

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., March 19, 2001 to hold their regularly scheduled Board Meeting, it being the third Monday.

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

PUBLIC HEARING - CLOSING OF A PORTION OF STATE ROAD 1116

Chairman Britt called the Public Hearing to order regarding the proposed closing of a portion (.7 mile) of State Road 1116 which road is located in Bughill Township III.

Chairman Britt requested comments from anyone present who were for or against the closing of a portion (.7 mile) of State Road 1116.

There were no comments.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

At 7:32 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie, and passed unanimously to close the Public Hearing.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING COMMENCED

Immediately, thereafter, 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 Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to approve the March 5, 2001 Board Minutes, as recorded.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

Tax Refunds:

Request a refund in the name of Bailey, W.E. & Sons, Inc., P.O. Box 467, Chadbourn, NC 28431. Did not have any trash containers for 2000. Amount \$410.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-00700, Bill # 80263.

Request a refund in the name of Johnson, Annette, 727 Benton Rd., Chadbourn, NC 28431. Refund a portion of the mobile home value plus \$6.34 interest. Customer was billed with incorrect year model and size on home. Total refund including interest should be \$80.58 Amount \$74.24, Value \$9,620.00, Year 1998, Account # 13-21529, Bill # 55395.

Request a refund in the name of Rooks, Robert G., P.O. Box 694, Whiteville, N.C. 28472. Paid too much on user fee. Amount \$127.35, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-20100, Bill # 9478.

Request a refund in the name of Tyson, Ronald R., 100 S. US 701 Hwy. By-Pass, Tabor City, N.C. 28463. Paid for two trash cans. He only has one. Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1996, Account # 01-97787, Bill # 68476.

Request a refund in the name of Tyson, Ronald R., 100 S. US 701 Hwy By Pass, Tabor City, N.C. 28463. Paid for two trash cans. Only has one. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1997, Account # 01-97787, Bill # 66799.

Request a refund in the name of Tyson, Ronald R., 100 S. US 701 Hwy By Pass, Tabor City, N.C. 28463. Paid for two trash cans. Only has one. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 01-97787, Bill # 72256.

Request a refund in the name of Tyson, Ronald R., 100 S. US 701 Hwy. By Pass, Tabor City, N.C. 28463. Paid user fee on two trash cans. Only has one. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-97787, Bill # 34752.

Request a refund in the name of Tyson, Ronald R., 100 S. US 701 Hwy By Pass, Tabor City, N.C. 28463. Billed for more than one trash can. He only has one. Amount \$285.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-97787, Bill # 16495.

Tax Releases:

Release the Property Value in the name of Coastal Fabrication. Release the value of a boat, for the City of Brunswick, that was sold four (4) years ago. Amount \$98.74, Value \$19,360.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-00107, Bill # 1901.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coastal Fabrication. Release the value of a boat, for the City of Brunswick, that was sold four (4) years ago. Amount \$106.48, Value \$17,600.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-00107, Bill # 42561.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bank of America Illinois Trust. Billed twice for user fee in error. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-29781, Bill # 80527.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bellamy, Harold D. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-01117, Bill # 81385.

Release the User Fee in the name of Benson, Lola B. Overcharge on user fee due to a computer error. Amount \$285.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-14994, Bill # 81549.

Release the User Fee in the name of Garrell, Randy. Release user fee. House vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 09-06905, Bill # 10966.

Release the User Fee in the name of Garrell, Randy. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-06905, Bill # 92030.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gause, Florena E. Release user fee. Trash can picked up in 1999. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-05427, Bill # 92120.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hill, Anna (Heirs). Release user fee. This is

vacant land. Computer error. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 05-02900, Bill # 96296.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hooks, Margie. Overcharge on user fee due to a computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-02043, Bill # 97029.

Release the User Fee in the name of McNeely, Glenn M. Release one of two user fees. There is just one mobile home on lot. Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-24653, Bill # 21655.

Release the User Fee in the name of Milligan, Henry & Lou Floy. Release user fee. There is no trash can at this location. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-25940, Bill # 3951.

Release the User Fee in the name of Milligan, Henry & Lou Floy. Release user fee. There is no trash can at this location. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-25940, Bill # 3953.

