

**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., May 7, 2001 to hold their regularly scheduled Board Meeting, it being the first 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

Chairman Britt called the Board Meeting to order and Ed Worley, Aging Director, gave the invocation.

**BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the April 16, 2001 Board Meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**Tax Refunds:**

Request a refund in the name of Bruton, Harry Floyd, 1645 Mill Branch Ch. Rd.,

Tabor City, NC 28463. Paid user fee on vacant house. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 09-23262, Bill # 41222.

Request a refund in the name of Bruton Harry Floyd, 1645 Mill Branch Ch. Rd., Tabor City, NC 28463. Paid user fee on vacant house. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 09-23262, Bill # 2747.

Request a refund in the name of Bruton, Harry Floyd, 1645 Mill Branch Church Rd., Tabor City, NC 28463. Paid user fee on vacant house. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-23262, Bill # 83615.

Request a refund in the name of Lacewell, Ricky & Rosemary, P.O. Box 1468, Whiteville,, NC 28472. Should receive exemption. Check should be payable to Columbus County Tax Office. Mr. Lacewell has agreed to apply refund to his delinquent taxes. Amount \$90.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000.

**Tax Releases:**

Release the User Fee in the name of Norris, Monty D. Release user fee. Old house is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-12042, Bill # 5858.

Release the User Fee in the name of Rossell, William H. Release user fee. No trash can at this location. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 15-01827, Bill # 46204.

Release the User Fee in the name of Tedder, Marvin J. Release user fee. This is a hunting cabin and there is no trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-05157, Bill # 15230.

Release the User Fee in the name of Young, John W. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-17380, Bill # 20983.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ellis, James A. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the same name in a different township with a different account number. Amount \$276.35, Value \$19,110.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-04941, Bill # 89462.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hedgepeth, Betty L. Release the deferred

tax and the Klondyke Fire fee on property that was transferred to a family member. Amount \$58.90, Value \$0.00, Year 1996, Account # 13-43070, Bill # 44811.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hedgepeth, Betty L. Release the deferred tax and the Klondyke Fire fee that was transferred to a family member. Amount \$58.90, Value \$0.00, Year 1997, Account # 13-43070, Bill # 44812.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hedgepeth, Betty L. Release the deferred tax and the Klondyke Fire fee that was transferred to a family member. Amount \$58.90, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 13-43070, Bill # 44813.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hedgepeth, Betty L. Release the deferred tax and the Klondyke Fire fee on property that was transferred to a family member. Amount \$44.20, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 13-43070, Bill # 44814.

Release the Property Value in the name of Shirden, Shirley M. Release the value of a mobile home and the Klondyke Fire fee. Home is double listed in the name of Christine M. Williams. Amount \$163.20, Value \$19,200.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-24868, Bill # 11004.

Release the Property Value in the name of Wray, Vickie L. Release the value of a mobile home and the Evergreen Fire fee. Home is double listed in the name of Jimmy C. Kinlaw, Sr. Amount \$207.27, Value \$7,230.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-32647, Bill # 20574.

Release the User Fee in the name of Christmas, Earl. Release user fee. There is no trash can at this location. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-50097, Bill # 85880.

Release the User Fee in the name of Estrada, Donna G. Release one of two user fees. Only one trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-03867, Bill # 89689.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, E. Milton. Release user fee. Trash can has been picked up. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-06032, Bill # 92995.

Release the User Fee in the name of Long, Tommy. Release user fee. No trash can

at this location. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-04248, Bill # 1313.

Release the User Fee in the name of Blackmon, Bennie & Carl. Release one of two user fees. They have one trash can only at this address. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-01760, Bill # 81979.

Release the User Fee in the name of Canady, Suzanne. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-04954, Bill # 84964.

Release the User Fee in the name of Dawsey, John W. & Marie. House is vacant. Amount \$65.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-20360, Bill # 88085.

Release the User Fee in the name of Friendly Household Club. No trash can at this location. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-29840, Bill # 91719.

Release the User Fee in the name of Godwin, Ronnie Dale. House destroyed by hurricane. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-08614, Bill # 92732.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hall, Cornell. This is vacant land. There are no dwellings here. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 13-17080, Bill # 51731.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jarman, Hampton H. House is vacant. Amount \$65.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-47181, Bill # 98288.

Release the User Fee in the name of Kinlaw, David (Jr.). Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$120.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 06-22243, Bill # 56390.

Release the User Fee in the name of Kinlaw, David (Jr.). Overcharge on user fee due to a computer error. Amount \$170.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-22243, Bill # 99609.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lowery, Barbara Ann. No trash can at this location. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-24511, Bill # 1417.

Release the User Fee in the name of Newell, Edgar (Heirs). No trash can at this location. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 08-13760, Bill # 5317.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lowery, Robert A. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-15153, Bill #

1437.

