

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., November 20, 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 Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to approve the November 6, 2000 Board Minutes, as recorded.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

Tax Refunds:

Request a refund in the name of Carter, W. Horace, P.O. Box 67, Tabor City, N.C. 28463. Refund property value that is double listed in the name of Steven C. Core. Amount \$97.30, Value \$14,000.00, Year 1999, Account # 11-05521, Bill # 4391.

Request a refund in the name of Carter, W. Horace, P.O. Box 67, Tabor City, N.C. 28463. Refund property value that is double listed in the name of Steven C. Core. Amount \$100.80, Value \$14,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-05521, Bill # 85300.

Request a refund in the name of Harris, C. Elwyn, 416 East 1st. Ave., Chadbourn, N.C. 28431. Refund user fee. Paid on a house that is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-17962, Bill # 95348.

Tax Releases:

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Release the Special District in the name of Dew, Junior W. Release the Whiteville Rescue fee. Property is not located in this district. Amount \$27.54, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-07740, Bill # 88256.

Release the Special District in the name of Simmons, Danny Lee. Release Old Dock fire fee. Property is not located in that district. Amount \$12.80, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-21240, Bill # 11125.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dixon, Willie A. Release the property value for the Town of Sandyfield. Property is double listed in the name of Althea LeSane. Amount \$30.10, Value \$8,600.00, Year 1999, Account # 15-12267, Bill # 44527.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dixon, Willie A. Release the property value for the town of Sandyfield. Property is double listed in the name of Althea LeSane. Amount \$30.10, Value \$8,600.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-12267, Bill # 40289.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gaskins, Kenneth E. Release a portion of the boat value for the Town of Brunswick. Boat valued with incorrect year model. Amount \$17.05, Value \$3,100.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-30840, Bill # 42624.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gaskins, Kenneth E. Release value of boat for the City of Brunswick. Boat not in the city limits. Amount \$7.21, Value \$1,414.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-30847, Bill # 1918.

Release the User Fee in the name of Allen, Betty A. They only have one trash can at this location. Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-04719, Bill # 98913.

Release the User Fee in the name of Allen, Betty A. They only have one trash can at this location. Amount \$85.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-04719, Bill # 79666.

Release the User Fee in the name of Beck, Robert D. Trash can picked up in 1999. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-01025, Bill # 81267.

Release the User Fee in the name of Brown, Keyo (Heirs). Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$285.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-03700, Bill # 83384.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cumber, Lee Omie. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-06424, Bill # 87496.

Release the User Fee in the name of Daniels, Homer. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-11483, Bill # 87670.

Release the User Fee in the name of Evans, Jimmy G. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-06670, Bill # 89824.

Release the User Fee in the name of Faulk, Timothy M. Mobile home used as storage. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-04623, Bill # 90231.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ford, Allen C. House is only 50% complete. Amount \$30.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1991, Account # 09-08360, Bill # 95737.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ford, Allen C. House only 50% complete.
Amount \$30.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1992, Account # 09-08360, Bill # 74247.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ford, Allen C. House only 50% complete.
Amount \$30.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1993, Account # 09-08360, Bill # 70345.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ford, Allen C. House only 50% complete.
Amount \$30.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1994, Account # 09-08360, Bill # 29457.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ford, Allen C. House only 50% complete.
Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1995, Account # 09-08360, Bill # 643.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ford, Allen C. House only 50% complete.
Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1996, Account # 09-08360, Bill # 45637.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ford, Allen C. House only 50% complete.
Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1997, Account # 09-08360, Bill # 43682.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ford, Allen C. House only 50% complete.
Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 09-08360, Bill # 48075.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ford, Allen C. House only 50% complete.
Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 09-08360, Bill # 9808.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ford, Allen C. House only 50% complete.
Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-08360, Bill # 90852.

Release the User Fee in the name of Harris, Willard. They use a commercial hauler.
Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-18106, Bill # 95394.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jacobs, James M. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$285.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 08-09847, Bill # 98095.

Release the User Fee in the name of King, Thelton G. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-15223, Bill # 99578.

Release the User Fee in the name of King, Thelton G. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-22480, Bill # 99580.

Release the User Fee in the name of Kinlaw, Jimmy C. They use a commercial hauler. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-14109, Bill # 99622.

Release the User Fee in the name of Kinlaw, Jimmy C. They use a commercial hauler. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-14457, Bill # 99621.

Release the User Fee in the name of Long, Betty L. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-10340, Bill # 954.

Release the User Fee in the name of Long, Lou Ann. Has never received a trash can. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1997, Account # 06-23561, Bill # 67265.

Release the User Fee in the name of Long, Lou Ann. Has never received a trash can. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 06-23561, Bill # 57864.

Release the User Fee in the name of Long, Lou Ann. Has never received a trash can. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-23561, Bill # 19897.

Release the User Fee in the name of Long, Lou Ann. Did not have trash can for a full year. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-23561, Bill # 1164.

Release the User Fee in the name of Long, S.C. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-17040, Bill # 1269.

Release the User Fee in the name of McKelvie, John H. Old store is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-04957, Bill # 48532.

Release the User Fee in the name of Malpass, Elton (Heirs). There is only one can here. Amount \$75.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-25600, Bill # 1638.

Release the User Fee in the name of Moore, Cardie B. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$285.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-11816, Bill # 4410.

Release the User Fee in the name of Royals, Shelby J. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-04046, Bill # 9607.