Release the User Fee in the name of Munez, Teo Fillo. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-17001, Bill # 6022.

Release the User Fee in the name of Rivenbark, Abner. Release user fee. There is no trash can at this location. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-14077, Bill # 9090.

Release the User Fee in the name of Rooks, Robert G. Overcharge on user fee due to a computer error. Amount \$32.17, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-20100, Bill # 9478.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stanley, Donald Grady. Release both user fees. House and mobile home vacant. Amount \$250.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-15940, Bill # 13506.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stanley, L.J. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$12.95, Value \$0.00, Year 1992, Account # 09-29120, Bill # 96766.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stanley, L.J. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$30.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1993, Account # 09-29120, Bill # 89905.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stanley, L.J. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$30.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1994, Account # 09-29120, Bill # 18971.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stanley, L.J. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1995, Account # 09-29120, Bill # 20541.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stephens, Efreem. Release user fee. Computer error. There are no dwellings on this land. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-26943, Bill # 13815.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, B. Derek. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-02944, Bill # 17325.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Johnny. Release user fee. Mobile home is used for storage. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-04330, Bill # 17668.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Terrah, Sr. Release the property value and the Klondyke fire fee, which is double listed in the name of Timothy J. Brown. Amount \$523.95, Value \$50,500.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-04700, Bill # 83545.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coastal Fabrication. Release the value of a boat that was sold four (4) years ago. Amount 98.74, Value \$17,600.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-00107, Bill # 51614.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coastal Fabrication. Release the value of a boat that was sold four (4) years ago. Amount \$139.39, Value \$17,600.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-00107, Bill # 86159.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coleman, Tim & Emma. Release the value of a canopy that was removed in 1999. Amount \$76.03, Value \$10,560.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-05684, Bill # 86437.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cross, Christopher C. Release the value of a mobile home that was repossessed by Green Pointe in 1997. Amount \$219.26, Value \$15,600.00, Year 1998, Account # 13-09495, Bill # 44834.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cross, Christopher C. Release the value of a mobile home that was repossessed by Green Pointe in 1997. Amount \$210.86, Value

\$14,500.00, Year 1999, Account # 13-09495, Bill # 6466.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cross, Christopher C. Release the value of a mobile home that was repossessed by Green Pointe in 1997. Amount \$232.87, Value \$13,620.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-09495, Bill # 87428.

Release the Property Value in the name of Davis, Terry. Release the value of a mobile home, and the Klondyke fire fee, that is double listed in the name of Larry B. & Katrina Davis. Amount \$171.37, Value \$8,480.00, Year 1998, Account # 13-09902, Bill # 30158.

Release the Property Value in the name of Davis, Terry. Release the value of a mobile home, and the Klondyke fire fee, that is double listed in the name of Larry B. & Katrina Davis. Amount \$167.07, Value \$7,970.00, Year 1999, Account # 13-09902, Bill # 7024.

Release the Property Value in the name of Davis, Terry. Release the value of a mobile home, and the Klondyke fire fee that is double listed in the name of Larry B. & Katrina Davis. Amount \$190.18, Value \$7,500.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-09902, Bill # 87988.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dew, Audra Faye. Release the value of a double wide home, and the Yam City fire fee that is double listed in the name of Frankie James Dew. Amount \$503.84, Value \$46,200.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-05941, Bill # 88215.

Release the Property Value in the name of Duncan, Irvin. Release the value of a mobile home that was sold several years ago. Amount \$174.26, Value \$6,220.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-21914, Bill # 88798.

Release the Property Value in the name of Faison, Carl & Mary. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Leon Bellamy. Amount \$142.33, Value \$6,090.00, Year 1998, Account # 14-05035, Bill # 47297.

Release the Property Value in the name of Faison, Carl & Mary. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Leon Bellamy. Amount \$142.33, Value \$6,090.00, Year 1999, Account # 14-05035, Bill # 8990.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gore, Marie. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Rosa Marie Gore. Amount \$149.24, Value \$3,367.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-00155, Bill # 93281.