Release the User Fee in the name of Pierce, Kenneth. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-12903, Bill # 6951.

Release the User Fee in the name of Pierce, Kenneth. Trach can was stolen. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-12903, Bill # 6951.

Release the User Fee in the name of Pittman, Donnie. Release a portion of the user fee. House is located inside the city limits. Amount \$20.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 10-13494, Bill # 7075.

Release the User Fee in the name of Smith, William M. Mobile home used for storage. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-37121, Bill # 12498.

Release the User Fee in the name of Watts, Ollen S. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$500.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-42460, Bill # 18307.

Release the Property Value in the name of Anderson, Harry M. Release value of mobile home that is double listed in the name of Mary M. Anderson and Addie. Amount \$293.10, Value \$32,911.00, Year 1994, Account # 04-00078, Bill # 20059.

Release the Property Value in the name of Anderson, Harry M. Release value of mobile home that is double listed in the name of Mary M. Anderson & Addie. Amount \$279.04, Value \$25,529.00, Year 1996, Account # 04-00078, Bill # 35897.

Release the Property Value in the name of Anderson, Harry M. Release value of mobile home that is double listed in the name of Mary M. Anderson and Addie. Amount \$206.02, Value \$17,508.00, Year 1997, Account # 04-00078, Bill # 61468.

Release the Property Value in the name of Anderson, Harry M. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Mary M. Anderson & Addie. Amount \$217.35, Value \$15,350.00, Year 1997, Account # 04-00078, Bill # 61469.

Release the Property Value in the name of Anderson, Harry M. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Mary M. Anderson and Addie. Amount \$207.72, Value \$14,091.00, Year 1998, Account # 04-00078, Bill # 37672.

Release the Property Value in the name of Anderson, Harry M. Release the value of

a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Mary M. Anderson and Addie. Amount \$200.16, Value \$13,100.00, Year 1999, Account # 04-00078, Bill # 99095.

Release the Property Value in the name of Anderson, Harry M. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Mary M. Anderson and Addie. Amount \$222.66, Value \$12,330.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-00078, Bill # 79858.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bellamy, Douglas K. Release the property value and the Whiteville Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Ella Monroe. Amount \$13.59, Value \$1,900.00, Year 1997, Account # 01-04350, Bill # 35096.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bellamy, Douglas K. Release the property value and the Whiteville Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Ella Monroe. Amount \$13.59, Value \$1,900.00, Year 1998, Account # 01-04350, Bill # 39089.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bellamy, Douglas K. Release the property value and the Whiteville Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Ella Monroe. Amount \$13.59, Value \$1,900.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-04350, Bill # 557.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bellamy, Douglas K. Release the property value and the Whiteville Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Ella Monroe. Amount \$14.06, Value \$1,900.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-04350, Bill # 81366.

Release the Property Value in the name of Blackwell, Mary. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Mary Ruth Blackwell. Amount \$148.04, Value \$3,200.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-06301, Bill # 82105.

Release the Property Value in the name of Crocker, Sherry. Release value of mobile home and the Acme Delco fee that was sold in 1999. Amount \$143.48, Value \$2,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-10777, Bill # 87405.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dawsey, John W. & Marie. Release a portion of the house value and the Whiteville Rescue fee. House was damaged due to hurricane flooding. Amount \$171.54, Value \$15,600.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-20380, Bill # 7118.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dawsey, John W. & Marie. Release a portion of the house value and the Whiteville Rescue fee. House was damaged by hurricane

flooding. Amount \$180.44, Value \$15,600.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-20380, Bill # 88087.

Release the Property Value in the name of Freeman, Henry Lee. Release value of single wide home that was traded for double wide and listed on account # 05-04155. Amount \$143.88, Value \$5,740.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-29766, Bill # 10477.

Release the Property Value in the name of Freeman, Henry Lee. Release value of single wide home that was traded for double wide and listed on account # 05-04155. Amount \$176.01, Value \$6,440.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-29766, Bill # 91534.

Release the Property Value in the name of Freeman, Henry & Vera. Release the value of a mobile home and the North Whiteville fire fee that is double listed in the name of Henry Lee Freeman. Amount \$186.52, Value \$7,200.00, Year 1998, Account # 05-04155, Bill # 57173.

Release the Property Value in the name of Freeman, Henry & Vera. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Henry Lee Freeman. Amount \$156.72, Value \$7,419.00, Year 1999, Account # 05-04155, Bill # 10476.

Release the Property Value in the name of Freeman, Henry & Vera. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Henry Lee Freeman. Amount \$180.44, Value \$7,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 05-04155, Bill # 91533.

Release the Property Value in the name of Godwin, Ronnie Dale. Release a portion of the mobile home value. Home was damaged during hurricane. Amount \$105.12, Value \$14,600.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-08614, Bill # 92732.

Release the Property Value in the name of Grainger, Clinton. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home burned in 1999. Amount \$131.50, Value \$8,169.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-34378, Bill # 93910.

