

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

**MINUTES**

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, NC at 8:00 A.M., January 2, 2001 to hold their regularly scheduled Board Meeting, it being the first Tuesday following the first Monday, an observed Holiday.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

Sammie Jacobs, Vice Chairman

David L. Dutton, Jr.

Amon E. McKenzie

Bill Memory

Lynwood Norris

C.E. Wilson

James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring  
County Administrator

Ida L. Smith  
Clerk to Board

Chairman Britt called the regularly scheduled Board Meeting to order and Commissioner Wilson gave the invocation.

**BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the December 4, 2000 Board Minutes, as recorded.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**Tax Refunds:**

Request a refund in the name of Brown, Juanita, 5560 Old Lumberton Rd., Whiteville, N.C. 28472. Refund user fee that was paid on mobile home that is double listed in the name of Christine Hewett. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-01128, Bill # 83370.

Request a refund in the name of Gordan, Florine T., 2004 Apex Hwy., Durham, NC 27707. Refund a portion of the user fee that was paid on a vacant house. Amount \$42.50, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 10-16881, Bill # 15575.

Request a refund in the name of Little, Johnny & Deanne, 281 Greensmill Rd., Clarkton, NC 28433. Refund user fee that was paid on vacant mobile home. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 05-04010, Bill # 57557.

Request a refund in the name of Little, Johnny & Dianne, 281 Greensmill Rd., Clarkton, NC 28433. Refund user fee that was paid on vacant mobile home. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 05-04010, Bill # 19575.

Request a refund in the name of Smith, Barry Dean, 678 Whitehall Rd., Whiteville, NC 28472. Refund one user fee. Paid for two trash cans, but only has one can. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1997, Account # 11-24697, Bill # 62553.

Request a refund in the name of Smith, Barry Dean, 678 Whitehall Rd., Whiteville, NC 28472. Refund one user fee. Paid for two trash cans, but only has one. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 11-24697, Bill # 67737.

Request a refund in the name of Smith, Barry Dean, 678 Whitehall Rd., Whiteville, NC 28472. Refund one user fee. Paid for two trash cans, but only has one. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 11-24697, Bill # 30169.

Request a refund in the name of Thompson, Lethia, P.O. Box 72, Fair Bluff, NC 28439. Refund portion of user fee that was paid on vacant house. Amount \$42.50, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 10-16881, Bill # 15575.

**Tax Releases:**

Release the Property Value in the name of Freeman, Herbert B. Release value of home and Acme Delco fire fee that is double listed in the name of George and Shirley

Freeman. Amount \$76.44, Value \$9,100.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-14780, Bill # 91538.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$42.09, Value \$6,100.00, Year 1991, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 98692.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$42.09, Value \$6,100.00, Year 1991, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 98693.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$7.59, Value \$1,100.00, Year 1991, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 98694.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$42.09, Value \$6,100.00, Year 1992, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 77233.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$42.09, Value \$6,100.00, Year 1992, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 77234.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$7.59, Value \$1,100.00, Year 1992, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 77235.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$43.92, Value \$6,100.00, Year 1993, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 72957.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$43.92, Value \$6,100.00, Year 1993, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 72958.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$7.92, Value \$1,100.00, Year 1993, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 72959.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release property

value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$46.36, Value \$6,100.00, Year 1994, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 32062.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$46.36, Value \$6,100.00, Year 1994, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 32063.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$8.36, Value \$1,100.00, Year 1994, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 32064.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$47.58, Value \$6,100.00, Year 1995, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 3281.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$8.58, Value \$1,100.00, Year 1995, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 3283.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$47.58, Value \$6,100.00, Year 1996, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 48326.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$47.58, Value \$6,100.00, Year 1996, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 48327.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$8.58, Value \$1,100.00, Year 1996, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 48328.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$27.11, Value \$3,900.00, Year 1997, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 46373.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$42.40, Value \$6,100.00, Year 1997, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 46374.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$11.82, Value \$1,700.00, Year 1997, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 46375.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$27.11, Value \$3,900.00, Year 1998, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 50812.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$42.40, Value \$6,100.00, Year 1998, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 50813.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$11.82, Value \$1,700.00, Year 1998, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 50814.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$27.11, Value \$3,900.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 12627.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$42.40, Value \$6,100.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 12628.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$11.82, Value \$1,700.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 12629.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$28.08, Value \$6,100.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 93672.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$43.92, Value \$6,100.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 93673.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Fred (Heirs). Release property value that is double listed in the name of Tabor City First Baptist Church. Amount \$12.24,

Value \$1,700.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-15640, Bill # 93674.