Release the Property Value in the name of Green, Nathaniel L. Release the value of a mobile home, and the Acme Delco fire fee, that is double listed in the name of Charles Thompson. Amount \$233.57, Value \$11,750.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-16731, Bill # 94240.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hemmingway, Melissa. Release the value of a mobile home that was repossessed prior to 1-1-2000. Amount \$201.03, Value \$9,600.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-18374, Bill # 95882.

Release the Property Value in the name of High, Mary Keith. Release the value of a mobile home, and the North Whiteville fire fee in the amount of \$25.00, and the Whiteville Rescue fee in the amount of \$.41. This mobile home was junked after it was damaged during a storm. Amount \$41.61, Value \$2,040.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-39930, Bill # 96180.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jacobs, Leslie Ann. Release the value of a mobile home that is listed in Robeson County. Amount \$242.93, Value \$14,890.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-09066, Bill # 98131.

Release the Property Value in the name of Kelley, Doris B. Release the value of a mobile home, and the Whiteville Rescue fee, that was destroyed by hurricane Fran. Amount \$170.82, Value \$14,300.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-49460, Bill # 99335.

Release the Property Value in the name of Leake, Vivian G. Release the value of a mobile home that was moved to Richmond County in 1998. Amount \$221.78, Value \$15,930.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-51611, Bill # 18904.

Release the Property Value in the name of Leake, Vivian G. Release the value of a mobile home that was moved to Richmond County in 1998. Amount \$242.93, Value \$14,890.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-51611, Bill # 139.

Release the Property Value in the name of Leggett, Robert. Release the value of a mobile home that was repossessed prior to 1-1-1999. Amount \$83.63, Value \$2,985.00, Year 1999, Account # 10-10174, Bill # 19068.

Release the Property Value in the name of McLamb, Walter D. Release the value of a single wide that was traded for a double wide and listed. Amount \$210.09, Value \$14,400.00, Year 1999, Account # 09-17765, Bill # 21527.

Release the Property Value in the name of McLamb, Walter D. Release the value of a single wide home that was traded for a double wide and listed. Amount \$231.68, Value \$13,470.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-17765, Bill # 2843.

Release the Property Value in the name of McMillian, Dorothy Lee. Release the value of a mobile home that has been condemned and junked for the year 2000. Amount \$19.73, Value \$2,740.00, Year 2000, Account # 10-10717, Bill # 2928.

Release the Property Value in the name of Mincey, Lacy C. Release the value of a mobile home that was sold in 1995. Mr. Mincey is in a rest home. Amount \$92.09, Value \$3,740.00, Year 1996, Account # 10-12271, Bill # 57524.

Release the Property Value in the name of Mincey, Lacy C. Release the value of a mobile home that was sold in 1995. Mr. Mincey is in a rest home. Amount \$128.59, Value \$3,740.00, Year 1997, Account # 10-12271, Bill # 55702.

Release the Property Value in the name of Mincey, Lacy C. Release the value of a mobile home that was sold in 1995. Mr. Mincey is in a rest home. Amount \$128.59, Value \$3,740.00, Year 1998, Account # 10-12271, Bill # 60607.

Release the Property Value in the name of Mincey, Lacy C. Release the value of a mobile home that was sold in 1995. Mr. Mincey is in a rest home. Amount \$128.59, Value \$3,740.00, Year 1999, Account # 10-12271, Bill # 22762.

Release the Property Value in the name of Mincey, Lacy C. Release the value of a mobile home that was sold in 1995. Mr. Mincey is in a rest home. Amount \$158.98, Value \$4,290.00, Year 2000, Account # 10-12271, Bill # 4082.

Release the Property Value in the name of Mintz, Charles. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Wanda Little. Amount \$203.56, Value \$9,920.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-24197, Bill # 4097.

Release the Property Value in the name of Mole, Renee. Release the value of a mobile home. Customer applied for a permit but never took possession of the home. Amount

\$502.28, Value \$52,400.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-02234, Bill # 4315.