Release the Property Value in the name of Grainger, Clint. Release the value of four (4) mobile homes and the Whiteville Rescue fee. These homes were sold prior to 1-1-2000 and listed in new owners names. Amount \$817.37, Value \$63,560.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-05048, Bill # 93909.

Release the Property Value in the name of Headway Family Hair Designs. Release the value of a business and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Business closed in 1997. Amount

\$11.80, Value \$1,500.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-38678, Bill # 14632.

Release the Property Value in the name of Headway Family Hair Designs. Release the value of a business and the Whiteville Rescue fee that closed in 1997. Amount \$12.21, Value \$1,500.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-38678, Bill # 95730.

Release the Property Value in the name of Inman, Sharon Jane. Release the value of a mobile home and the Klondyke Fire fee that is double listed in the name of Sharon Inman in a different township with a different account number. Amount \$170.95, Value \$5,256.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-20923, Bill # 97768.

Release the Property Value in the name of Long, James R. Release the value of a mobile home that cannot be located. Address is incorrect. Amount \$95.84, Value \$3,829.00, Year 1996, Account # 04-10499, Bill # 67902.

Release the Property Value in the name of Long, James R. Release the value of a mobile home that cannot be located. Address is incorrect. Amount \$127.37, Value \$3,580.00, Year 1997, Account # 04-10499, Bill # 67903.

Release the Property Value in the name of Long, James R. Release the value of a mobile home that cannot be located. Address is incorrect. Amount \$124.70, Value \$2,230.00, Year 1998, Account # 04-10499, Bill # 57824.

Release the Property Value in the name of Long, James R. Release the value of a mobile home that cannot be located. Address is incorrect. Amount \$123.63, Value \$3,090.00, Year 1999, Account # 04-10499, Bill # 19851.

Release the Property Value in the name of Long, James R. Release the value of a mobile home that cannot be located. Address is incorrect. Amount \$151.66, Value \$3,367.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-10499, Bill # 1117.

Release the Property Value in the name of McCartney, Forest. Release the value of a mobile home and the Acme Delco Fire fee that is double listed in the name of William & Linda Bell. Amount \$534.92, Value \$48,800.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-04330, Bill # 2207.

Release the Property Value in the name of McDonald, Jean. Release the value of a single wide home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home was traded for a double wide and



it has been listed for 2000. Amount \$143.15, Value \$2,229.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-55446, Bill # 2428.

Release the Property Value in the name of Menser, Paul & Sheryl. Release the value of a mobile home that was sold in 1998. Amount \$120.87, Value \$2,730.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-03218, Bill # 22352.

Release the Property Value in the name of Menser, Paul & Sheryl. Release the value of a mobile home that was sold in 1998. Amount \$148.87, Value \$3,014.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-03218, Bill # 3670.

Release the Property Value in the name of Mitchell, Richard Allen. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Richard Allen Mitchell, Jr. Amount \$149.58, Value \$9,570.00, Year 1996, Account # 15-27422, Bill # 68027.

Release the Property Value in the name of Mitchell, Richard Allen. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Richard Allen Mitchell, Jr. Amount \$171.25, Value \$9,319.00, Year 1997, Account # 15-27422, Bill # 68028.

Release the Property Value in the name of Mitchell, Richard Allen. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Richard Allen Mitchell, Jr. Amount \$167.20, Value \$8,790.00, Year 1998, Account # 15-27422, Bill # 60759.

Release the Property Value in the name of Mitchell, Richard Allen. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Richard Allen Mitchell, Jr. Amount \$164.60, Value \$8,450.00, Year 1999, Account # 15-27422, Bill # 22919.

Release the Property Value in the name of Mitchell, Richard Allen. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Richard Allen Mitchell, Jr. Amount \$188.28, Value \$7,990.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-27422, Bill # 4248.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nealy, Mitchell V. & Joyce. Release a portion of the property value and the Whiteville Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Robert Brian Coleman and Emma A. Blackwell. Amount \$40.56, Value \$5,200.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-04916, Bill # 5226.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rouse, Patricia. Release the value of a mobile home and the Welches Creek Fire fee (37.92) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (9.48).

The mobile home was repossessed in 1999. Amount \$413.68, Value \$47,400.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-02452, Bill # 9561.

Release the Property Value in the name of Strickland, Julie Michelle. Release the value of a boat that is listed in Bladen County. Amount \$23.76, Value \$3,300.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-04110, Bill # 14512.

Release the Property Value in the name of Thompson, Charles & Mary B. Release the value of a mobile home that has been junked for years. Amount \$223.15, Value \$11,360.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-36240, Bill # 49319.

Release the Property Value in the name of Thompson, Charles & Mary M. Release the value of a mobile home that was junked years ago. Amount \$212.94, Value \$12,500.00, Year 1999, Account # 15-36240, Bill # 49320.