Release the User Fee in the name of Simmons, Danny L. There is no trash can at this address. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-21240, Bill # 11125.

Release the User Fee in the name of Skipper, Lloyd M. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-22081, Bill # 11579.

Release the User Fee in the name of Soles, Edith I. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$75.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-34080, Bill # 12608.

Release the User Fee in the name of Spaulding, Ossie. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-15960, Bill # 13050.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stanley, Lottie K. Trash can picked up in 1999. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-88643, Bill # 13611.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stephens, Darryl. User fees double listed in the name of Elton Malpass. Amount \$170.97, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 11-26095, Bill # 37354.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stokley, Earl. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$285.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-00938, Bill # 14239.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wright, Albert C. Office vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-44443, Bill # 20585.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wright, Albert C. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-44443, Bill # 20586.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dixon, Willie A. Release property value and Acme Delco fee that is double listed in the name of Althea LeSane. Amount \$70.09, Value \$8,600.00, Year 1999, Account # 15-12267, Bill # 7441.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dixon, Willie A. Release property value and Acme Delco fee that is double listed in the name of Althea LeSane. Amount \$72.24, Value \$8,600.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-12267, Bill # 88425.

Release the Property Value in the name of Faulk, Dorothy G. Release value of mobile home that is double listed in the name of Timothy M. Faulk. Amount \$142.32, Value \$2,406.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-04082, Bill # 90107.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gaskins, Kenneth E. Release a portion of the boat value that was priced with wrong year model. Amount \$22.32, Value \$3,100.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-30840, Bill # 92092.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jacobs, Robert L. Release a portion of the property value and Bolton Fire fee that was valued with incorrect acreage. Amount \$19.50, Value \$2,500.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-08660, Bill # 98194.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jacobs, Samuel B., II. Release a portion of the boat value and Brunswick Fire fee, that was priced with the incorrect year model. Amount \$24.59, Value \$2,869.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-34095, Bill # 51999.

Release the Property Value in the name of Keaton, Wesley T. Release the value of a mobile home that is listed in Bladen County. Amount \$44.50, Value \$6,180.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-03057, Bill # 99281.

Release the Property Value in the name of Kittell, Toni W. Release value of house that was flooded by hurricane and unlivable. Amount \$243.56, Value \$24,800.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-03612, Bill # 99682.

Release the Property Value in the name of Spivey, Fraizer. Release the value of a mobile home and Evergreen Fire fee that is double listed in the name of Allie Spivey. Amount \$164.40, Value \$2,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-04714, Bill # 13212.

Release the Property Value in the name of Weeks, W.H. Release property value that is double listed in the name of Cornerstone Farms. Amount \$10.35, Value \$1,500.00, Year 1991, Account # 04-16710, Bill # 23049.

Release the Property Value in the name of Weeks, W.H. Release property value that is double listed in the name of Cornerstone Farms. Amount \$10.35, Value \$1,500.00, Year 1992, Account # 04-16710, Bill # 1753.

Release the Property Value in the name of Weeks, W.H. Release property value that is double listed in the name of Cornerstone Farms. Amount \$10.80, Value \$1,500.00, Year 1993, Account # 04-16710, Bill # 94179.

Release the Property Value in the name of Weeks, W.H. Release property value that is double listed in the name of Cornerstone Farms. Amount \$11.40, Value \$1,500.00, Year 1994, Account # 04-16710, Bill # 53241.

Release the Property Value in the name of Weeks, W.H. Release property value that is double listed in the name of Cornerstone Farms. Amount \$11.70, Value \$1,500.00, Year

1995, Account # 04-16710, Bill # 24886.

Release the Property Value in the name of Weeks, W.H. Release property value that is double listed in the name of Cornerstone Farms. Amount \$11.70, Value \$1,500.00, Year 1996, Account # 04-16710, Bill # 70365.

Release the Property Value in the name of Weeks, W.H. Release property value that is double listed in the name of Cornerstone Farms. Amount \$9.04, Value \$1,300.00, Year 1997, Account # 04-16710, Bill # 68713.

Release the Property Value in the name of Weeks, W.H. Release property value that is double listed in the name of Cornerstone Farms. Amount \$9.04, Value \$1,300.00, Year 1998, Account # 04-16710, Bill # 74182.

Release the Property Value in the name of Weeks, W.H. Release property value that is double listed in the name of Cornerstone Farms. Amount \$9.04, Value \$1,300.00, Year 1999, Account # 04-16710, Bill # 36754.

Release the Property Value in the name of Weeks, W.H. Release property value that double listed in the name of Cornerstone Farms. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,300.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-16710, Bill # 18566.

Release the Property Value in the name of Wright, Albert C., Jr. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Clayton Long. Amount \$141.40, Value \$2,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-01837, Bill # 20583.

Amendment to November 6, 2000 Releases:

Release the August discount of 2% not absorbed by computer in the name of Colosimo Todd. Should read: release the property value in the name of Colosimo Todd, mobile home was repossessed in 1998. Total to release is \$2.34.

Release the property value in the name of Riegelwood Community Foundation, Inc. Property double listed in the name of Floyd E. and Janice T. Roberts. Account number should be 15-31640 instead of 15-13640.