Release the Property Value in the name of Powell, Charles M. Release the value of a mobile home that was moved to Rocky Point in 1999. Amount \$170.54, Value \$5,750.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-02109, Bill # 7329.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sasser, Jabe W. Release the value of a mobile home that was repossessed in 1999 by Green Tree Mortgage Co. Amount \$405.08, Value \$38,900.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-20600, Bill # 9923.

Release the Property Value in the name of Shuman, L.H. Release a portion of the tractor's value plus the Klondyle Fire fee (1.97) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (.56). The tractor was billed with incorrect value. Amount \$22.83, Value \$2,820.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-82803, Bill # 11037.

Release the Property Value in the name of Simmons, Peter. Release a portion of the land value and the Old Dock fire fee that was billed with incorrect value. Amount \$16.00, Value \$2,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-21741, Bill # 11290.

Release the Property Value in the name of Singletary, Michael & Julie. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of R. Darrell Stocks. Amount \$149.63, Value \$3,110.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-14783, Bill # 11504.

Release the Property Value in the name of Small, Laura. Release the value of a mobile home that has been listed in Horry County since 1998. Amount \$124.70, Value \$3,230.00, Year 1999, Account # 07-00661, Bill # 30053.

Release the Property Value in the name of Small, Laura. Release the value of a mobile home that has been listed in Horry County since 1998. Amount \$151.93, Value \$3,400.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-00661, Bill # 11640.

Release the Property Value in the name of Stocks, William J. Release the value of a mobile home and the Acme Delco fire fee. Mr. Stocks was admitted to a rest home in 1998 and the home was sold. Amount \$110.76, Value \$1,200.00, Year 1999, Account # 15-00647, Bill # 32587.

Release the Property Value in the name of Stocks, William J. Release the value of a mobile home and the Acme Delco fire fee. Mr. Stocks was admitted to a rest home in 1998

and the home was sold. Amount \$143.48, Value \$2,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-00647, Bill # 14231.

Release the Property Value in the name of Toon, Alton J. Release value of mobile home that was moved to Robeson County in the early 90's. Amount \$9.56, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1996, Account # 01-96151, Bill # 81504.

Release the Property Value in the name of Toon, Alton J. Release the value of a mobile home that was moved to Robeson County in the early 90's. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1997, Account # 01-96151, Bill # 81505.

Release the Property Value in the name of Toon, Alton J. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue Fee, that was moved to Robeson County in the early 90's. Amount \$107.87, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1998, Account # 01-96151, Bill # 71815.

Release the Property Value in the name of Toon, Alton J. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee that was moved to Robeson County in the early 90's. Amount \$107.87, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-96151, Bill # 34299.

Release the Property Value in the name of Toon, Alton J. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee, that was moved to Robeson County in the early 90's. Amount \$144.58, Value \$2,406.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-96151, Bill # 16021.

Release the Property Value in the name of Walters, Rodney. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Randy L. & Deborah McKeithan. Amount \$171.79, Value \$5,908.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-41566, Bill # 17257.

Release the Property Value in the name of Weir, Lamar A. Release the value of a mobile home plus the North Whiteville fire fee (\$25.00) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (4.85). This home was repossessed in 1999. Amount \$347.55, Value \$24,270.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-00849, Bill # 18569.

Release the Property Value in the name of Worley, Benjamin & Betty. Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Tim & Emma Coleman. Amount \$12.92, Value \$1,700.00, Year 1994, Account # 06-44180, Bill # 54830.

Release the Property Value in the name of Worley, Benjamin & Betty. Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Tim & Emma Coleman. Amount \$13.26,

Value \$1,700.00, Year 1995, Account # 06-44180, Bill # 26506.

Release the Property Value in the name of Worley, Benjamin & Betty. Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Tim & Emma Coleman. Amount \$13.26, Value \$170.00, Year 1996, Account # 06-44180, Bill # 72024.

Release the Property Value in the name of Worley, Benjamin & Betty. Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Tim & Emma Coleman. Amount \$18.77, Value \$2,700.00, Year 1997, Account # 06-44180, Bill # 70398.

Release the Property Value in the name of Worley, Benjamin & Betty. Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Tim & Emma Coleman. Amount \$18.77, Value \$2,700.00, Year 1998, Account # 06-44180, Bill # 75927.

