

**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., May 21, 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

Ida L. Smith  
Clerk to Board

**PUBLIC HEARING - BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
REQUEST TO EXTEND BOUNDARIES**

Chairman Britt called the Public Hearing to order and stated the purpose of holding the Public Hearing is to receive public comment and input concerning the extension of the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department boundaries.

John Saylor, Fire Marshal, stated the Public Hearing has been properly advertised and all persons within the district expansion have been notified.

There were no comments.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to close the Public Hearing at 7:32 P.M.

**PUBLIC HEARING - RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Chairman Britt called the Public Hearing to order and stated the purpose of holding the Public Hearing is to receive public input regarding submitting an application for the proposed Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) to the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Tommy Holmes, Interagency Transportation Vice President, stated the program provides transportation for the Elderly and Disabled Program, Work First and Rural General Public programs in the amount of \$81,819.00.

There were no comments.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Memory and passed unanimously to close the Public Hearing at 7:34 P.M.

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING COMMENCED**

Immediately, thereafter, Chairman Britt called the regularly scheduled Board Meeting to order and Commissioner Jacobs 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 May 7, 2001 Board Meeting, as recorded.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**Tax Refund:**

Request a refund in the name of Milliken, Larena J., 625 Long Corner Rd., Whiteville, NC 28472. Paid taxes on house that burned in 1998. Amount \$173.67, Value \$10,232.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-16737, Bill # 22665.

**Tax Releases:**

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Rosa Mae. Release the value of a single wide home that was traded for a double wide and listed. Amount \$216.16, Value

\$11,510.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-05741, Bill # 93831.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gause, Betty J. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 13-14865, Bill # 11042.

Release the User Fee in the name of Shipman, Nancy. Release a portion of the user fee. Property located inside the Town of Bolton. Amount \$40.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 11-24337, Bill # 66991.

Release the User Fee in the name of Shipman, Nancy. Release a portion of the user fee. Property located inside the Town of Bolton. Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-24337, Bill # 10954.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cogdell, Mitchell. Release the value of a mobile home that was repossessed in 1996. Amount \$293.21, Value \$27,800.00, Year 1997, Account # 12-05561, Bill # 39430.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Rosa Mae. Release the value of a single wide home that was traded for double wide and listed. Amount \$193.58, Value \$12,240.00, Year 1999, Account # 16-05741, Bill # 12781.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williams, Doreen P. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$285.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-21065, Bill # 19287.

Release the User Fee in the name of Shipman, Nancy. Release a portion of the user fee. Property located inside Town of Bolton. Amount \$24.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1996, Account # 11-24337, Bill # 68326.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jenkins, Daniel. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$285.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-09126, Bill # 98336.

Release the User Fee in the name of Graham, Gretel. Release a portion of the user fee. Property is located inside Town of Bolton. Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-02527, Bill # 93687.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gause, Betty J. Billed for two mobile homes. There is only one mobile home at this location. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000,

Account # 13-14865, Bill # 92110.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bellamy, Willie R. House is vacant. Amount \$65.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-02020, Bill # 81487.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bowen, Erica L. Building is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-03627, Bill # 82516.

Release the User Fee in the name of Coleman, Diana B. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-08387, Bill # 86303.

Release the User Fee in the name of Coleman, Tammy D. House has been vacant since 1997. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 12-09966, Bill # 43880.

Release the User Fee in the name of Coleman, Tammy Dudly. House has been vacant since 1997. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 12-09966, Bill # 5497.

Release the User Fee in the name of Coleman, Tammy D. House has been vacant since 1997. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-09966, Bill # 86434.

Release the User Fee in the name of Duncan, Billy M. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-04564, Bill # 88723.

Release the User Fee in the name of Shipman, Nancy. Release a portion of the user fee. Property located inside the Town of Bolton. Amount \$40.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1997, Account # 11-24337, Bill # 68327.

Release the Property Value in the name of Horne, Edward. Release the value of a single wide home that was traded for a double wide and listed. Amount \$186.09, Value \$11,260.00, Year 1999, Account # 12-12361, Bill # 15952.