Release the Property Value in the name of Thompson, Charles & Mary B. Release the value of a mobile home that has been junked for years. Amount \$230.19, Value \$13,380.00, Year 1998, Account # 15-36240, Bill # 49321.

Release the Property Value in the name of Thompson, Charles & Mary B. Release the value of a mobile home that has been junked for years. Amount \$250.12, Value \$14,400.00, Year 1997, Account # 05-36240, Bill # 49322.

Release the Property Value in the name of Tyson, Micheal. Release the value of a mobile home that is listed in Robeson County. Amount \$93.65, Value \$8,882.00, Year 1993, Account # 01-97765, Bill # 92361.

Release the Property Value in the name of Tyson, Michael. Release the value of a mobile home that is listed in Robeson County. Amount \$92.09, Value \$8,170.00, Year 1994, Account # 01-97765, Bill # 51408.

Release the Property Value in the name of Tyson, Michael. Release the value of a mobile home and the Brunswick Fire fee (5.40) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (1.54). Home is listed in Robeson County. Amount \$133.79, Value \$7,710.00, Year 1995, Account # 01-97765, Bill # 23008.

Release the Property Value in the name of Tyson, Michael. Release the value of a mobile home that is listed in Robeson County. This year (1995) was double listed on the

same account number in error. Amount \$120.14, Value \$7,710.00, Year 1995, Account # 01-97765, Bill # 97584.

Release the Property Value in the name of Tyson, Michael. Release the value of a mobile home and the Brunswick Fire fee (4.88) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (1.39). Home is listed in Robeson County. Amount \$126.70, Value \$6,970.00, Year 1996, Account # 01-97765, Bill # 68472.

Release the Property Value in the name of Tyson, Michael. Release the value of a mobile home and the Brunswick Fire fee (4.88) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (1.39). Mobile home is listed in Robeson County. Amount \$160.18, Value \$6,970.00, Year 1997, Account # 01-97765, Bill # 66795.

Release the Property Value in the name of Tyson, Michael. Release the value of a mobile home and the Brunswick Fire fee (4.88) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (1.39). Home is listed in Robeson County. Amount \$160.18, Value \$6,970.00, Year 1998, Account # 01-97765, Bill # 72251.

Release the Property Value in the name of Tyson, Michael. Release the value of a mobile home and the Brunswick Fire fee (4.88) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (1.39). Home is listed in Robeson County. Amount \$160.18, Value \$6,970.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-97765, Bill # 34747.

Release the Property Value in the name of Tyson, Michael. Release the value of a mobile home and the Brunswick Fire fee (5.25) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (1.50). Home is double listed in Robeson County. Amount \$191.83, Value \$7,500.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-97765, Bill # 16489.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ward, B. T. Release the value of a mobile home and the Hallsboro Fire fee that is double listed in the name of Jimmy O. Mauldin. Amount \$159.69, Value \$4,043.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-28940, Bill # 17326.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ward, Tina & Jerry. Release the value of a mobile home that was destroyed by a hurricane in 1999. Amount \$37.44, Value \$5,200.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-18830, Bill # 17959.

Release the Property Value in the name of Wilson, Lucille S. Release the value of a

home and the Cole Service Fire fee. Home burned in 1997. Amount \$177.11, Value \$9,699.00, Year 1998, Account # 16-18050, Bill # 75736.

Release the Property Value in the name of Wilson, Lucille S. Release the value of a home that burned in 1997. Amount \$202.62, Value \$13,900.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-18050, Bill # 20168.

**Budget Amendments:**

|        |   |             |
|--------|---|-------------|
| Accept | 10-348-0605 March of Dimes Folic Acid Grant | \$ 300.00   |
| Expend | 10-574-4600 Drugs and Supplies              | \$ 300.00   |
| Accept | 10-348-1200 Health Check Funds              | \$14,423.00 |

Expend as follows:

|          |                                   |              |
|----------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
|          | 10-578-0200 Salaries              | \$ 3,000.00  |
|          | 10-578-0500 FICA                  | 200.00       |
|          | 10-578-0600 Insurance             | 300.00       |
|          | 10-578-0700 Retirement            | 250.00       |
|          | 10-578-1100 Telephone             | 1,000.00     |
|          | 10-578-1101 Postage               | 1,000.00     |
|          | 10-578-1400 Travel                | 1,000.00     |
|          | 10-578-3200 Office Supplies       | 2,000.00     |
|          | 10-578-3300 Departmental Supplies | 3,500.00     |
|          | 10-578-7400 Capital Outlay        | 2,173.00     |
| Refund   | 10-354-0800 Smart Start Funds     | (\$4,233.13) |
| Decrease | 10-348-0200 Salaries              | (\$4,233.13) |

**AGING - TITLE III-D PROMOTION FUNDING APPROVED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to approve Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Title III-D Health Promotion Funding in the amount of \$7,123.00 with a County match of \$791.00, equating to \$7,914.00, as requested by Ed Worley, Aging Director.