Release the Property Value in the name of Harris, Willard A. Release value of double wide and Klondyke fire fee that is double listed in the name of Meta Harris. Amount \$305.12, Value \$22,800.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-18103, Bill # 95393.

Release the Property Value in the name of Inman, Phil E. Release a portion of the boat value that was priced with incorrect value. Amount \$42.77, Value \$5,400.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-12801, Bill # 97752.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jones, Ferrell, (Jr.). Release the value of a mobile home and the Yam City fire fee that was not in Columbus County in 1998. Amount \$118.62, Value \$2,056.00, Year 1998, Account # 06-21721, Bill # 30088.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jones, Ferrell (Jr.). Release the value of a mobile home and the Yam City fire fee that was not in Columbus County in 1998. Amount \$115.74, Value \$1,738.00, Year 1998, Account # 06-21726, Bill # 30092.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nickelson, Cynthia. Release value of mobile home that is double listed in the name of Sherril & Jo Ann Tart. Amount \$150.30, Value \$6,580.00, Year 1999, Account # 13-05215, Bill # 24033.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nickelson, Cynthia. Release value of mobile home that is double listed in the name of Sherril & Jo Ann Tart. Amount \$174.26, Value \$6,220.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-05215, Bill # 5392.

Release the Property Value in the name of Shepherd, William R., III. Release value of a boat that was sold in 1998. Amount \$40.00, Value \$5,050.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-02855, Bill # 10856.

Release the Property Value in the name of Simmons, Charles R. Release property value and the Old Dock fire fee that are double listed in the name of Mitchell & Sherry Long. Amount \$14.40, Value \$1,800.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-21200, Bill # 11114.

Release the Property Value in the name of Skinner, Eddie M. Release the value of a mobile home and the Riegelwood Sanitary fee that is double listed in the name of William Brian Skinner. Amount \$250.77, Value \$12,330.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-34283, Bill # 11553.

Release the Property Value in the name of Starks, Johnny Lee. Release value of single wide home that was repossessed in 1994. Amount \$253.64, Value \$26,200.00, Year 2000, Account # 10-15982, Bill # 13749.

Release the Property Value in the name of Stevens, John C. Release value of old campers that were destroyed in 1999 by Hurricane Floyd. Amount \$1,305.37, Value \$6,360.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-16646, Bill # 14040.

Release the Property Value in the name of Thompson, Carlton. Release the value of gas tanks and the Whiteville Rescue fee that were sold and salvaged in 1999. Amount \$120.62, Value \$16,300.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-93200, Bill # 14505.

Release the Refunds in the name of Brown, Juanita. Refund user fee that was paid on mobile home that is double listed in the name of Christine Hewett. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-01128, Bill # 83370.

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11-24697, Bill # 30169.

Release the Refunds in the name of Thompson, Lethia. Refund portion of user fee that was paid on vacant house. Amount \$42.50, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 10-16881, Bill # 15575.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bailey, John & Barbara. Release user fee. Does not have a trash can. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-00476, Bill # 80250.

Release the User Fee in the name of Barefoot, G.W. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-00940, Bill # 80568.

Release the User Fee in the name of Barnes, Sandra. Release user fee that was paid on vacant house. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-00442, Bill # 99925.

Release the User Fee in the name of Barnes, Sandra. Release user fee that was paid on vacant house. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-00442, Bill # 80713.

Release the User Fee in the name of Britt, Gary W. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-02540, Bill # 82909.