Release the Property Value in the name of Horne, Edward. Single wide home traded for double wide and listed. Amount \$208.95, Value \$10,600.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-12361, Bill # 97102.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Louise N. Release the value of a mobile home that cannot be located. This is a bad address and we believe the mobile home does not exist. Amount \$151.51, Value \$3,347.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-47871, Bill # 98656.

Release the Property Value in the name of McKenzie, Mae Vern. Release value of

double wide that was repossessed in 1996. Amount \$293.21, Value \$27,800.00, Year 1998, Account # 12-17685, Bill # 59328.

Release the Property Value in the name of McKenzie, Mae Vern. Release the value of a double wide that was repossessed in 1996. Amount \$293.21, Value \$27,800.00, Year 1999, Account # 12-17685, Bill # 21389.

Release the Property Value in the name of McKenzie, Mae Vern. Release the value of a double wide that was repossessed in 1996. Amount \$325.16, Value \$27,800.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-17685, Bill # 2701.

Release the Property Value in the name of McKiver, Mary. Release the value of a double wide home and the Brunswick fire fee (24.64) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (7.04). Home was repossessed prior to 1-1-1999. Amount \$376.33, Value \$35,200.00, Year 1999, Account # 03-15907, Bill # 21429.

Release the Property Value in the name of McKiver, Mary. Release the value of a double wide home and the Brunswick fire fee (24.64) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (7.04). Home was repossessed prior to 1-1-1999. Amount \$570.13, Value \$35,200.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-15907, Bill # 2743.

Release the Property Value in the name of McNeil, Delven & John. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the same names with a different account number. Amount \$7.80, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1995, Account # 06-24649, Bill # 11326.

Release the Property Value in the name of McNeil, Delven & John. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the same names with a different account number. Amount \$8.58, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1996, Account # 06-24649, Bill # 56528.

Release the Property Value in the name of McNeil, Delven & John. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the same names with a different account number. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1997, Account # 06-24649, Bill # 54691.

Release the Property Value in the name of McNeil, Delven & John. Release the value of a mobile home and the Yam City Fire fee that is double listed in the same names with a different account number. Amount \$108.75, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1998, Account # 06-24649, Bill # 59567.

Release the Property Value in the name of McNeil, Delven & John. Release the value of a mobile home and the Yam City Fire fee that is double listed in the same names with a different account number. Amount \$108.75, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-24649, Bill # 21661.

Release the Property Value in the name of McNeil, Delven & John. Release the value of a mobile home and the Yam City Fire fee that is double listed in the same names with a different account number. Amount \$145.44, Value \$2,265.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-24649, Bill # 2976.

Release the Property Value in the name of Parker Enterprise. Release the value of the business plus the Whiteville Rescue fee that closed prior to 1-1-1999. Amount \$278.51, Value \$38,953.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-68300, Bill # 24897.

Release the Property Value in the name of Parker Enterprise. Release the value of the business plus the Whiteville Rescue fee that closed prior to 1-1-1999. Amount \$257.58, Value \$34,803.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-68300, Bill # 6358.

Release the Property Value in the name of Pope, James Edward. Release a portion of the property value and the Hallsboro Fire fee. Customer was billed with incorrect acres. Amount \$12.48, Value \$1,600.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-20700, Bill # 7180.

Release the Property Value in the name of Powers, Willie. Release the value of a mobile home that has been junked. Amount \$143.54, Value \$2,575.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-04619, Bill # 7696.

Release the Property Value in the name of Powers, Willie L. & Melvin. Release the value of a restaurant that burned in December 1997. Amount \$89.66, Value \$12,900.00, Year 1998, Account # 13-33433, Bill # 63917.

Release the Property Value in the name of Powers, Willie L. & Melvin. Release the value of a restaurant that burned in December 1997. Amount \$89.66, Value \$12,900.00, Year 1999, Account # 13-33433, Bill # 26209.

Release the Property Value in the name of Powers, Willie L. & Melvin. Release the value of a restaurant that burned in December 1997. Amount \$92.88, Value \$12,900.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-33433, Bill # 7703.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rhue, Elizah A. & Myrtle. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Robert Rhue. Amount \$206.22, Value \$11,280.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-24840, Bill # 8903.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sellers, Brenda D. Release a portion of the property value and the Welches Creek Fire fee (14.16) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (3.54). Property was damaged by flooding in 1999. Amount \$270.14, Value \$17,700.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-13123, Bill # 10283.