**AGING - SENIOR CENTER OUTREACH FUNDING**

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

and passed unanimously to accept the proposed Senior Center Outreach Funding for Fiscal Year 2001-2002 in the amount of \$10,000.00 with a County match \$1,111.00, equating to \$11,111.00, as requested by Ed Worley, Aging Director.

**AGING - PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS HOME DELIVERED AND NUTRITION SITE MEALS**

Ed Worley, Aging Director, requested the Board's permission to advertise for bids for home delivered and nutrition site meals effective July 1, 2001.

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to advertise for home delivered and nutrition site meals for May 30, 2001 at 9:00 A.M. in the conference room at the Columbus County Administration Building.

**RESOLUTION - SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT FUNDING**

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

**RESOLUTION to SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT FUNDING**

**WHEREAS**, the economies of Columbus County and nearly every one of the other ninety-nine (99) counties have been severely impacted by job loss due to textile company closings as a result of NAFTA; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the unemployment rate of our county remains near eleven (11%) percent as does the rate in numerous other counties in the state; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the commercial and retail base in Columbus County is also losing companies and will be another blow to the revenue stream through reduction of sales tax revenues; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the assistance provided Columbus County in the past through the North Carolina Department of Commerce Finance Center has been instrumental in our ability to recruit companies through the provision of grants and loans for infrastructure improvements; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the additional incentive provided through the Governor's Competitive Fund has greatly assisted our efforts by adding funds to help persuade the company to choose the North Carolina location over any other state's location; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Columbus County are excellent workers for industry with solid work ethics but have lost their jobs through no fault of their own and are forced in many cases to commute long distances or relocate to regain employment and their standard of living; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Columbus County has a very pro-industry attitude that believes industrial development through recruitment of new business and industry and the successful growth of our existing industries is the key to an ever-improving quality of life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that the Legislature maintain the financial support of all Commerce Finance programs that have so greatly assisted this county in the past and further requests that the Governor's Competitive Fund be maintained at minimum and increased if at all possible to assist more counties.

**ADOPTED** by the Board at its meeting on May 7, 2001.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**/s/ SPRUELL R. BRITT, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

**RESOLUTION - BUILD CELLULAR TOWERS**

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

**RESOLUTION to BUILD CELLULAR TOWERS**

**which will provide BASIC ALLTEL SERVICE**

**to COLUMBUS COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, wireless telephone service has become an essential commodity for citizens of Columbus County; **and**

**WHEREAS**, adequate telephone coverage should be available to all persons who are sold Alltel telephone instruments; **and**

**WHEREAS**, citizens of Columbus county are customers of Alltel and the Alltel System; **and**

**WHEREAS**, due to the lack of Alltel to fulfill its pledges to its customers in Columbus County by not providing adequate cellular towers; **and**

**WHEREAS**, corporate decisions by Alltel not only keeps customers in the Alltel System from having the basic services that go with cellular telephone use but it also creates a situation where Alltel is selling a product that cannot be used for its intended purpose; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Alltel has opened a new store in Whiteville which, to a degree, sells wireless products that can't be used in parts of Columbus County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners requests that Alltel fulfill its agreements to the citizens of Columbus County and the area by providing the needed funds to build the proposed cell towers in Columbus County so as the basic service of cellular telephone usage may be enjoyed by the citizens of Columbus County.

**ADOPTED** this the 7th day of May, 2001.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **SPRUELL R. BRITT, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

**REGIONAL GROWTH TEAM - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to approve the following Memorandum of Understanding (Agreement to Network Economic Development Strategies) for the Regional Growth Team.

**Memorandum of Understanding**

**Agreement to Network Economic Development Strategies**

**We the undersigned do hereby agree;**

**Rationale:**

The Four counties of Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender, in partnership with the City of Wilmington, see the obvious advantages of networking to recruit, retain, and promote economic development in the Cape Fear Region. Such networking includes sharing of sensitive information and clients, among other things, and requires the veil of competition

to be replaced with mutual trust. While it is agreed that none of the entities would place their jurisdiction at a competitive disadvantage, and it is fully assumed that they will always strive to promote first the area they serve, it is the intent of this instrument that a networking alliance be formed, and that such alliance would result in shared information along with an agreement to encourage development in the region as a whole; the stronger will assist the weak, with unity promoting success through regional partnerships.

**Therefore be it understood that:**

- The undersigned hereby consent to form a professional Developers partnership.
- This partnership agrees to network with each other and other entities as may prove advantageous, for the purpose of sharing information that will promote economic growth in the Cape Fear Region.
- At no time will any entity be required to contribute any information that due to its confidentiality, or sensitivity, may have a detrimental impact on their jurisdiction. However, if the loss of a client or potential business is imminent, each of the undersigned agree that it would be advantageous to refer the client or business to one of the partners, rather than allow them to choose a site out of the region.
- For this agreement to work, it is essential that all partners agree to meet routinely, and be committed to the successes of this regional partnership.