Release the Property Value in the name of Worley, Benjamin & Betty. Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Tim & Emma Coleman. Amount \$18.77, Value \$2,700.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-44180, Bill # 38560.

Release the Property Value in the name of Worley, Benjamin & Betty. Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Tim & Emma Coleman. Amount \$19.44, Value \$2,700.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-44180, Bill # 20368.

Budget Amendments:

Decrease	20-397-1000 Contribution from General Fund	(\$54,022)
Increase	20-397-0200 Contribution School Sales Tax	\$54,022
Appropriate	10-399-0000 Fund Balance	\$71,500
Expend	10-690-9600 NC Forestry Museum	\$71,500

**RIEGEL RIDGE LANDFILL (PROPOSED) - PRESENTATION BY JEFF LANE,
FRIENDS OF THE GREEN SWAMP CHAIRMAN**

Jeff Lane, Friends of the Green Swamp Chairman, addressed the Board regarding the proposed Riegel Ridge Landfill. There were approximately two hundred (200) persons in attendance.

Mr. Lane thanked the people for attending the meeting and stated the following concerns regarding the proposed Riegel Ridge Landfill:

1. Landfills are not environmentally friendly;

2. A landfill in Columbus County should be the last resort as this will harm property values and should be considered a necessary evil;
3. Garbage should not be the future of Columbus County;
4. The majority of the waste - 90 to 95 percent - would be generated outside Columbus County;
5. The three (3) people who are in the process of siting this landfill (Riegel Ridge partners) are speculators with no local ties and no local obligations;
6. There are no provisions to handle additional traffic on N.C. 211, which is already crowded with beach traffic in the summer months;
7. International Paper is not obligated to keep ditches and canals clean;
8. Dr. Stan Riggs of East Carolina University has done extensive studies regarding Lake Waccamaw and suggests that some ditches need to be blocked because the Green Swamp has lost much of its ability to act as a sponge for surface waters resulting in severe highs and lows of water levels in the Waccamaw River Basin; and
9. The Friends of the Green Swamp are requesting the opportunity for a public hearing before a final decision is made.

RIGEL RIDGE LANDFILL (PROPOSED): - PRESENTATION BY CHARLES HICKMAN

Charles Hickman, a concerned citizen of Lake Waccamaw, addressed the Board regarding the proposed landfill and stated he has the following concerns:

1. The proposed landfill will attract the seagull population;
2. Congested traffic on NC 211;
3. There are alternatives to the construction of the Landfill;
4. The Board owes to their constituents to evaluate the information presented;
5. Consider that we have to live with the landfill forever;
6. Short term financial liability;
7. Requested the Board to consider holding a public hearing; and
8. Presented the Board with a list of questions he would like answered.

RIEGEL RIDGE LANDFILL (PROPOSED) - COMMENTS BY BILLY HOOKS

Billy Hooks, a Columbus County resident, made the following comments:

1. The Board appointed him, along with fourteen (14) other members, to serve on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee ten (10) years ago to search for alternatives for the solid waste problem in Columbus County;
2. After a trip to Richmond, Virginia to visit a regional landfill, several alternative methods were considered but were not practical;
3. Mr. Hooks reported it was a majority opinion of the fifteen (15) member committee that the regional landfill concept is the most effective and the most economical for Columbus County;
4. Mr. Hooks reported it is his concern if we say no to a landfill, then what is the alternative, we should not be dependent upon another county to accept our garbage as we will be at their mercy to pay any price for disposal and they don't have to accept our garbage, then what; and
5. He also reported the County has spent a decade wrestling with the issue and it is now time for a decision.

**PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 2, 2001 TO CONSIDER
ADDENDUM TO FRANCHISE AND HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT FOR
RIEGEL RIDGE- REQUEST FROM COMMISSIONER MEMORY TO RECESS
THE PUBLIC HEARING**

Commissioner Memory requested the Board to consider recessing the April 2, 2001 Public Meeting scheduled for 8:00 A.M. to consider the addendum to the Franchise and Host Community Agreement for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services with Riegel Ridge and Columbus County and continue the Public Meeting on April 16, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. at a facility that will accommodate a large group to allow the people who work the opportunity to attend.