Release the Property Value in the name of Shelley, Charles W. & Diane. Release the value of a mobile home and the Cole Service fee that was destroyed by hurricane. Amount \$299.66, Value \$21,300.00, Year 2000, Account # 10-81937, Bill # 10800.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, William E. & Jeanette. Release the value of a single wide home and the Brunswick Fire fee (3.79) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (1.08). The home was traded for a double wide and listed. Amount \$173.19, Value \$5,408.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-86766, Bill # 12487.

**Budget Amendments:**

Increase	10-420-0200 Administrator - Salary (Vacation Pay)	\$8,568
Increase	10-420-0500 FICA	\$ 656
Increase	10-420-0700 Retirement	\$ 423
Appropriate	10-660-9999 Contingency	(\$9,647)
Transfer	71-399-0000 Capital Reserve (Fund Balance to Animal Control Building Project)	\$10,965
Transfer	71-329-0000 Interest Earned from Project	\$ 518
Transfer	71-690-0000 Other Projects	\$11,483
Appropriate	72-399-0000 Fund Balance	\$50,000
Expend as follows:		
	72-525-8100 E-911 Project - Principal on Loan	\$40,000
	72-525-8200 E-911 Project - Interest on Loan	\$10,000
Appropriate	72-302-0000 Wireless E911 for GIS Office	\$22,000
Expend	72-526-5700 Miscellaneous Wireless	\$22,000
Accept	10-348-1399 Health Start Grant	\$ 559
Expend	10-598-3304 Departmental Supplies	\$ 559
Advance	64-397-0000 General Fund - Jail Addition	\$388,519

Appropriate	10-399-0000 Fund Balance	\$388,519
Expend	64-520-0400 Professional Services	\$353,400
Expend	64-520-7100 Land	\$ 35,119
Transfer	10-900-6000 Capital Project	\$388,519
Appropriate	10-399-0000 Fund Balance	\$ 36,671
Expend	10-660-5400 Insurance - Worker's Compensation	\$ 88,034
Decrease	10-660-9999 Contingency	(\$51,363)
Transfer	10-397-0300 Capital Reserve - Animal Control	\$ 11,483
Expend	10-506-7200 Animal Control Building	\$ 11,483
Transfer	33-397-0100 Water District II Project	\$330,509

Expend as follows:

	33-680-4500 Contract Services	\$ 1,412
	33-680-8200 Interest on Bonds	\$241,097
	33-680-9100 Transfer to District II Project	\$ 88,000
Transfer	10-900-6000 Airport Capital Project	\$ 3,333
Decrease	10-650-7400 Airport Capital Outlay	(\$ 3,333)
Accept	60-348-2001 NDB Rehab 9.9943010 NCDOT	\$ 30,000
Appropriate	60-397-1600 County NDB Rehab Grant Match	\$ 3,333
Expend	60-650-7400 NDB Rehab and Installation	\$ 33,333
Accept	10-354-0800 Smart Start Health Consultant Nurse	\$ 6,000
Expend	10-585-4500 Contracted Services	\$ 6,000

**TRANSPORTATION - DISTRIBUTION OF ELDERLY & DISABLED  
TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FUNDS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to approve the distribution of the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance (EDTAP) Funds as distributed by the State under the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP), as requested by Tommy Holmes, Transportation Vice President.

**TRANSPORTATION - CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH LAIDLAW TRANSIT  
SYSTEMS APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to extend the Contract with Laidlaw Transit Systems, Incorporated for Fiscal Year 2001-2002 at the base rate of \$.84/mile, as requested by Tommy Holmes, Transportation Vice President. A copy of the Contract is on file in the office of the Clerk to



the Board.

**TRANSPORTATION - APPOINTMENT TABLED**

Tommy Holmes, Transportation Vice President, requested the Board to appoint a replacement to serve on the Transportation Advisory Board due to the resignation of Dempsey B. Herring.