This 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2001.

Brunswick County \_\_\_\_\_ New Hanover County \_\_\_\_\_

Columbus County /s/ Spruell R. Britt Pender County \_\_\_\_\_

City of Wilmington \_\_\_\_\_ ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cape Fear Council of Governments

**PROCLAMATION - THE DECADE OF THE NURSE**

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

**THE DECADE OF THE NURSE 2001-2010**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS, Michael F Easley, Governor of North Carolina, has issued a**



Proclamation declaring 2001- 2010, The Decade of the Nurse in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, registered nurses have, as their utmost concern, the health and well being of the citizens of North Carolina, often placing their patients' needs above their own; and

**WHEREAS**, registered nurses advocate for proper health care for citizens when those citizens cannot speak for themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, registered nurses respond to the needs of individuals and communities experiencing illness and injury by helping them manage these adversities to the best of their ability; and

**WHEREAS**, registered nurses practice as skilled, caring professionals in the service of health promotion and disease/injury recovery and prevention; and

**WHEREAS**, registered nurses provide care based on a unique body of nursing theory and skills while integrating knowledge from medicine, sociology, physics, biology, chemistry, pharmacology, anthropology, education, business administration, and psychology; and

**WHEREAS**, registered nurses practice with the necessary scientific, research, analytical thinking, policy making, resource management and advanced technical expertise; and

**WHEREAS**, registered nurses differ from, yet compliment, other health care professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, there are over 92,000 registered nurses in North Carolina, comprising the State's largest health care profession; and

**WHEREAS**, the State's population is both growing and growing older, increasing the need for more registered nurses to care for these citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the years 2001-2010, as "**THE DECADE OF THE NURSE**" in **Columbus County** , and urge all residents to join us in acknowledging the full scope of registered nursing expertise and skills in the advancement of health. We furthermore encourage Columbus County's young people to consider the nursing profession as a powerful

career option.

Adopted this 7th day of May 2001.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **Spruell R. Britt, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

**PROCLAMATION - PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY (CHILD CARE)**

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

**PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY**

**2001**

**by the COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the first five (5) years of life are the most important to our children's future development; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Smart Start supports programs that work with families and communities to ensure that all our children begin school healthy, safe and ready to learn and succeed; **and**

**WHEREAS**, research indicates that high quality care for young children - care that is provided by well-trained staff that teaches age-appropriate educational programs - directly affects the productivity of both the current and future workforce; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has proclaimed May 11, 2001, as *Provider Appreciation Day* and urges the appropriate recognition in our society of Child Care Professionals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE**, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim May 11, 2001, as "**PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY**" in Columbus County, and urges our citizens to recognize the importance of Child Care Professionals on the lives of our youngest citizens.

**ADOPTED** this the 7th day of May, 2001.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **SPRUELL R. BRITT, Chairman****ATTESTED BY:****COMMUNITY FARMER'S MARKET**

Ms. Irvin Brown presented the Board with a 2001 Proposed Budget for the Community Farmer's Market and requested the Board to consider funding a shortfall of \$6,491.00.

Chairman Britt advised Ms. Brown the request will be taken into consideration when preparing the 2001-2002 Columbus County Operating Budget.

**TRANSPORTATION - SURCHARGE REDUCTION**

The Columbus County Interagency Transportation Board, an Advisory Committee for the Columbus County Commissioners, requested by memo, for the Board to approve the reduction of the transportation surcharge from \$.08/mile to \$.04/mile, effective May 1, 2001.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to approve the reduction of the transportation surcharge from \$.08/mile to \$.04/mile, effective May 1, 2001, as requested by the Columbus County Interagency Transportation Board.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEATH - FEE STRUCTURE APPROVAL**

Marian Duncan, Health Director, requested the Board to consider changing the Environmental Health fee structure as follows:

| <b>Fee Category</b>                  | <b>Present</b> | <b>Proposed</b> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Site Evaluation                      | \$50.00        | \$100.00        |
| Site Evaluation over 600 gallons/day | \$50.00        | \$150.00        |
| Five Year I.P. & C.A. Permit         | -0-            | -0-             |
| Permit Revisions                     | \$25.00        | \$50.00         |
| LPP Permit                           | \$50.00        | \$100.00        |
| Revisit Fee/lot not ready            | \$25.00        | \$40.00         |
| Mobile Home Park Relocation          | \$25.00        | \$40.00         |
| Septic Installer Registration        | -0-            | -0-             |
| Existing System Checks               | \$25.00        | \$50.00         |
| Well Permit                          | -0-            | -0-             |
| Well Driller Registration            | -0-            | -0-             |

| <b>Fee Category</b>       | <b>Present</b> | <b>Proposed</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Water Sample              | \$25.00        | \$25.00         |
| Tattoo Artist             | -0-            | \$200.00        |
| Swimming Pool Permit      | -0-            | \$40.00         |
| Swimming Pool Plan Review | -0-            | -0-             |
| Repair Permits            | \$25.00        | -0-             |

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed to approve the Environmental Health fee structure as proposed by Ms. Duncan as listed above.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton to disapprove of the proposed Environmental Health fee structure as proposed by Ms. Marian Duncan.