Budget Amendments:

Accept 10-348-3400	State Library Grants	\$4,500.00
Expend 10-631-3200	Office Supplies	\$4,500.00

Accept 10-348-3400	State Library Grants	\$9,355.00
Expend 10-631-1100	Telephone (Internet)	\$9,355.00
Accept 10-348-3400	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Library Grant	\$152,773.40
Expend 10-631-7400	Capital Outlay	\$152,773.40

ANIMAL CONTROL - CONSTRUCTION BIDS RECEIVED AND ACCEPTANCE

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, presented the Board with four (4) bids for construction of the Animal Control Shelter as follows:

A.	E.D. Caines Construction Company	\$62,100.00
B.	E.A. Duncan Construction Company	\$68,450.00
C.	Bill Worley & Sons	\$72,350.00
D.	J.L. Hamilton & Sons, Inc.	\$75,397.00

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Britt, and passed unanimously to award the bid to the lowest bidder, E.D. Caines Construction Company in the amount of \$62,100.00.

ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD - REQUEST FOR ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE REVISION

Teresa Hopkins, representing the Animal Control Advisory Board, stated Dr. Jeff Burroughs, Veterinarian, and a member of the Animal Control Advisory Board, will address the Board regarding the proposed amended Animal Control Ordinance.

Dr. Burroughs stated the Advisory Board is proposing the following amendments to the existing Ordinance:

Section VII: Dogs - Registration Privilege Fee Tag

- A. It is the purpose of this section to supplement State law by providing a procedure for the enforcement of laws requiring dogs to wear a registration privilege fee tag. Cats must be registered, but will not be required to wear tag at all times. Tags must be furnished to competent authority when requested.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any dog owner or keeper to fail to provide his dog with a dog registration privilege fee tag to be issued annually by Columbus County and to take such action as is necessary to insure that said privilege fee tag is worn by said dog at all times except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance.
- C. It shall be the duty of the Columbus County Tax Department during the tax listing period to furnish all persons listing a dog with a privilege fee tag which is to be of such color, shape, texture, or some other unique characteristic sufficient to clearly identify the year for which the tag has been issued. The tag is to contain a number or other designation, and a record is to be kept of the person to whom the tag has been delivered. After the listing period, dog and

cat tags shall be obtained at the animal shelter.

- D. In addition to all other penalties prescribed by law, a dog is subject to impoundment in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance if the dog is found not to be wearing a currently valid dog privilege fee tag. Provided however that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any dog being kept in any government facility, veterinary hospital, or licensed commercial animal establishment.
- E. It shall be unlawful for any individual moving into Columbus County who owns or keeps a dog to fail to obtain a valid rabies tag and dog privilege fee tag within thirty (30) days of moving into this County.
- F. The dog privilege fee shall be established at five dollars (\$5.00) for each dog that has been spayed or neutered (as applicable) and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for each un-spayed/un-neutered dog. There shall be a maximum fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per household.

Section XXXI: Adoption of Certain Animals

- (1) Generally the adoption fee for dogs shall be sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) and the adoption fee for cats shall be forty-five dollars (\$45.00). The adoption fees will include mandatory spaying or neutering as appropriate for the animal adopted and rabies vaccination. If the animal to be adopted has already been spayed/neutered, the adoption fee will be twenty-eight dollars (\$28.00) for dogs and twenty-three dollars (\$23.00) for cats. These fees will include a rabies vaccination.
- (2) Compliance with the mandatory spay/neuter for adopted animals will be monitored cooperatively by the Animal Control Officer and the Humane Society. Failure to comply will result in reclamation of the animal by the Animal Control Officer and forfeiture of the prepaid adoption fees.

Dr. Burroughs stated the registration fee is part of the Animal Control Advisory Board's proposal for ways to tap into state revenue to defray the costs of spaying and neutering pets and would also like to boost income for the Animal Shelter, which had to euthanize approximately 5,000 animals last year.

Paula Lewis, representing the Animal Control Advisory Board, stated the group studied ordinances from Wilson and New Hanover Counties and based their proposal on theirs.

A large group of hunters attended the meeting in protest of the animal tax.

David McPherson, a concerned citizen, spoke against the animal tax and stated that Columbus County citizens have all the taxes they can afford to pay.

Several other concerned citizens spoke against the animal tax.

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

passed unanimously to take the proposed Animal Control Ordinance Amendment under advisement.

ORDINANCE (NOISE) - AMENDMENT APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, and passed unanimously to amend the Ordinance Prohibiting Unnecessary Noises by including the following:

ORDINANCE PROHIBITING UNNECESSARY NOISES

COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

AMENDMENT NO. 2

Ordinance Book 1, page 114, add Item 11 as follows:

- (11) **Special, Sanctioned, Organized by Sponsorship or Community Events and Festivals:** Any activity that is classed as special, sanctioned, organized by sponsorship, or community events and festivals may be held and operate to a closing time of 11:30 P.M. during the months of April 1 through September 30. During these months no event will begin after the 11:30 P.M. time. This closing time is contingent on time changes to Daylight Savings Time. From September 30 to March 31, no events will be started after 11:00 P.M. Should Day Light Savings Time not be in effect, then all events will be based on the 11:00 P.M. closing time for events and activities. Functions of the above stated uses in unincorporated areas of Columbus County will require all subject business licenses and permits and must be registered with the Columbus County Administration Office.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **Lynwood Norris, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