A motion was made by Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to table the replacement appointment to the Transportation Advisory Board.

**TABOR CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - REQUEST FOR DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS FOR JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> TABLED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to table the request by the Tabor City Chamber of Commerce officials to possess, transport, receive, deliver and display fireworks at South Columbus High School on July 4, 2001.

**APPOINTMENT - BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appoint Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie to serve on the Board of Social Services for a three (3) year term, beginning July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2004 to replace Mr. C.W. Williams.

**JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL - APPROVAL OF 2001-2002 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Vickie Pait, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Chairperson, requested the Board to approve the 2001-2002 funding recommendation as submitted by the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council in the amounts as follows:

Columbus County Schools Youth and Family Counseling	\$66,076
Whiteville City Schools Student Assistance Program	\$18,036
Teen Court	\$ 5,700
Court Psychologist	\$ 3,900
Restitution	\$20,024
SE Regional Mental Health	\$25,385
"Bridges" Guided Growth Program	\$42,623
Specialized Foster Care	\$14,560
Administrative Costs	<u>\$ 7,500</u>

**TOTAL****\$203,804**

A motion was made by Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the 2001-2002 Juvenile Crime Prevention Council funding to the programs as recommended above in the amount of \$203,804.

**PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION POLICY - MEDICAL INSURANCE AMENDMENT**

Jimmy Ferguson, Sheriff, requested the Board to consider amending the Personnel Administration Policy to be amended as follows:

**Article VII. Separation, Disciplinary Action and Reinstatement, Page 29**

**Section 5. Retirement Age**

**Article X. Employee Benefits, Page 39**

**Section 1. Insurance Benefits**

1. Allow County employees retiring with twenty (20) years of service with Columbus County, who have reached fifty-five (55) years of age continued medical insurance with the County absorbing the premiums.
2. Provide retirees who have been employed twenty (20) years or more with Columbus County, who have reached age sixty-five (65) or Medicare eligible, a medical insurance supplement for life.
3. Allow retired employees who have been employed twenty (20) years or more the option to continue to pay for and keep the Group Medical Insurance on spouse and/or dependent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to approve the Personnel Administration Policy Amendment to reflect the requested changes effective July 1, 2001.

**RIEGEL RIDGE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT - INFORMATION PRESENTED BY FORREST RIGGS**

Forrest Riggs, a resident of Lake Waccamaw, presented the Board with information regarding the Host and Franchise Agreement comparison with Columbus, Sampson, and Bertie Counties and stated that the Riegel Ridge Franchise Agreement should be renegotiated

due to the fact that Columbus County could be missing out on as much as \$750,000 per year compared to the deals that Bertie and Sampson Counties have been able to obtain for their areas.

**RIEGEL RIDGE AGREEMENT (PROPOSED) - ADDENDUM #2 SECOND READING TABLED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to table the Riegel Ridge Agreement Addendum #2 second reading until the next Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs to approve the Riegel Ridge Agreement Addendum #2 as is.

Commissioner Jacobs' motion died in lack of a second.

Commissioner Jacobs withdrew his motion.

The original motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

**WATER & SEWER DISTRICT III - RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,502,000.00 WATER BONDS**

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the following documents regarding Water & Sewer District III.

**SUMMARY NOTICE OF SALE**

**\$5,502,000**

**GENERAL OBLIGATION**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT III, NORTH CAROLINA**

**WATER BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES**

Sealed bids will be received by the Local Government Commission of North Carolina at its office in the Seaboard Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 413 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27603-1385 until 11 o'clock A.M., North Carolina Time,

**June 19, 2001**

such bids to be opened in public at said time and place on said day, for the purchase of

\$5,502,000 Water Bond Anticipation Notes of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina, dated July 3, 2001 and maturing March 27, 2002. The notes are not subject to prior redemption.

Copies of the Offering Information and Bid Form relating to the notes may be obtained from the Local Government Commission (919-807-2350). Each bid must be submitted on a bid form in the Offering Information and Bid Form. The notes will be delivered on or about July 3, 2001.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

Raleigh, North Carolina

By: Robert M. High

Secretary of the Commission

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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 III, 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 May 21, 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.

