorsement, review, and approval of transportation improvement projects which support and enhance intra-county transportation within the four county Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO).
  
2. The membership of the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee shall consist of the following:
  - A. One County Commissioner representing the County of Brunswick. One municipal elected official from each municipal local government outside of the MPO in Brunswick County.
  - B. One County Commissioner representing the County of Columbus. One municipal elected official from each municipal local government in Columbus County.
  - C. One County Commissioner representing the County of New Hanover. One municipal elected official from each municipal local government outside of the MPO in New Hanover County.
  - D. One County Commissioner representing the County of Pender. One municipal elected official from each municipal local government in Pender County.
  - E. One member of the Region "0" Council of Governments' Executive Board.
  - F. All members of the North Carolina Board of Transportation representing the Department of Transportation Divisions 03 and 06.

3. The County Commissioner representing each County on the RTAC shall be elected every two years by the Board of County Commissioners of each County in regular session. The municipal RTAC representative shall be selected by the municipal elected board of each municipality in regular session every two years. A simple majority vote wins the seat. The term of office for all seats on the RTAC is two years. Reappointment is possible.
4. The Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) will meet as often as it is deemed necessary, appropriate and advisable. On the basis of majority vote of its membership, the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee may appoint a member of the committee to act as chairperson with the responsibility for coordination of the committee's activities.
5. The Transportation Planner of the Region "O" Council of Governments' will serve as staff to the RTAC.

**Section 4.** Establishment of Rural Transportation Technical Committee (RTTC). A Rural Transportation Technical Committee shall be established with the responsibility of general review, guidance, and coordination of the transportation planning process for the Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO) and the responsibility for making recommendations to the respective local, state, and federal governmental agencies and the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) regarding any necessary actions relating to the continuing transportation planning process.

1. The RTTC shall be responsible for development, review, and recommendation for approval of the rural transportation planning work program for the RPO, the Transportation Improvement Program, and revisions to the Transportation Improvement Program.
2. Membership of the Rural Transportation Technical Committee (RTTC) shall include technical representatives from all local and state governmental agencies directly related to and concerned with the transportation planning process for the RPO planning area. Initially, the membership shall include, but may not be limited to, the following:
  - A. County Manager (or his/her designee) from each of the four counties of the RPO planning area.
  - B. The Chief Administrative Official (or his/her designee) from each municipality in the Region "O", RPO planning area.
  - C. Executive Director and Transportation Planner, Region "O" Council of Governments.
  - D. Division Engineer serving the 3rd Division of Highways, North Carolina Department of Transportation, or his/her designated representative.
  - E. Division Engineer, 6th Division of Highways, North Carolina Department of Transportation, or his/her designated representative.
  - F. Manager, Statewide Planning Branch, Planning and Environment, North Carolina Department of Transportation, or his/her designated representative.
  - G. Area Traffic Engineer, Division of Highways, Traffic Engineering Branch, North Carolina Department of Transportation.

- 3. The Rural Transportation Technical Committee shall meet when it is deemed necessary, appropriate and advisable. The Rural Transportation Technical Committee will be staffed by the Region "0" Transportation Planner who will act as a Chairperson with the responsibility for coordinating the committee's activities. Membership of the Rural Transportation Technical Committee may be altered on the basis of a majority vote of its membership and approval of the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee of the RPO.

**Section 5.** It is further agreed that all participating agencies will assist in the Rural Transportation planning process by providing planning assistance (where possible), data, and inventories in accordance with the approved work program.

**Section 6.** Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding may terminate their participation in the continuing transportation planning process by giving 90 days written notice to the other parties to the date of termination.

**Section 7.** In witness whereof, the parties of the Memorandum of Understanding have been authorized by appropriate and proper resolutions, and/or legislative authority to sign this Memorandum of Understanding, this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2000.

**Clerk to the Board** **BRUNSWICK COUNTY**  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairman**

**Clerk to the Board** **COLUMBUS COUNTY**  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairman**

**Clerk to the Board** **NEW HANOVER COUNTY**  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairman**

**Clerk to the Board** **PENDER COUNTY**  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairman**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Witness** **NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Secretary**

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**Clerk** **REGION O COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Executive Director**

**SOLID WASTE - WASTE REDUCTION ASSISTANCE AWARD**

Mr. Jim Hickman, representing the North Carolina Division of Pollution and Environmental Assistance, presented a Solid Waste Reduction Assistance Grant to Chuck Stanley, Solid Waste Supervisor, and Phillip Tarte, Special Projects Coordinator, in the amount of \$20,000.00 from the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources to assist with solid waste reduction.

**YOUTH PROGRAMS REQUEST FROM COMMISSIONER MCKENZIE**

Commissioner McKenzie expressed concerns regarding youths' after-school programs and requested Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, to contact the City and County Schools to see what after school programs are available and what programs can be developed to help keep kids off the streets.

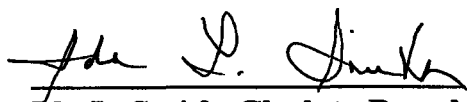
**AGREEMENT - DETENTION CENTER ADDITION AND RENOVATIONS****AGREEMENT**

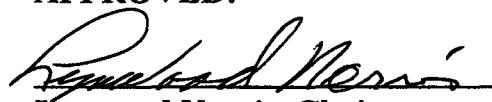
James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, announced the final Agreement draft is not available with Freeman White, Incorporated, Architects, for the Detention Center Addition and Renovations and requested the Board to approve the execution of the Agreement contingent upon Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, and James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, approving the final draft of the Agreement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to approve the execution of the Agreement with Freeman White, Incorporated, Architects, contingent upon the final draft Agreement approval by Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, and James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney. Upon the finalization and execution of the Agreement, a copy will be on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to adjourn the Board Meeting at 7:55 P.M.

  
 Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

**APPROVED:**  
  
 Lynwood Norris, Chairman