PROCLAMATION - AGRICULTURE

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

PROCLAMATION FOR AGRICULTURE

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is interested in the economic development in rural North Carolina and improvement in the overall welfare of residents of rural North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, agriculture and agribusiness accounted for 22.5 percent of North Carolina's Gross State Product and 21.6 percent of North Carolina's 3.6 million employees (1997); and

WHEREAS, farming, by itself, accounts for up to 25 to 41 percent of total earnings in some counties and each dollar of farm sales generates an additional 40 cents to an additional \$1 of other spending in the region (1997); and

WHEREAS, farmers make up less than 2 percent of the State of North Carolina's population, agriculture and agribusiness make up the State's number 1 industry. Agriculture and agribusiness account for 22 percent of the Gross State Product and more than 750,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, a variety of laws and rules adopted recently in North Carolina have substantially attenuated rural landowners' rights to use their land for productive purposes and have, in effect, appropriated a significant part of the economic base of many rural communities in North Carolina.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Columbus County Board of Commissioners** will work to help the agricultural community, officials, and other decision makers generate informed judgements regarding agricultural production, processing, and marketing;

- will challenge the efforts of governmental agencies to formulate policies in a manner not intended by the North Carolina General Assembly;
- will support and encourage policies that enhance the viability of our farmers;
- will foster policies based on scientific evidence that will help our counties remain a safe and healthy place in which to live and work;
- will encourage efficient and safe use of our natural resources;
- will promote the development of our communities by advocating a healthy

agricultural economy; and

- will develop and share information that helps to support and sustain the agricultural industry as a whole.

The **Board of Commissioners of Columbus County**, North Carolina, does hereby pledge their support for agriculture.

/s/ **Lynwood Norris, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

APPOINTMENT - BOARD OF HEALTH

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, and seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to appoint Commissioner-elect Bill Memory to serve on the Board of Health, in the Commissioner capacity, to replace Commissioner A. Dial Gray, III, whose term expires December 4, 2000.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to appoint Commissioner C.E. Wilson to serve on the Board of Health, in the Commissioner capacity to replace Commissioner A. Dial Gray, III, whose term expires December 4, 2000.

Commissioner Dutton withdrew his motion to appoint Commissioner-elect Bill Memory to serve on the Board of Health.

TRANSPORTATION - APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR PROVIDER FOR JOB ACCESS EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Gray, and passed unanimously to approve Charles Patton, Transportation Director, to issue a request for a provider (a bidding process) to find a transportation company that will serve as a service provider for the JOB ACCESS Transportation Employment Program.

GOVERNING BODY - LEGISLATIVE GOALS CONFERENCE VOTING DELEGATE DESIGNATED

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie, and passed unanimously to designate Sammie Jacobs as the voting delegate for Columbus

County for the proposed 2001-2002 Legislative Goals Conference to be held January 11-12, 2001 at the Pinehurst Resort and Country Club in Southern Pines.

WATER & SEWER DISTRICT IV - CANVASS OF RETURNS FOR SPECIAL BOND

REFERENDUM

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

The Columbus County Board of Elections, in Columbus County, North Carolina, met in special session at the office of said Board at 715 North Legion Drive, Suite A, in Whiteville, North Carolina, at 11 o'clock A.M., on November 10, 2000 with the following members present:

Present: Chairman Robert E. Sessions, presiding, and Jessie Graham, C. Franklin Stanley, Jr.

Absent: None

At 11 o'clock A.M., the Columbus County Board of Elections met and received from the judges and other officers of election for the several precincts in the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, in Columbus County, North Carolina, the returns of the special bond referendum held in said District on November 7, 2000 upon the question of approving \$5,142,000 Water Bonds of said District.

After said returns had been canvassed by the Columbus County Board of Elections, C. Franklin Stanley, Jr. introduced the following resolution which was read:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CANVASS OF THE RETURNS
OF THE SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM HELD IN THE COLUMBUS
COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT IV, IN COLUMBUS
COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, ON NOVEMBER 7, 2000 UPON THE
QUESTION OF APPROVING \$5,142,000 WATER BONDS AND
DETERMINING THE RESULT THEREOF**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbus County Board of Elections:

Section 1. The returns of the special bond referendum held in the Columbus County Water

and Sewer District IV on November 7, 2000 upon the question of approving \$5,142,000 Water Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV having been received from the proper election officers and having been canvassed, this Board has found and determined and does hereby declare:

(a) That each election officer for said referendum was duly qualified by law and had taken the necessary oath.

(b) That the election officers had incorporated in their returns not only the number of votes cast for and against the question submitted, but also the number of voters registered and qualified to vote in each precinct in said referendum.

(c) That at said referendum there was submitted to the qualified voters of said District the following question:

Shall the order adopted on September 5, 2000, authorizing not exceeding \$5,142,000 Water Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, in Columbus County, North Carolina, 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, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

(d) That no complaints have been made to this Board against the regularity of said referendum.

(e) That said referendum and the registration therefor were duly and properly held in accordance with law.