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Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been provided to each Commissioner and which was read by its title:

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE  
OF \$5,502,000 WATER BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES**

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

**Section 1.** The Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in

Columbus County, North Carolina, has determined and does hereby find, declare and represent:

(a) That an order authorizing not exceeding \$6,571,000 Water Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina (the "District") was adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County, as the governing body of the District (the "Board"), on August 7, 2000, which order was approved by the vote of a majority of the qualified voters of the District who voted thereon at a referendum duly called and held on October 3, 2000.

(b) That none of said bonds has been issued and that no notes have been issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of said bonds.

(c) That it is necessary to issue \$5,502,000 notes at this time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of all of said bonds.

**Section 2.** In anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of all of said bonds, the issuance of \$5,502,000 negotiable notes of the District is hereby authorized, which notes shall be designated "Water Bond Anticipation Notes", shall be dated July 3, 2001, shall mature on March 27, 2002, without option of prior payment, and shall bear interest at a rate to be determined by the Local Government Commission of North Carolina at the time said notes are sold, which interest shall be payable at the maturity of said notes on the basis of a 360-day year, consisting of twelve 30-day months. No interest coupons shall be attached to said notes. Said notes shall be payable as to both principal and interest at such bank or trust company, shall have such denomination or denominations of not less than \$100,000 and shall bear such number or numbers as may be fixed by the Chairman of the Board after the award of said notes by the Local Government Commission of North Carolina, and both the principal of and the interest on said notes shall be payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

**Section 3.** Said notes shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board and the Clerk to the Board and the corporate seal of the District shall be impressed on said notes. The form of said notes and the endorsements to be placed upon the reverse thereof shall be

substantially as follows:

No. \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

United States of America

State of North Carolina

County of Columbus

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT III

Water Bond Anticipation Note

The Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, a body politic and corporate in the County of Columbus, North Carolina, is justly indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay to the bearer on the 27th day of March 2002, the principal sum of

\_\_\_\_\_ THOUSAND DOLLARS

and to pay interest thereon from the date hereof on the basis of a 360-day year, consisting of twelve 30-day months, at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ per centum (\_\_\_\_%) per annum, payable upon the presentation and surrender of this note at its maturity. Both the principal of and the interest on this note are payable at \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_, in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts. For the prompt payment hereof, both principal and interest as the same become due, the faith and credit of said District are hereby irrevocably pledged.

This note is given for money borrowed in the amount of the face of this note in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of a like amount of Water Bonds, duly authorized by an order adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of said District, on August 7, 2000, which was approved by the vote of a majority of the qualified voters of said District who voted thereon at a referendum duly called and held on October 3, 2000. This note is issued pursuant to and in full compliance with The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, Article 9, as amended, of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and a resolution duly passed by said Board.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and laws of North Carolina to happen, exist and be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this note have happened, exist and have been performed in regular and due form and time as so required and that the total indebtedness of said District, including this note, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said District, pursuant to a resolution of said Board, has caused this note to be signed by the Chairman of said Board and the Clerk to said Board and the corporate seal of said District to be impressed hereon, all as of the 3rd day of July 2001.

[Manual signature]  
Chairman

[Manual signature]  
Clerk

[To be endorsed upon reverse of notes]

Local Government  
Commission Series No. \_\_\_\_\_

The issuance of this note has been approved under the provisions of The Local Government Bond Act of North Carolina.

ROBERT M. HIGH  
Secretary, Local Government Commission

[Manual signature]  
Designated Assistant

**Section 4.** The actions of the County Attorney and the Finance Officer of the County of Columbus, North Carolina in applying to the Local Government Commission of North Carolina to approve, advertise and sell said notes and in publishing a notice relating to the sale of said notes are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed, and the Local Government Commission of North Carolina is hereby requested to ask for bids for said notes by printing and distributing circulars relating to the sale of said notes.

**Section 5.** The District covenants that, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, it will comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), except to the extent that the District

obtains an opinion of bond counsel to the effect that noncompliance would not result in interest on said notes being includable in the gross income of their owners for purposes of federal income taxation.