Release the User Fee in the name of Caines, Charles & Iris. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$410.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-06300, Bill # 84642.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cartrette, Roger Dale. Release user fee on house that is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1997, Account # 09-03850, Bill # 38864.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cartrette, Roger Dale. Release user fee on house that is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 09-03850, Bill # 43071.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cartrette, Roger Dale. Release user fee on house that is vacant. Amount \$120.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-03850, Bill # 85564.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cichero, Joseph C. Release user fee on vacant



apartment. Amount \$185.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-05920, Bill # 85889.

Release the User Fee in the name of Council, Willis R. Release user fee, no trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-06919, Bill # 86965.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cox, P.D., Jr. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-05160, Bill # 87130.

Release the User Fee in the name of Creech, Willard A. Release all user fees. There are no trash cans at this location. Amount \$410.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-04087, Bill # 87248.

Release the User Fee in the name of Faulk, William Gilbert. Release user fee on house that is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-04680, Bill # 90245.

Release the User Fee in the name of Fipps, Mary S. Jordan, Heirs. Release both user fees. Both houses are vacant. Amount \$250.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-12960, Bill # 90428.

Release the User Fee in the name of Floyd, C. Neil. Release user fee on mobile home that is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-09060, Bill # 90677.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ford, Dallas O. Release user fee on vacant house. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-04580, Bill # 90871.

Release the User Fee in the name of Godwin, Brady. Release user fee on vacant house. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-09509, Bill # 92583.

Release the User Fee in the name of Godwin, Hattie. Release all user fees. There are no trash cans at this location. Amount \$410.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-05276, Bill # 92648.

Release the User Fee in the name of Graham, Dossie. Release user fee on vacant house. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-06120, Bill # 93646.

Release the User Fee in the name of Greene, L.C. Overcharge on user fees due to computer error. Amount \$375.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-06340, Bill # 94337.

Release the User Fee in the name of Honeycutt, Lucy K. Overcharge on user fee due

to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-42840, Bill # 96956.

Release the User Fee in the name of Johnson, Royce M. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-20600, Bill # 98711.

Release the User Fee in the name of Little, Johnny. Release one of the user fees. There is only one trash container here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 05-04010, Bill # 836.

Release the User Fee in the name of Long, James Arron. Building used for storage. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-14100, Bill # 1101.

Release the User Fee in the name of Long, William M. Release user fee on vacant house. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-10640, Bill # 1337.

Release the User Fee in the name of McCrae, Anthony. Release user fee on vacant house. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-01833, Bill # 2333.

Release the User Fee in the name of McPherson, Tommy A. Release user fee on old store that is no longer in business. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-05132, Bill # 3334.

Release the User Fee in the name of Maultsby, Nancy. Release a portion of the user fee on house that is located inside the city limits. Amount \$40.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 13-27154, Bill # 20807.

Release the User Fee in the name of Maultsby, Nancy. Release a portion of the user fee on a house that is located inside the city limits. Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-27154, Bill # 2103.

Release the User Fee in the name of Moore, James. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-27660, Bill # 4486.

Release the User Fee in the name of Nance, Hilda Faye. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-11563, Bill # 4996.

Release the User Fee in the name of Nealey, Bennie R. Release one of the user fees

on a mobile home that is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-21325, Bill # 5136.

Release the User Fee in the name of Nealey, Billie W. Release user fee on house that is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-21343, Bill # 5138.

Release the User Fee in the name of Nealey, Billy W. Release user fee on house that is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-21360, Bill # 5143.

Release the User Fee in the name of Palmer, Shade J. Release user fee. No trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-02750, Bill # 6307.

Release the User Fee in the name of Powell, A. H., Heirs. Release a portion of user fee on a house that is inside the city limits. Amount \$85.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 10-13580, Bill # 7271.

Release the User Fee in the name of Pridgen, John Paul. Release one of the user fees on a mobile home that is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 10-13860, Bill # 26448.

Release the User Fee in the name of Pridgen, John Paul. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$285.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 10-13860, Bill # 7953.

Release the User Fee in the name of Robinson, Paul. Release one user fee. There is only one trash can here. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-13780, Bill # 9271.

Release the User Fee in the name of Smith, Barry Dean. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$285.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-24697, Bill # 11748.