Section 2. The following schedule correctly shows the designations of the several precincts at which said referendum was held and, as to each precinct, the location of the voting place, the number of voters registered and qualified to vote, the number of votes cast in favor of the question submitted and the number of votes cast against such question; the number of election day transfer ballots cast in favor of such question and the number of election day transfer ballots cast against such question; the number of absentee ballots cast in favor of such question and the number of absentee ballots cast against such question; the

number of provisional ballots cast in favor of such question and the number of provisional ballots cast against such question and the totals of such numbers:

Precinct	Voting Place	Voters Registered and Qualified to Vote	\$5,142,000 Water Bonds	
			For	Against
Welches Creek	Welches Creek Fire Department 10519 Red Hill Road Whiteville, North Carolina	1095	415	72
Bogue	Hallsboro Fire Department 754 Hallsboro Road South Hallsboro, North Carolina	1804	457	314
Portion of Waccamaw	Lake Waccamaw Fire Department 203 Flemington Drive Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina 28450	1601	596	183
	Election day transfer ballots		1	1
	Absentee ballots		83	56
	Provisional ballots		11	6
	Totals	4500	895	565

Section 3. From the canvass made, this Board does hereby determine and certifies:

- (a) That 4500 voters were registered and qualified to vote.
- (b) That at said referendum 895 votes were cast for the order adopted on September 5, 2000, authorizing not exceeding \$5,142,000 Water Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, in Columbus County, North Carolina, 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, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 565 votes

were cast against said order, and that a majority of the qualified voters of said District who voted thereon at said referendum voted in favor of said order.

Section 4. The Director of Elections is hereby directed to transmit immediately a certified copy of this resolution to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus.

Upon motion of C. Franklin Stanley, Jr, seconded by Jessie Graham, the foregoing resolution was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Robert E. Sessions, Jessie Graham and C. Franklin Stanley, Jr.

Noes: None.

I, Annie Ruth Buffkin, Director of Elections for the Columbus County Board of Elections, in Columbus County, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing has been carefully copied from the recorded minutes of said Board, at a meeting held on November 10, 2000, at the office of said Board at 715 North Legion Drive, Suite A, in Whiteville, North Carolina, said record having been made in Minute Book No. 5 of the minutes of said Board, beginning at page 79 and ending at page 84, and is a true copy of so much of said proceedings of said Board as relates in any way to the canvass of the returns of the special bond referendum held in the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV on November 7, 2000 upon the question of approving \$5,142,000 Water Bonds of said District.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that the Chairman of said Board duly notified or caused to be notified each member of said Board of said meeting and that, at least 48 hours before said meeting, notice of said meeting, signed by the Chairman of said Board and stating that a special meeting of said Board would be held at 11 o'clock A.M. on November 10, 2000, at the office of said Board at 715 North Legion Drive, Suite A, in Whiteville, North Carolina, concerning the canvass of the returns of the special bond referendum held on November 7, 2000 in the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, upon the question of approving \$5,142,000 Water Bonds of said District, was posted on the principal bulletin board of said Board and mailed or delivered to each newspaper, wire service, radio station, television station and person that had filed with me

a written request for notice pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.12.

WITNESS my hand this 10th day of November 2000.

/s/ Annie Ruth Buffkin

Director of Elections

**WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT IV - RESOLUTION DECLARING SPECIAL
BOND REFERENDUM RESULTS**

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

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 November 20, 2000.

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

Absent: None.

The Board of Commissioners received from the Columbus County Board of Elections a certified copy of the proceedings of said Board of Elections taken on November 10, 2000, evidencing said Board's determination of the result of the canvass of the returns of the special bond referendum held in the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV on November 7, 2000 upon the question of approving \$5,142,000 Water Bonds of said District

After said proceedings had been considered and reviewed by the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Gray introduced the following resolution which was read:

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE RESULT OF THE SPECIAL BOND
REFERENDUM HELD IN THE COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND
SEWER DISTRICT IV, IN COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH
CAROLINA, ON NOVEMBER 7, 2000 UPON THE QUESTION OF
APPROVING \$5,142,000 WATER BONDS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus:

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus having received from the Columbus County Board of Elections a certified copy of the proceedings of said Board of Elections taken on November 10, 2000, evidencing said Board's determination of the result of the canvass of the returns of the special bond referendum held in the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV on November 7, 2000 upon the question of approving \$5,142,000 Water Bonds of said District, does hereby declare and certify the result of said referendum to be the result which is set forth in the following statement of the result of said referendum, which statement has been prepared by said Board of Commissioners:

STATEMENT OF THE RESULT
of the
SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM
held in the
COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT IV,
IN COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,
on November 7, 2000
UPON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING
\$5,142,000 WATER BONDS

At a special bond referendum held in the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV on November 7, 2000, 4500 voters were registered and qualified to vote.

At said referendum 895 votes were cast for the order adopted on September 5, 2000, authorizing not exceeding \$5,142,000 Water Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, in Columbus County, North Carolina, 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, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 565 votes were cast against said order, and a majority of the qualified voters of said District who voted thereon at said referendum voted in favor of said order.

Board of Commissioners for the
County of Columbus, North Carolina

Section 2. The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners shall file a copy of the foregoing statement of the result of said referendum in her office and shall publish such statement once in The News-Reporter. A statement in substantially the following form shall be published with the foregoing statement:

Any action or proceeding challenging the regularity or validity of this bond referendum must be begun within 30 days after [date of publication].