The Board concurred with this request.

STATE ROAD 1116 - APPROVAL OF CLOSING A PORTION (.7 MILE)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, and passed unanimously to approve the closing of a portion (.7 mile) of State Road 1116 located in Bughill Township III.

RESOLUTION - SUPPORT OF A LOWE'S FACILITY

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

RESOLUTION in SUPPORT of a**LOWE'S FACILITY in COLUMBUS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Lowe's of Whiteville has been a community family identity for the past thirty-five (35) years; **and**

WHEREAS, the employees of the Lowe's Whiteville Store have been extremely loyal to the Lowe's Company and to the citizens of Columbus County which they served; **and**

WHEREAS, the closing of the Whiteville Lowe's Store will create a major void in the community; **and**

WHEREAS, this particular closing will create a major hardship on the home building and home repair industry in Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, within a thirty-five (35) mile radius of the Whiteville Lowe's Store, a population service area of over three hundred thousand (300,000) persons exist; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County Government is prepared to assist Lowe's in securing new properties to rebuild in Columbus County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners hereby requests that Lowe's consider developing a new facility somewhere in Columbus County and fill a market void that will exist with the closing of the Whiteville Lowe's Store.

ADOPTED this the 19th day of March 2001.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ SPRUELL R. BRITT, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

PROCLAMATION - LITTER SWEEP

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

LITTER SWEEP

2001

BY THE BOARD OF COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation annually organizes a spring roadside cleanup campaign to ensure clean and beautiful roads in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the spring 2001 "Litter Sweep" cleanup will take place April 16 - 30, 2001, and encourage local governments, businesses, civic and professional groups, churches, schools and concerned individuals to organize cleanups in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the cleanup will increase awareness of the need for cleaner roadsides, emphasize the importance of not littering, and encourage recycling of solid wastes; and

WHEREAS, the "Litter Sweep" cleanup will be a part of educating the children of this great State regarding the importance of a clean environment to the quality of life in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the natural beauty of our State and a clean environment are a source of great pride for all North Carolinians, attracting tourists and aiding in recruiting new industries; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 spring cleanup will acknowledge the 13th Anniversary of the North Carolina Adopt-A-Highway Program and its thousands of volunteers, who labor throughout the year to keep our roadsides clean.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of COLUMBUS COUNTY do hereby proclaim April 16 - 30, 2001, as "Litter Sweep" in

Columbus County, and encourage all citizens to take an active role in making their communities cleaner and more beautiful.

ADOPTED this the 19th day of March 2001.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

PROCLAMATION - SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

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

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

PROCLAMATION 2001

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

WHEREAS, anyone can become a victim of sexual assault regardless of age, race or income level and research indicates that one out of every three women, one of every nine men, and one child out of every four is sexually assaulted; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice reports an increase in distribution and abuse, especially in Southern and Southwestern States, of the drug Rohypnol (roofies) which has been labeled the new "date rape" drug of choice; and

WHEREAS, the National Victim Center reports that more than 700,000 women are raped or sexually assaulted annually. Of these 61 percent are under the age of 18, and the American Academy of Pediatrics estimates that about 5 percent of sexual assaults are perpetrated against male victims; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Council for Women received reports from 57 funded programs in North Carolina of 5,434 new primary victims and 2,844 new secondary victims of sexual assault for the fiscal year July 1, 1999 and June 30, 2000; and

WHEREAS, statewide efforts are being made to educate medical, law enforcement, legal and judicial professionals and the general public concerning this epidemic of violence

affecting our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim that April 2001, is ***SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH*** in Columbus County and call upon all citizens to join in increasing awareness in our community; and to take notice of subtle phrases from friends, television or movies that make light of rape and question them openly so that we can work to stop this and all other forms of violence in our County.