Release the User Fee in the name of Smith, Curby. Release a portion of the user fee. They did not have trash can for a full year. Amount \$115.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-03804, Bill # 11829.

Release the User Fee in the name of Smith, J. Ezell. Release user fee on house that is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-14720, Bill # 12043.

Release the User Fee in the name of Smith, T.V. Release user fee. There is no trash

can at this location. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-04404, Bill # 12426.

Release the User Fee in the name of Soles, Elton H. Release user fee on house that is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-87140, Bill # 12615.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stanley Auto Sales. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$1,000.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-28645, Bill # 13457.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stanley Investments LLC. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$20.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-88289, Bill # 13541.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stanley Investments LLC. Release user fee on vacant land. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-88289, Bill # 13542.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stanley, Cecil B. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-28740, Bill # 13488.

Release the User Fee in the name of Strickland, Lenué. Release user fee. There is no trash can at this location. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-14820, Bill # 14524.

Release the User Fee in the name of Thompson, Carlton. Release user fee. Customers use a commercial hauler. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-93200, Bill # 15408.

Release the User Fee in the name of Thut, Jeanette M. Release user fee. There is no trash can at this location. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-15660, Bill # 15791.

Release the User Fee in the name of Turbeville, R. Louise. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$20.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-40660, Bill # 16263.

Release the User Fee in the name of Warwick, Benjamin. Release user fee on new house that is still vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-02820,

Bill # 18064.

Release the User Fee in the name of White, Gracie Mae. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-29150, Bill # 18810.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williams, Curtis. Release user fee. There is no trash can at this location. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-29927, Bill # 19255.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wright Chemical Co. Release user fee. Customer uses a commercial hauler. Amount \$250.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-40200, Bill # 20607.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wright Chemical Co. Release user fee. Customer uses a commercial hauler. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-40200, Bill # 20608.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wright Corporation. Release user fee. Customer uses a commercial hauler. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-40206, Bill # 20616.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wright, O. Richard. Release a portion of the user fee. Only one building is being used. Amount \$85.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-45261, Bill # 20696.

Release the User Fee in the name of No name. This is an invalid account number. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 19-00246, Bill # 57420.

Release the Property Value in the name of Anderson, John. Release value of mobile home that is double listed in the name of John Ransom Anderson. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1996, Account # 13-00145, Bill # 61466.

Release the Property Value in the name of Anderson, John. Release value of mobile home that is double listed in the name of John Ransom Anderson. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1997, Account # 13-00145, Bill # 61467.

Release the Property Value in the name of Anderson, John. Release value of mobile home that is double listed in the name of John Ransom Anderson. Amount \$56.42, Value

\$1,000.00, Year 1998, Account # 13-00145, Bill # 37680.

Release the Property Value in the name of Anderson, John. Release value of mobile home that is double listed in the name of John Ransom Anderson. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1999, Account # 13-00145, Bill # 99103.

Release the Property Value in the name of Anderson, John. Release value of mobile home that is double listed in the name of John Ransom Anderson. Amount \$145.71, Value \$2,615.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-00145, Bill # 79865.

Release the Property Value in the name of Blaylock, Crystal. Release the value of a double wide and the Acme Delco fee that is double listed in the name of James L. Peterson. Amount \$403.88, Value \$33,200.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-50171, Bill # 82257.

Release the Property Value in the name of Building Blocks Day Care. Value over reported by auditors. Adjustment made by Tax Management. Amount \$1.87, Value \$240.00, Year 1995, Account # 13-05931, Bill # 48616.

Release the Property Value in the name of Building Blocks Day Care. Value over reported by auditors. Adjustment made by Tax Management. Amount \$24.75, Value \$3,173.00, Year 1996, Account # 13-05931, Bill # 48615.

Release the Property Value in the name of Building Blocks Day Care. Value over reported by auditors. Adjustment made by Tax Management. Amount \$3.47, Value \$499.00, Year 1997, Account # 13-05931, Bill # 48614.