Board of Commissioners for the
County of Columbus, North Carolina

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage. Upon motion of Commissioner A. Dial Gray, III, seconded by Commissioner Spruell R. Britt, the foregoing resolution entitled: **“RESOLUTION DECLARING THE RESULT OF THE SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM HELD IN THE COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT IV, IN COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, ON NOVEMBER 7, 2000 UPON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING \$5,142,000 WATER BONDS”** was passed by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

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 has been carefully copied from the recorded minutes of said Board at a regular meeting held on November 20, 2000, said record having been made in Minute Book No. 26 of the minutes

of said Board, beginning at page 74 and ending at page 77, and is a true copy of so much of said proceedings of said Board as relates in any way to the declaration of the result of the special bond referendum held on November 7, 2000 upon the question of approving \$5,142,000 Water Bonds of said District.

I HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that a copy of the statement of the result of the referendum adopted by the resolution set forth in the foregoing transcript has been filed in my office.

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

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County this 20th day of November 2000.

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

WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT V - CANVASS OF RETURNS OF SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM

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

The Columbus County Board of Elections, in Columbus County, North Carolina, met in special session at the office of said Board at 715 North Legion Drive, Suite A, in Whiteville, North Carolina, at 11 o'clock A.M., on November 10, 2000 with the following members present:

Present: Chairman Robert E. Sessions, presiding, and Jessie Graham and C. Franklin Stanley Jr.

Absent: None.

At 11 o'clock A.M., the Columbus County Board of Elections met and received from

the judges and other officers of election for the several precincts in the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, the returns of the special bond referendum held in said District on November 7, 2000 upon the question of approving \$5,705,000 Water Bonds of said District.

After said returns had been canvassed by the Columbus County Board of Elections,

C. Franklin Stanley, Jr, introduced the following resolution which was read:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CANVASS OF THE RETURNS OF THE SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM HELD IN THE COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT V, IN COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, ON NOVEMBER 7, 2000 UPON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING \$5,705,000 WATER BONDS AND DETERMINING THE RESULT THEREOF

BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbus County Board of Elections:

Section 1. The returns of the special bond referendum held in the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V on November 7, 2000 upon the question of approving \$5,705,000 Water Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V having been received from the proper election officers and having been canvassed, this Board has found and determined and does hereby declare:

(a) That each election officer for said referendum was duly qualified by law and had taken the necessary oath.

(b) That the election officers had incorporated in their returns not only the number of votes cast for and against the question submitted, but also the number of voters registered and qualified to vote in each precinct in said referendum.

(c) That at said referendum there was submitted to the qualified voters of said District the following question:

Shall the order adopted on September 5, 2000, authorizing not exceeding \$5,705,000 Water Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, 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, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

(d) That no complaints have been made to this Board against the regularity of said referendum.

(e) That said referendum and the registration therefor were duly and properly held in accordance with law.

Section 2. The following schedule correctly shows the designations of the several precincts at which said referendum was held and, as to each precinct, the location of the voting place, the number of voters registered and qualified to vote, the number of votes cast in favor of the question submitted and the number of votes cast against such question; the number of election day transfer ballots cast in favor of such question and the number of election day transfer ballots cast against such question; the number of absentee ballots cast in favor of such question and the number of absentee ballots cast against such question; the number of provisional ballots cast in favor of such question and the number of provisional ballots cast against such question; and the totals of such numbers:

Precinct	Voting Place	Voters Registered and Qualified to Vote	\$5,705,000 Water Bonds	
			Votes For	Against
Bug Hill 1	Riverside Baptist Church Highway 904 15838 Swampfox Highway East Tabor City, North Carolina	393	90	70
Bug Hill 2	Guideway School 11570 Swampfox Highway East Tabor City, North Carolina	435	130	60
Bug Hill 3	Nakina Rescue Building 214 Ramsey Ford Road Nakina, North Carolina	499	100	121
West Lees	VFW Hut Road 1006 4604 Ervin T. Richardson Road Nakina, North Carolina	506	99	182
East Lees	Old Dock Community Building 1282 New Britton Highway Whiteville, North Carolina	685	69	148
	Election day transfer ballots		0	0
	Absentee ballots		36	25

Provisional ballots		4	11
Totals	2518	528	617

Section 3. From the canvass made, this Board does hereby determine and certifies:

- (a) That 2518 voters were registered and qualified to vote.
- (b) That at said referendum 528 votes were cast for the order adopted on September 5, 2000, authorizing not exceeding \$5,705,000 Water Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, 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, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 617 votes were cast against said order, and that a majority of the qualified voters of said District who voted thereon at said referendum voted against said order.

Section 4. The Director of Elections is hereby directed to transmit immediately a certified copy of this resolution to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus.

Upon motion of C. Franklin Stanley, Jr., seconded by Jessie Graham, the foregoing resolution was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Robert E. Sessions, Jessie Graham and C. Franklin Stanley, Jr.

Noes: None.

I, Annie Ruth Buffkin, Director of Elections for the Columbus County Board of Elections, in Columbus County, North Carolina, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing has been carefully copied from the recorded minutes of said Board, at a meeting held on November 10, 2000, at the office of said Board at 715 North Legion Drive, Suite A, in Whiteville, North Carolina, said record having been made in Minute Book No. 4 of the minutes of said Board, beginning at page 85 and ending at page 90, and is a true copy of so much of said proceedings of said Board as relates in any way to the canvass of the returns

of the special bond referendum held in the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V on November 7, 2000 upon the question of approving \$5,705,000 Water Bonds of said District.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that the Chairman of said Board duly notified or caused to be notified each member of said Board of said meeting and that, at least 48 hours before said meeting, notice of said meeting, signed by the Chairman of said Board and stating that a special meeting of said Board would be held at 11 o'clock A.M. on November 10, 2000, at the office of said Board at 715 North Legion Drive, Suite A, in Whiteville, North Carolina, concerning the canvass of the returns of the special bond referendum held on November 7, 2000 in the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, upon the question of approving \$5,705,000 Water Bonds of said District, was posted on the principal bulletin board of said Board and mailed or delivered to each newspaper, wire service, radio station, television station and person that had filed with me a written request for notice pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.12.