Commissioner Dutton's motion died in lack of a second.

Voting on the original motion is as follows:

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

**Noes:** Commissioner Dutton.

### **RIEGEL RIDGE (PROPOSED REGIONAL LANDFILL - HOST AGREEMENT**

#### **ADDENDUM #2**

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed to approve this the First Reading of Addendum #2 which will modify the Riegel Ridge Franchise and Host Agreement dated October 4, 1999 concerning Paragraph 3.03 as follows:

**Paragraph 3.03** of the Original Riegel Ridge Franchise and Host Agreement, dated October 4, 1999 will be modified to include an Annual Percentage Change of the Host Fee based upon the then current Consumer Price Index (CPI) which has been established in accordance with the provisions of **Paragraph 3.05 (d)**, Disposal Fees and either utilized by the Company if approved by the Board of Commissioners .

The second reading of this Addendum is scheduled for May 21, 2001.

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

**Noes:** Commissioner Memory.

**RIEGEL RIDGE (PROPOSED REGIONAL LANDFILL) - HOST AGREEMENT****ADDENDUM #1**

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed to approve Addendum #1 to the Riegel Ridge Franchise and Host Agreement as read and approved on Monday, April 16, 2001 and again today, May 7, 2001 and that the Chairman of the Board be authorized to execute this on behalf of the County of Columbus. This Addendum will be submitted as part of the Riegel Ridge Landfill application for permit to the State Regulatory Agencies for their review. The Addendum Number 1 is as follows:

**ADDENDUM NUMBER 1****FRANCHISE AND HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT****FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES****RIEGEL RIDGE, L.L.C. AND COLUMBUS COUNTY, N.C.**

North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 130A-294(7)(b1)(3) requires that the following be included in a Franchise for a Sanitary Landfill:

1. A statement of the population to be served including a description of the geographic area.
2. A description of the volume and characteristics of the waste stream.
3. A projection of the useful life of the landfill.

Each of the three (3) items listed above are referenced in general terms in the existing Franchise and Host Community Agreement for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services. The following is provided for further clarification and compliance with NCGS 130A-294(7)(b 1 )(3):

1. Page one of the Franchise and Host Community Agreement, Article 1 -Definitions, the following definition shall be revised to read as follows:

"Acceptable Waste" Solid Waste which under the terms and conditions hereof, may be accepted, handled and disposed at the Facilities, consisting of Solid Waste (including Special Waste) which must have been initially generated within the Service Area, as defined within Section 3.06 herein, and not transported to the Service Area from outside of the Service Area and which does not include or constitute Excluded Waste.

2. Page one of the Agreement as amended in this Addendum No.1 includes a definition of Acceptable Waste. In addition, Section 4.01(b) and 4.01(c) references acceptable waste and special wastes. The proposed Riegel Ridge Landfill is provided for the disposal of standard municipal household waste, commercial waste and any other waste product considered acceptable by the North Carolina Division of Solid Waste Management. Special Wastes must receive approval of the North Carolina Division of Solid Waste Management and the Columbus County Board of Commissioners prior to disposal in the Facility. The waste volume for this Facility is estimated at 1,500 tons per day.

3. Section 3.06 of the Agreement lists 25 specific North Carolina Counties and 14 specific South Carolina Counties, which comprise the service area for this Franchise Agreement. The approximate population for this area is 3,445,000.
4. Section 3.04 of the Agreement defines the term of the Agreement at not less than twenty (20) years nor greater than the life of the Facility. Calculations included in the Site Study estimate the life of the proposed landfill to be 23.2 years. For the purpose of this Franchise and Host Community Agreement, the estimated life of the Riegel Ridge Landfill is twenty-five (25) years.
5. Section 3.06 of the Agreement lists the 39 Counties included in the service area. County Number 5 under the South Carolina list is hereby changed from Cheraw to Kershaw.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the County and the company have each caused this Contract Addendum to be executed in its name and on its behalf by officers thereof duly authorized thereunto on the day and year as signed below.

**COUNTY: COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**By: /s/ Spruell R. Britt 5-7-01**  
**Chairman of the Columbus County**  
**Board of Commissioners**

**Attest: /s/ Ida L. Smith 5-7-01**  
**Clerk, Board of Commissioners**

**COMPANY: RIEGEL RIDGE, L.L.C**

**By: /s/ Greg Peverall 5-7-01**  
**Managing Member**

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

**Noes:** Commissioner Memory

**PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED - RESOLUTION ADOPTED REGARDING THE**  
**CLOSING OF AN AREA OF NEWBERLIN TOWNSITE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution regarding the scheduling of a public hearing in the closing of an area of Newberlin Townsite.