Release the Property Value in the name of Building Blocks Day Care. Value over reported by auditors. Adjustment made by Tax Management. Amount \$11.08, Value \$1,594.00, Year 1998, Account # 13-05931, Bill # 48613.

Release the Property Value in the name of Building Blocks Day Care. Value over reported by auditors. Adjustment made by Tax Management. Amount \$11.52, Value \$1,658.00, Year 1999, Account # 13-05931, Bill # 48612.

Release the Property Value in the name of Building Blocks Day Care. Value over reported by auditors. Adjustment made by Tax Management. Amount \$11.78, Value \$1,636.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-05931, Bill # 48611.

Release the Property Value in the name of C & P Used Cars. Release business

personal value that was billed twice by mistake. Amount \$2.38, Value \$300.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-05006, Bill # 48623.

Release the Property Value in the name of Elkins, Edison J. Release the value of some buildings and the Hallsboro fire fee that are double listed in the name of Randolph M. Keaton. Amount \$330.18, Value \$42,330.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-03954, Bill # 89341.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fairfax, Joseph P. Release value of mobile home and the Roseland fire fee that is double listed in the same name as real and personal property. Amount \$143.82, Value \$2,406.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-12540, Bill # 89989.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fernanca, Joseph. Release value of mobile home and Williams fire fee that was repossessed in 1999. Amount \$265.25, Value \$17,980.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-09317, Bill # 90300.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fleet Leasing Corporation. Release value of equipment that was disposed of in 1999. Amount \$3.19, Value \$443.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-03035, Bill # 90598.

### **SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE - REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING**

Rhone Sasser, Southeastern Community College Board of Directors' Chairman, and Dr. Brantley Briley, Southeastern Community College President, requested the Board to appropriate an additional \$66,459.00 in current expense for fiscal year 2000-2001 budget for custodial positions, custodial midyear salary increases, and contracted services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to appoint Chairman Britt, Commissioners Memory and Wilson and Administrator Herring to meet with Southeastern Community College officials and tour the facility and prioritize the requests as presented by the SCC officials.

### **WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS - RESOLUTION FOR GUARANTEED ENERGY SAVINGS CONTRACT**

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

#### **RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY**

**BY THE WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS OF A  
GUARANTEED ENERGY SAVINGS CONTRACT**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the County of Columbus, North Carolina (the "County") as follows:

1. The Board hereby finds, determines and acknowledges that:
  - (a) the Whiteville City School's Board of Education (the "Board of Education") plans to enter into a \$563,363 guaranteed energy savings contract pursuant to G.S. 143-64.17 et. seq. for the purpose of providing certain energy conservation measures authorized thereby (the "Project") so as to reduce energy consumption and/or energy-related operating costs;
  - (b) the Board of Education intends to finance the Project by entering into an installment contract (the "Contract") pursuant to G.S. 143-64.17 as amended;
  - (c) the energy savings resulting from the Project are expected to equal or exceed the total costs payable under the Contract as shown in an evaluation performed on behalf of the Board of Education;
  - (d) the payments under the Contract are not expected to require any additional appropriations to be made to the Board of Education nor any increase in taxes; and
  - (e) the Board does not intend to reduce appropriations to the Board of Education based upon a reduction of energy costs in a manner that would inhibit the ability of the Board of Education to make the payments under the Contract, provided that the County is not bound in any manner to appropriate funds to the Board of Education in amount sufficient for the Board of Education to make such payments.
2. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

**I DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that this is a true and correct copy of the resolution duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus at a regular meeting held on January 2, 2001.

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



**LUMBER RIVER STATE PARK - REQUEST FOR DONATION TABLED UNTIL  
2001-02 BUDGET PREPARATION**

Andrew N. Ash, representing Lumber River State Park Citizen's Advisory Committee, requested by letter, the Board to donate \$5,000.00 toward the production of a series of three (3) educational videos concerning the Lumber River.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to table the request until the preparation of the 2001-2002 Columbus County Budget.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES (E-911 EXPANSION) - BIDS PRESENTED AND BID  
AWARDED AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING**

John H. Moore, Jr., Emergency Services Director, presented bids for the E-911 expansion for the Board's consideration of awarding the contract. The bids are as follows:

A.	Bill Worley & Sons Construction	\$356,173
B.	E.D. Ezzell General Contractors	\$368,220
C.	Graka Builders, Incorporated	\$339,748
D.	Trigon Corporation	\$291,851
E.	Smith Construction	\$358,000

Mr. Moore reported Trigon Corporation withdrew their bid as they overlooked a portion of the bid that was not included.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to award the E-911 expansion contract to the lowest bidder, Graka Builders, Incorporated in the amount of \$339,748 and schedule a public hearing for financing the redevelopment of the E-911 Center's communication equipment and software for Tuesday, January 16, 2001 at 7:30 P.M.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS - INTERNET ACCESS APPROVED**

Kandance H. Whitehead, Register of Deeds, requested the Board to allow the Register of Deeds to provide internet access to the public at no cost for information purposes only. In order to obtain a legal certified copy of a document they will need to come to the Register of Deeds' office. There will not be a loss of revenue for the Register of Deeds.

The cost to provide this service is \$751.00 per month which was approved in the 2000-2001 Budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to allow the Register of Deeds to provide internet access to the public at no cost for information purposes only with no loss of revenue for the Register of Deeds' office.

**LIBRARY - POLARIS CONTRACT APPROVED**

Jamie S. Hansen, Library Director, requested the Board to approve the Polaris Contract (software from Gaylord) to upgrade the Library computers in order for them to be compatible to the Gates Grant computers, etc. This expenditure can be absorbed within 2000-2001 Library Budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the Polaris Contract for the Library computer upgrade with no additional cost to the County. A copy of the Contract is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

**TRANSPORTATION (COLUMBUS COUNTY) - CERTIFICATE OF FEDERAL GUIDELINES RESOLUTION AND OFFICIAL NAME APPROVED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to approve the following items for Charles Patton, Transportation Director:

- A. Accept the Certificate of Assurances of Federal Guidelines so that Columbus County can receive its yearly transportation grant;
- B. Adopt a Community Transportation Program Resolution; and
- C. Approve the official name for Columbus County's Transportation System to be **Columbus County Transportation.**

A copy of the above-mentioned documents are on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

**LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES LIST - REVIEW AND ADDITIONS**

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, reviewed the following Legislative Goals Priorities List to be shared with our Local Legislators and requested the Board members to make any additions:

**LEGISLATIVE GOALS and PRIORITIES****for COLUMBUS COUNTY**

1. To endorse re-institution of state funding of local school system utility costs and for legislative adoption of a menu of discretionary revenue options for local governments other than undue reliance on property tax;
2. To endorse continued state progress towards funding teachers' salaries at the national average or better;
3. To endorse revision in funding of low-wealth counties to increase the state's funding of school systems in low-wealth counties;
4. To endorse a statewide sales tax increase for direct use by counties for schools freeing local ad valorem tax funds for other local purposes;
5. To endorse the discontinuance of requiring North Carolina counties to match funds for state and federal funding for social service programs (example: Medicaid);
6. To endorse the lifting of the statewide freezes on elderly homestead exemptions, intangibles tax, and beer and wine reimbursements to counties;
7. To endorse an increase in court fees and sheriff's service fees to a level in keeping with the actual costs of services;
8. Appropriate fifteen million and 00/100 (\$15,000,000.00) dollars in recurring funds for the expansion of Home and Community Care Block Grant services for impaired older adults;
9. Appropriate two million and 00/100 (\$2,000,000.00) dollars in recurring funds for the expansion of the prescription drug assistance program for persons sixty-five (65) and over with incomes less than one hundred fifty (150%) percent of the federal poverty level who suffer from cardiovascular disease or diabetes;
10. Oppose efforts to dilute the effectiveness of the North Carolina Predatory Lending

Law passed in 1999 and pass legislation to further regulate mortgage lenders and brokers in North Carolina;

11. Appropriate three million and 00/100 (\$3,000,000.00) dollars in recurring funds to support senior centers;
12. Pass legislation to provide increased property tax relief for low-income elderly and disabled persons, and that the increase be paid for by the state;
13. To seek funding in the amount of five hundred thousand and 00/100 (\$500,000.00) dollars for expansion of the main branch building for Columbus County Library;
14. To seek seven hundred fifty thousand and 00/100 (\$750,000.00) dollars for expansions of Columbus County's Senior Centers;
15. To seek one million five-hundred thousand and 00/100 (\$1,500,000.00) dollars for the development of an all-inclusive Mental Health Center in Columbus County; and
16. To seek one million two-hundred thousand and 00/100 (\$1,200,000.00) dollars for the development of a new County Tax Administration Facility.