WITNESS my hand this 10th day of November 2000.

/s/ Annie Ruth Buffkin

Director of Elections

WATER & SEWER DISTRICT V - RESOLUTION DECLARING SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM RESULTS

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 November 20, 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.

The Board of Commissioners received from the Columbus County Board of Elections a certified copy of the proceedings of said Board of Elections taken on November 10, 2000, evidencing said Board's determination of the result of the canvass of the returns of the special bond referendum held in the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V on November 7, 2000 upon the question of approving \$5,705,000 Water Bonds of said District.

After said proceedings had been considered and reviewed by the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Spruell R. Britt introduced the following resolution which was read:

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE RESULT OF THE SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM HELD IN THE COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT V, IN COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, ON NOVEMBER 7, 2000 UPON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING \$5,705,000 WATER BONDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus:

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus having received from the Columbus County Board of Elections a certified copy of the proceedings of said Board of Elections taken on November 10, 2000, evidencing said Board's determination of the result of the canvass of the returns of the special bond referendum held in the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V on November 7, 2000 upon the question of approving \$5,705,000 Water Bonds of said District, does hereby declare and certify the result of said referendum to be the result which is set forth in the following statement of the result of said referendum, which statement has been prepared by said Board of Commissioners:

**STATEMENT OF THE RESULT
of the
SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM
held in the
COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT V,
IN COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,
on November 7, 2000
UPON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING
\$5,705,000 WATER BONDS**

At a special bond referendum held in the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V on November 7, 2000, 2518 voters were registered and qualified to vote.

At said referendum 528 votes were cast for the order adopted on September 5, 2000, authorizing not exceeding \$5,705,000 Water Bonds of the Columbus County Water and

Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, 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, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 617 votes were cast against said order, and a majority of the qualified voters of said District who voted thereon at said referendum voted against said order.

Board of Commissioners for the
County of Columbus, North Carolina

Section 2. The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners shall file a copy of the foregoing statement of the result of said referendum in her office and shall publish such statement once in The News-Reporter. A statement in substantially the following form shall be published with the foregoing statement:

Any action or proceeding challenging the regularity or validity of this bond referendum must be begun within 30 days after [date of publication].

Board of Commissioners for the
County of Columbus, North Carolina

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Upon motion of Commissioner Spruell R. Britt, seconded by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie, the foregoing resolution entitled: **“RESOLUTION DECLARING THE RESULT OF THE SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM HELD IN THE COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT V, IN COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, ON NOVEMBER 7, 2000 UPON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING \$5,705,000 WATER BONDS”** was passed by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

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 has been carefully copied from the recorded minutes of said Board at a regular meeting held on November 20, 2000, said record having been made in Minute Book No. 26 of the minutes of said Board, beginning at page 81 and ending at page 84, and is a true copy of so much of said proceedings of said Board as relates in any way to the declaration of the result of the special bond referendum held on November 7, 2000 upon the question of approving \$5,705,000 Water Bonds of said District.

I HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that a copy of the statement of the result of the referendum adopted by the resolution set forth in the foregoing transcript has been filed in my office.

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

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County this 20th day of November 2000.

/s/ Ida L. Smith

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - APPROVAL OF FAMILY CONSUMER EDUCATION AGENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to approve the employment of Carolyn McCain as a Family and Consumer Education Agent, effective December 1, 2000, as recommended by Jacqueline Roseboro, Cooperative Extension Director.

RESOLUTION - FINAL PLAN FOR WATER & SEWER DISTRICT III

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie

and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution.

Columbus County Water and Sewer District III

Approval of Plans and Specifications

FOR WATER DISTRICT III

WHEREAS, Columbus County is constantly changing with an area of some nine hundred forty-five (945) square miles, with a population of fifty-three thousand (53,000) persons who desire to live, work and play here; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Water District III will install new water lines, potable water wells, and elevated storage tank to meet the needs of residents, commercial and institutional customers in Water District III; and

WHEREAS, plans and specifications for the construction of the water lines, wells, and tanks have been approved by Rural Development Agency and the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners is giving high priority to the planning of water supply systems for a better future for Columbus County and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners endorses the engineered plans and specifications for water development in wetland areas and floodplain areas as designated and approved by Rural Development Agency and as are denoted on the approved water maps for District III.

ADOPTED this 20th day of November 2000.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **Lynwood Norris, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

WATER & SEWER DISTRICT III - RULES & REGULATIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to approve the following Rules and Regulations for Water and Sewer District III.

I. REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTION

- A. Application:** Residents within the District wishing to participate should fill out an application for service, in person, at the Columbus County Building Inspections Office. Applications for the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III will be taken immediately. Applications will be received until the project construction begins. A special tap-on fee of \$100.00 will be in effect until that time. After construction begins the tap-on fee will be as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Cost</u>
3/4"	\$400.00
1"	\$450.00
2"	\$700.00

In accordance with Farmers Home Administration rules, only existing residents will be allowed the \$100.00 dollars pre-construction tap-on fee.