**Section 6.** The District hereby further finds, declares and represents that (a) it reasonably expects that it, all subordinate entities thereof and all entities which issue obligations on behalf of the District (all within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3)(E) of the Code) will not issue in the aggregate more than \$10,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations (not counting certain current refunding obligations and private-activity bonds except for qualified 501(c)(3) bonds as defined in the Code) during calendar year 2001 and (b) no entity has been or will be formed or availed of to avoid the limits described above. In addition, the District hereby designates each of said notes as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for the purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

**Section 7.** The officers, agents and employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to do all acts and things required of them by the provisions of said notes and this resolution for the full, punctual and complete performance of the terms, covenants, provisions and agreements therein and herein.

**Section 8.** This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Thereupon Commissioner McKenzie moved the passage of the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,502,000 WATER BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES", and Commissioner Norris seconded the motion, and such resolution was passed by the following vote:

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

**Noes:** None.

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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 III, in Columbus County, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing has been carefully copied from the actually recorded minutes of a regular meeting of said Board



held on May 21, 2001, the record having been made in Minute Book No. 26 of the minutes of said Board, beginning at page 344 and ending at page 349 and is a true copy of so much of said minutes as relates in any way to the issuance of \$5,502,000 Water Bond Anticipation Notes of said District.

**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 District, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2001.

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

**HIGHWAY 74 NAME CHANGE REQUEST - TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT**

Mr. Robert Chavis, Vice Chief of the Tuscarora, East of the Mountains, requested the Board to support a Resolution to change the name of Highway 74 throughout Columbus County to the American Indian Highway.

The associated cost of changing road signs and addresses was discussed regarding the name change of Highway 74.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to take Mr. Chavis' request under advisement.

**RED CROSS - PERMISSION TO PLACE STORAGE BUILDING ON COUNTY PROPERTY**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Memory and passed to allow the Red Cross to place a small storage building on County Property near the E-911 Center.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT - BUDGET AMENDMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to approve the following carry over funds for 1999-2000 Health

related programs as follows:

Appropriate Fund Balance	\$ 452,370
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Expend as follows:

10-586-0200 Salaries	\$ 72,132
10-589-0200 Salaries	\$ 35,505
10-587-7300 Improvements	\$ 302,006
10-592-0200 Salaries	\$ 42,727

**FRIENDS OF THE ANIMAL SHELTER - DRAFT APPROVAL**

John A. Stih, D.V.M., addressed the Board regarding the concept of organizing the Friends of the Animal Shelter and requested the Board's approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the concept of organizing the Friends of the Animal Shelter.

**SHERIFF - EXCHANGE OF VEHICLES WITH BUCKHEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE**

**DEPARTMENT APPROVED**

Jimmy Ferguson, Columbus County Sheriff, requested the Board to approve the exchange of vehicles with the Columbus County Sheriff's Department and Buckhead Volunteer Fire Department for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00). The transfer of vehicles requested is as follows:

Transfer 1991 Ford Victoria Serial #2FACP7253MX176637 from Columbus County and title to Buckhead Volunteer Fire Department for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00).

Accept 1989 Ford Truck Ambulance Serial #S34AHDD0126 from Buckhead Volunteer Fire Department and title to Columbus County for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00).

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve Sheriff Ferguson's request for Columbus County to exchange vehicles with Buckhead Volunteer Fire Department as listed above.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:50 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to enter into Closed Session in accordance

with North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5)(6).

**RESUMED REGULAR SESSION**

At 9:40 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to adjourn Closed Session and resume the Board Meeting.

No action was taken.

**ADMINISTRATION - INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HIRED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to hire John Edward Whitehurst to fill the vacancy as County Administrator for Columbus County beginning immediately for thirty (30) hours per week. An employment contract will be submitted at the next Board Meeting for approval.

**APPOINTMENTS - PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

The Board reached a general consensus to appoint Commissioners Sammie Jacobs, Bill Memory and Amon E. McKenzie to serve on the Columbus County Personnel Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:45 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to recess the Board Meeting until 8:00 A.M., May 23, 2001 to reconvene in conjunction with a Columbus County Staff Meeting to be held at the Columbus County Department of Aging.

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