**Commissioner Wilson requested the following item to be added to the list.**

17. Vehicle tax will be paid at the time that the owner purchases their vehicle tags.  
County will contract with license agencies for this collection.

**ATTORNEY (COLUMBUS COUNTY) - NEGOTIATE ATTORNEY'S RETAINER  
IN THE 2001-2002 BUDGET PREPARATION**

Commissioner Dutton stated the Attorney item was not on the Agenda and requested Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, to report on how other counties pay for legal services.

Mr. Herring stated this report was mailed to the Board Members on December 20, 2000 and discussed the contents of the report with the Board.

Commissioner Dutton suggested the county might be able to save money by having a full-time attorney on staff.

A full-time county attorney versus an attorney on a retainer was discussed at length among the Board Members.

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

Memory to table action on the attorney until the next Board Meeting.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, and seconded by Commissioner Norris to leave the 2000-2001 Attorney's Budget as approved and consider changes in the preparation of the 2001-2002 Budget.

Commissioner Jacobs rescinded the substitute motion.

Commissioner Dutton rescinded the original motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Memory and passed unanimously to direct Administration to restructure the retainer fee and set an hourly rate schedule and during the 2001-2002 budget process to continue to compare cost for a full time legal department as opposed to contracting with private firms.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:50 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to enter into a closed session in accordance with N.C.G.S. §143-318.11. (a)(5).

#### **RESUME REGULAR SESSION**

At 10:05 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to adjourn closed session and resume regular session.

No action was taken.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR - PERMISSION TO NEGOTIATE MCKEITHAN PROPERTY**

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to permit Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, to meet with Randy McKeithan and negotiate the purchase price of the property adjacent to the Law Enforcement Center.

#### **AGREEMENT (ENHANCEMENT) - GREATER WHITEVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (RAILROAD DEPOT PROPERTY)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to approve the Enhancement Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation and Columbus County and the Greater Whiteville

Chamber of Commerce regarding the Railroad Depot located in Whiteville, NC. A copy of the Agreement is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

**RESOLUTION - REHABILITATION OF THE RAILROAD DEPOT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to approve the following Resolution regarding the railroad depot rehabilitation.

**A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA**

A motion was made by Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously for the adoption of the following Resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted:

**WHEREAS**, the County of Columbus (County) and Greater Whiteville Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) have requested enhancement funding for the rehabilitation of the historic railroad depot located in Whiteville, North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation has programmed funding in the 2000-2006 Transportation Improvement Program for the rehabilitation of said depot under Project E-4121 in Columbus County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the Chamber propose to enter into an Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for said depot rehabilitation as described in said Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, under the proposed Agreement, the Department of Transportation shall reimburse the County to the extent of eighty percent (80%) of the approved eligible project costs up to the maximum of the project award of \$769,156; and

**WHEREAS**, the County shall provide at least twenty percent (20%) matching funds and all costs that exceed the project award of \$769,156.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agreement for Project E-4121 in Columbus County is hereby formally approved by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus, and, on behalf of the County of Columbus, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and Clerk to said Board are hereby empowered to sign and

execute the required Agreement with the Department of Transportation.

I, Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the excerpts from the Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners duly held on the day of January 2, 2001.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said County on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2001.

(SEAL)

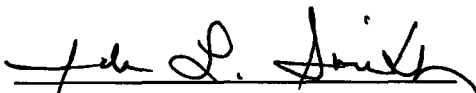
/s/ Ida L. Smith

CLERK TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:15 A.M.

**APPROVED:**

  
Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

  
Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