- B. Permit:** A plumbing permit will be required. There will be no charge for the permit, which can be obtained from the Columbus County Building Inspections Department. Permit applications can be obtained in person or mailed to the applicant.
- C. Notification:** All water users will receive written notifications at least three (3) weeks in advance of the date water service will become available. This notification will contain the date users will be expected to have their connections complete and the date that user charges will begin.
- D. Connection:** After notification, a connection can be made between the structure receiving the service and the water meter. A physical inspection of the connection and service line will be made by the County Building Inspections Department, and after approved, the water will be turned on by the County. Water users should be aware that the connection between the meter and their individual plumbing system shall meet all applicable requirements of the State Plumbing Code. The property owner or a licensed plumber as required by the State of North Carolina, may install the service water line. A list of licensed plumbers in Columbus County may be obtained from the

County Building Inspections Department.

II. CLASSIFICATION OF SERVICE

- A. Benefited Users:** Benefited users shall include all types of residences, single family or multifamily, schools, churches and commercial establishments requiring a standard 3/4" x 5/8" service.

III. RATE SCHEDULES

A. Benefited Users:

(All users with 3/4" x 5/8" Meters)

First 2,000 Gallons @ \$16.00 Minimum

\$4.23 Per Additional 1,000 Gallons

- B. Rate Schedule:** Subject to change as required by Water and Sewer District III Board.

- C. Average Monthly Water Bill:** \$27.50

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

- A.** Water service will be available at the street right-of-way adjacent to your lot. You should request the County service to be located so that it is close as possible to your existing well or point where plumbing is to be intercepted. You may determine this location or request a plumber to advise you.
- B.** Prior to making the final connection to the new system, the owners should drain their hot water heaters and flush. Also, the entire system should be flushed by opening all faucets and allowing them to run until the water becomes clean. Because of the new source of water and possible increase in pressure, deposits in your pipes may be loose, and they will need to be flushed.
- C.** The Owner or plumber should visually inspect the entire plumbing system and check for leaking pipes and faucets.

N.C. STATE PLUMBING CODE REQUIREMENTS:

1. A minimum of 160 psi 3/4" service line from the meter to the structure.
2. An approved cutoff gate valve must be installed near the structure and at the meter box.
3. Service line must be buried a minimum of 12" in the ground.
4. Service line may not be installed through a septic tank drain field or within 10 feet of septic tank.
5. No private water supply shall be interconnected with the public water supply.

SURPLUS VEHICLES - APPROVAL FOR SALE

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, requested the Board to approve declaring designated Recreation and Maintenance vehicles surplus and allow for sale.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to approve the sale of Recreation and Maintenance vehicles and to provide the Board with a list of vehicles that will be sold. The list provided to the Board of Commissioners is as follows:

RECREATION DEPARTMENT: (3)

YEAR	MAKE	DESCRIP	F/A #	VIN NUMBER
1985	Chevrolet	3/4 Ton Pickup	4783	1GCGC24M9FF393758
1987	Chevrolet	3/4 Ton Pickup	6617	1GCGR24KOHF374371
1987	Chevrolet	3/4 Ton Pickup	6618	1GCGR24K5HF374379

Surplus Vehicles Received from North Carolina Forestry Service.

***NOTE: All Vehicles With Over 200,000 Miles.**

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT: (4)

#	YEAR	MAKE	DESCRIP	VIN NUMBER
1	1982	Ford		FTCF1038CNA54486
2	1982	Ford		FTCF1034CNA54520
3	1987	GMC	S-15	1GTBS14R4H2516105
4	1989	Chevrolet		2GCEC14K5K1173017

- Vehicle 1:** Received at no cost from USDA.
- Vehicle 2:** Received at no cost from USDA.
- Vehicle 3:** Transferred to Maintenance from Solid Waste.
- Vehicle 4:** Transferred from Animal Control to Maintenance.

***NOTE: All Vehicles with over 200,000 miles.**

AWARD - COMMISSIONER A. DIAL GRAY, III

Chairman Norris presented Commissioner A. Dial Gray, III, a "Plaque of Appreciation" as follows:

**PRESENTED TO
A. DIAL GRAY, III

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION
OF YOUR DEDICATED SERVICE AS A
COUNTY COMMISSIONER
1992-2000

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

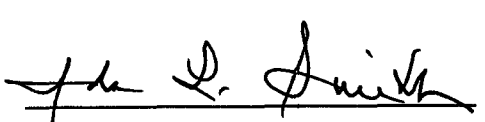
WATER & SEWER DISTRICT IV - CONCERNS OF FRED BROCK

Fred Brock, a concerned citizen, addressed the Board regarding Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV water lines being installed on SR 1700, 1701, 1702 and 1703. Mr. Brock requested these roads be considered for water lines installation.

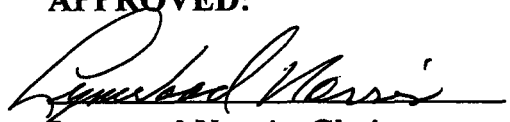
Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, advised Mr. Brock to circulate a petition regarding the interest in water lines installation in those areas that are not included in the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and present to the Administration Office as there will be contingency monies available at the completion of the project that can be utilized on roads where the most interest is shown.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:55 P.M.



 Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:


 Lynwood Norris, Chairman