Adopted this 19th day of March 2001.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

PROCLAMATION - CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

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

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

PROCLAMATION 2001

WHEREAS, child abuse is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community;

WHEREAS, approximately three million children are reported as abused and neglected in this country each year;

WHEREAS, approximately 120,000 children are reported as abused and neglected in North Carolina each year;

WHEREAS, 21 children were victims of child abuse homicide in North Carolina last year;

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities, and need to be addressed by the entire community;

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic

organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of the negative effects of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Columbus County and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

Adopted this 19th day of March 2001.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPOINTMENTS - CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP DIRECTOR

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

Appoint William "Billy" Rushing, 106 West Smith Street, Whiteville, NC, for a term position beginning July 1, 2001 to replace Gary Bass; and

Reappoint the following persons for three (3) year terms beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2004:

Rachel Brown, 805 Wilson Street, Whiteville, NC

Dan Miller, 117 East Columbus Street, Whiteville, NC.

CAPE FEAR RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT, INC. - ANNUAL ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Greg Walker, Cape Fear Resource Conservation and Development, Inc. (RC&D) Director, updated the Board regarding the Year 2000 Annual Activities of the RC&D.

FIRE & RESCUE (BRUNSWICK): - EXTENSION OF FIRE BOUNDARIES

Jerry Gore, Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department Chief, requested the Board to approve extending their fire coverage to the Old 74/76 Highway, as well as, Legion Road and also to Fruitridge Road. In the past, this has been serviced by North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department. This request has been agreed upon by both of the Department Chiefs and has been signed accordingly and properly notarized.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Memory and passed unanimously to extend the Brunswick Volunteer Fire boundaries to include Old 74/76 as well as Legion Road and also Fruitridge Road. These expansions will still remain within the five (5) mile district policy currently in effect and eliminates the North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department from responding to some areas outside the five (5) mile policy which has been agreed upon by both the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department and the North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department Chiefs.

WATER & SEWER DISTRICT V - ORDER AUTHORIZING WATER BOND**RESOLUTION AND STATEMENT OF DEBT APPROVED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Memory and unanimously approved to approve the following documents regarding Water & Sewer District V.

TO THE PUBLISHER OF THE NEWS - REPORTER

Please publish the following on March 22.

ORDER AUTHORIZING \$5,705,000

WATER BONDS

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

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

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

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

1. That, pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 162A of the General Statutes of North Carolina and The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, is hereby authorized to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said District may now or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue Water Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$5,705,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for constructing a water system of said District, within and without the corporate limits of said District, including the construction and installation of wells, water treatment facilities, an elevated water storage tank, water mains and lines and appurtenant facilities and the acquisition of necessary land, rights of way and equipment.

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

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

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

The foregoing order has been introduced and a sworn statement of debt has been filed under the Local Government Bond Act showing the appraised value of said District to be \$121,911,630 and the net debt thereof, including the proposed bonds, to be \$0. A tax will be levied to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds if they are issued. Anyone who wishes to be heard on the questions of the validity of the bond order and the advisability of issuing the bonds may appear at a public hearing or an adjournment thereof to be held at 8:00 A.M. on April 2, 2001 in the Commissioners' Chambers on the Second Floor of the Columbus County Courthouse Annex at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North

Carolina.

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

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 March 19, 2001.

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

Absent: None.

Also present: James B. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, Gayle B. Godwin, Finance Officer, and Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina (the "District"), has commenced authorizing the issuance of \$5,705,000 Water Bonds of the District pursuant to an order to be introduced by said Board on March 19, 2001, which order will be submitted to the voters of the District at a referendum to be held on May 29, 2001, and it is necessary to take certain related action at this time;

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

District, as follows:

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

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

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

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Upon motion of Commissioner Lynwood Norris, seconded by Commissioner Bill Memory,

the foregoing resolution was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Spruell R. Britt, Sammie Jacobs, David L. Dutton, Jr.,
Amon E. McKenzie, Bill Memory, Lynwood Norris, and C. E. Wilson.

Noes: None.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. That, pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 162A of the General Statutes of North Carolina and The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, is hereby authorized to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said District may now or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue Water Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$5,705,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for constructing a water system of said District, within and without the corporate limits of said District, including the construction and installation of wells, water treatment facilities, an elevated water storage tank, water mains and lines and appurtenant

facilities and the acquisition of necessary land, rights-of-way, and equipment.