**RESOLUTION**

The Columbus County Board of Commissioners, at its regular meeting held on May 7, 2001, unanimously adopted the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, it has been brought to the attention of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County that a portion of South Front Street located in Ransom Township is not serving any useful purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the portion of South Front Street measuring 50 feet by 330 feet and being the area in front of Lots 11 through 20 of Block H of the Newberlin Townsite as shown on map recorded in Map Book N-1, page 242, Columbus County Registry, and said area running along South Front Street from its intersection with Third Street to its intersection with Second Street with the lands fronting South Front Street owned by Verna Malpass Gainey and Billy Bordeaux; and

**WHEREAS**, Verna Malpass Gainey and Billy Bordeaux and their attorney, Benton H. Walton, III have requested that this area of South Front Street be closed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, acting pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 153A-241, hereby declares its intent to close that portion of South Front Street located in Ransom Township mentioned above, and a public hearing on the question of closing this road is hereby called.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners that a public hearing be and it is hereby set for June 18, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. in the Columbus County Commissioners' office, Whiteville, NC, and that public notice of said hearing be published in the News Reporter once a week for four (4) successive weeks, which publication shall be May 14, 21, 28 and June 4, 2001, so that all parties having any interest or affected by the proposed closing of a portion of South Front Street of the Newberlin Townsite in Ransom Township may be present and be heard.

Unanimously adopted this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2001.

/s/ Spruell R. Britt, Chairperson

**ATTEST:**

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

**GOVERNING BODY - STATEMENT BY COMMISSIONER DAVID L. DUTTON,**

**JR.**

Commissioner David L. Dutton, Jr. made the following statement for the record. Columbus County has lost over 2,200 jobs with Lowe's, Waccamaw Lumber and other businesses closing. Gas prices continue to rise. More than 60% of the County is drawing a check or on a fixed income. In the 2000-2001 budget year, the state withheld approximately

\$600,000 in inventory taxes and Medicaid increasing \$800,000, we have had to use \$1.4 million dollars from reserves to balance the existing budget.

In the new 2001-2002 Fiscal Year Budget which is mandated to be approved by June 30, 2001, mandates from the state have increased from 3.7 million to 5.1 million dollars which is a 1.4 million dollar increase. We also have an increase in medical insurance and worker's compensation and with the renovation and addition to the jail, we are now facing a 3.6 million dollar deficit.

If the legislators in Raleigh will not raise taxes, why should the Board of Commissioners raise taxes in Columbus County?

I am going on record that we should revisit all County Departmental Budgets and cut them until we make up the 3.6 million dollar deficit and not raise property taxes. We are paying 72.5 cents in property taxes, plus fire, rescue and trash and that is high enough for a economically depressed County. If Raleigh has any more programs that are free, we will accept them, but if they have any more new programs that cost the County local tax dollars, they can keep them.

#### **GOVERNING BODY - CHAIRMAN TO APPOINT A FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Wilson reported that based on information regarding bids not being secured for Contracts that has cost the County several thousand dollars over the past three (3) years, Commission Wilson made a motion that the Chairman appoint a Finance Committee to review all current County Contracts, all future bids for any service of the County, recommend approval for awarding of contracts and approve the expenditures of all funds over \$250.00. This approval includes the purchasing for all maintenance projects and involves each department of the County Government.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR - RESIGNATION**

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, resigned his post from the position of County Administrator, due to his doctor's advice effective June 30, 2001. Mr. Herring reported he has had three (3) major surgeries within the past three (3) years and due to this he cannot give 100% to the position.



Mr. Herring admitted that he used county employees and county vehicles in December 2000 to pull two (2) privately purchased travel trailers from Kenly in Johnston County back to Whiteville. Mr. Herring reported that he will reimburse the County for all expenses for the two (2) County employees and the use of County vehicles who pulled the trailers back to Whiteville.

Mr. Herring was commended by several Commissioners, Department Heads and Associates for a job well done during his tenure of twenty-five (25) years of service with the County and particularly the time he has served as County Administrator.

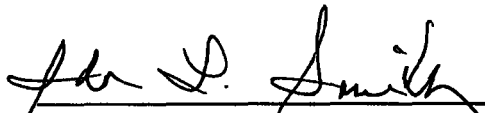
Commissioner Dutton made a motion to accept Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator's resignation and received no second.

James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, advised the Board they do not have to accept the resignation for it to be official.


Commissioner Dutton withdrew his motion.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to adjourn the Board Meeting.

  
Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:

  
Spruell R. Britt, Chairman