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

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

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

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

Thereupon the Finance Officer filed with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, in the presence of the Board of Commissioners, the sworn statement of debt as so required. Thereupon the foregoing order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$5,705,000 WATER BONDS" was passed on first reading.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Commissioners fixed 8:00 A.M. on April 2, 2001, in the Commissioners' Chambers on the Second Floor of the Columbus County Courthouse Annex at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina, as the hour, day and place for the public hearing upon the foregoing order and directed the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners to publish said order, together with the appended statement as required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, once in The News-Reporter not later than the sixth day before said date.

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I, Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of so much of the proceedings of said Board at a regular meeting held on March 19, 2001 as relates in any way to the matters described therein and that said proceedings are

recorded in Minute Book No. 26 of the minutes of said Board, beginning on page 253 and ending on page 259.

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

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County, this 19th day of March 2001.

/s/ Ida L. Smith

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT V,
IN COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**SWORN STATEMENT OF DEBT MADE PURSUANT
TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOND ACT, AS AMENDED**

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

(a) GROSS DEBT

a(1) Outstanding debt evidenced by bonds.....\$ -0-

a(2) Bonds authorized by an order introduced on March 19, 2001,
but not yet adopted:

Water Bonds	\$	5,705,000
a(3) Unissued bonds authorized by adopted orders.....	\$	-0-
a(4) Outstanding debt, not evidenced by bonds	\$	-0-
(a) GROSS DEBT, being the sum of a(1), a(2), a(3) and a(4).....	\$	5,705,000

(b) DEDUCTIONS

b(1) Funding and refunding bonds authorized by orders introduced but not yet adopted.....	\$	-0-
b(2) Funding and refunding bonds authorized but not yet issued.....	\$	-0-
b(3) The amount of money held in sinking funds or otherwise for the payment of any part of the principal of gross debt other than debt incurred for water purposes or sanitary sewer purposes (to the extent that the bonds are deductible under G.S. §159-55(b)).....	\$	-0-
b(4) Bonded debt included in gross debt and incurred, or to be incurred, for water purposes.....	\$	5,705,000
b(5) Bonded debt included in gross debt and incurred, or to be incurred, for sanitary sewer system purposes to the extent that said debt is made deductible by G.S. §159-55(b).....	\$	-0-
b(6) Uncollected special assessments heretofore levied for local improvements for which any part of the gross debt (that is not otherwise deducted) was or is to be incurred to the extent that such assessments will be applied, when collected, to the payment of any part of the gross debt.....	\$	-0-
b(7) The amount, as estimated by the Finance Officer, of special assessments to be levied for local improvements for which any part of the gross debt (that is not otherwise deducted) was or is to be incurred, to the extent that the special assessments, when collected, will be applied to the payment of any part of the gross debt.....	\$	-0-
(b) DEDUCTIONS, being the sum of b(1), b(2), b(3), b(4), b(5), b(6) and b(7).....	\$	5,705,000

(c) NET DEBT

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

(d) APPRAISED VALUE of property subject to municipal taxation before the application of any assessment ratio, being the value fixed in 2000.....	\$	121,911,630
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newspaper for the position as three (3) positions were included in the Water District II Budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to allow Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, to place an advertisement in the newspaper for the position of Water Superintendent.

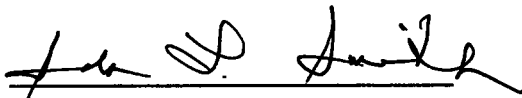
DETENTION/NUTRITION FACILITY - APPROVAL TO PAY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO FREEMAN WHITE

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, requested the Board to approve the invoice from Freeman White in the amount of ninety-six thousand dollars (\$96,000.00) for professional services rendered regarding the Detention/Nutrition Facility from Columbus County's Fund Balance as the loan will be secured by June 30, 2001 and the County will be reimbursed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Memory and passed unanimously to expend ninety-six thousand dollars (\$96,000.00) from the Columbus County Fund Balance for professional services rendered regarding the Detention/Nutrition Facility to be reimbursed to Columbus County upon securing the loan on or before June 30, 2001.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to adjourn the Board Meeting.


Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:


Spruell R. Britt, Chairman