

**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., June 4, 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

John E. Whitehurst  
Interim County Administrator

Ida L. Smith  
Clerk to Board

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

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**Tax Refunds:**

Request a refund in the name of Spaulding, Etta, 6621 Hallsboro Rd. N., Clarkton, NC 28433. Refund value of a double wide and the St. James Fire fee (16.74). Home is double listed in the name of Reginald Spaulding. Amount \$310.64, Value \$27,900.00, Year 1999,

Account # 14-15180, Bill # 31284.

Request a refund in the name of Squires, Gloria, 1316 Cedar Branch Rd., Loris, SC 29569. Paid user fee that was also paid by mobile home park owner. Amount \$80.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000.

**Releases:**

Release the Property Value in the name of Daniels, Linda Carol. Release the property value and the Welches Creek fee that is double listed in the name of William D. Shipman. Amount \$38.96, Value \$4,900.00, Year 1998, Account # 14-04201, Bill # 45069.

Release the Property Value in the name of McLelland, Heather. Release the value of a mobile home and the Welches Creek fee that is double listed in the name of Christy R. McLelland. Amount \$450.30, Value \$45,200.00, Year 1997, Account # 14-10027, Bill # 54607.

Release the Property Value in the name of McLelland, Christy R.. Release the value of a mobile home that is listed in Brunswick County. Amount \$423.80, Value \$41,500.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-10031, Bill # 2880.

Release the Property Value in the name of Long, R.C. & Irene. Release a portion of the mobile home value that was billed with the incorrect year and size. Amount \$159.52, Value \$19,940.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-14680, Bill # 1241.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Patricia A. Release the value of a mobile home and the North Whiteville fee. Customer ordered a building permit but never purchased home. Amount \$504.04, Value \$45,700.00, Year 2000, Account # 05-22208, Bill # 98683.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hinson, Lonnie F. Release the value of a mobile home and the Williams fire fee that is double listed in the name of Bonnie Prince. Amount \$1,565.31, Value \$22,180.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-14440, Bill # 96663.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gause, Mary. Release the value of a double wide home that is double listed in the name of Deborah Hemmingway. Amount \$378.44, Value \$35,200.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-13722, Bill # 92136.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gause, Mary. Release the value of a double

wide home that is double listed in the name of Deborah Hemmingway. Amount \$344.64, Value \$35,200.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-13722, Bill # 11068.

Release the Property Value in the name of FormyDuval, Kenneth & Sharon. Release the value of a double wide home and the North Whiteville fee that is double listed in the name of Jessie K. & Saron FormyDuval. Amount \$526.36, Value \$48,800.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-28926, Bill # 91005.

Release the Property Value in the name of FormyDuval, Kenneth & Sharon. Release the value of a double wide home and the North Whiteville fee that is double listed in the name of Jessie K. & Sharon FormyDuval. Amount \$489.16, Value \$48,800.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-28926, Bill # 9965.

Release the Property Value in the name of FormyDuval, Kenneth & Sharon. Release the value of a double wide and the North Whiteville fee that is double listed in the name of Jessie K. & Sharon FormyDuval. Amount \$489.16, Value \$48,800.00, Year 1998, Account # 01-28926, Bill # 48236.

Release the Property Value in the name of Wyche, Benjamin. Release the deferred tax and the Hallsboro Fire fee (11.94) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (3.98). Property was transferred to a family member. Amount \$154.22, Value \$19,899.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-30820, Bill # 49416.

Release the Property Value in the name of Duncan, Melanie V. Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Charles Roberts. Amount \$150.00, Value \$15,300.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-04902, Bill # 88846.

Release the Property Value in the name of McLelland, Heather. Release the value of a mobile home and the Welches Creek fee that is double listed in the name of Christy R. McLelland. Amount \$450.30, Value \$45,200.00, Year 1998, Account # 14-10027, Bill # 59478.

Release the Property Value in the name of Daniels, Linda Carol. Release the property value and the Welches Creek fee that is double listed in the name of William D. Shipman. Amount \$189.95, Value \$11,480.00, Year 1999, Account # 14-04201, Bill # 6712.

Release the Property Value in the name of Faulk, Jerry & Sarah. Release the property

value and the Brunswick Fire fee (55.02) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (15.72) that is double listed in the name of Steven A. Handlos, Jr. Amount \$761.66, Value \$78,600.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-03541, Bill # 90159.

Release the Property Value in the name of Burney, C. D. Release the property value that is double listed in the names of Annie Bladwin and Mathew Baldwin (Heirs) Amount \$13.68, Value \$1,900.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-02640, Bill # 84245.

Release the Property Value in the name of Burney, C.D. Release the property value that is double listed in the names of Annie Bladwin and Mathew Baldwin (Heirs). Amount \$13.21, Value \$1,900.00, Year 1999, Account # 14-02640, Bill # 3353.

Release the Property Value in the name of Burney, C.D. Release the property value that is double listed in the names of Annie Bladwin and Mathew Baldwin (Heirs) Amount \$13.21, Value \$1,900.00, Year 1998, Account # 14-02640, Bill # 41819.

Release the Property Value in the name of Burney, C.D. Release the property value that is double listed in the names of Annie Baldwin and Mathew Baldwin (Heirs). Amount \$13.21, Value \$1,900.00, Year 1997, Account # 14-02640, Bill # 37682.

Release the Property Value in the name of Burney, C.D. Release the property value that is double listed in the names of Annie Bladwin & Mathew Baldwin (Heirs) Amount \$11.70, Value \$1,500.00, Year 1996, Account # 14-02640, Bill # 39739.

Release the Property Value in the name of Burney, C. D. Release the property value that is double listed in the names of Annie Bladwin and Mathew Baldwin (Heirs). Amount \$11.70, Value \$1,500.00, Year 1995, Account # 14-02640, Bill # 94877.

Release the Property Value in the name of Burney, C. D. Release the property value that is double listed in the names of Annie Baldwin and Mathew Baldwin (Heirs). Amount \$11.40, Value \$1,500.00, Year 1994, Account # 14-02640, Bill # 23785.

Release the Property Value in the name of Burney, C. D. Release the property value that is double listed in the names of Annie Baldwin & Mathew Baldwin (Heirs). Amount \$10.80, Value \$1,500.00, Year 1993, Account # 14-02640, Bill # 64723.

Release the Property Value in the name of Burney, C. D. Release the property value that is double listed in the names of Annie Baldwin & Mathew Baldwin (Heirs). Amount

\$10.35, Value \$1,500.00, Year 1992, Account # 14-02640, Bill # 67829.

Release the Property Value in the name of Burney, C. D. Release the property value that is double listed in the names of Annie Baldwin & Mathew Baldwin (Heirs) Amount \$10.35, Value \$1,500.00, Year 1991, Account # 14-02640, Bill # 89363.

Release the Property Value in the name of McMillian, Louvenia. Release value of mobile home. Customer should receive senior citizens exemption. Amount \$74.36, Value \$1,300.00, Year 2000, Account # 10-10740, Bill # 2910.

Release the Property Value in the name of Thompson, Geraldine D. Release the late list fee. Property was not listed late. Amount \$1.73, Value \$2,405.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-39750, Bill # 15476.

Release the Property Value in the name of Daniels, Linda Carol. Release the property value and the Welches Creek fee that is double listed in the name of William D. Shipman. Amount \$40.18, Value \$4,900.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-04201, Bill # 87683.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williams, Daniel. Release the property value and the Whiteville Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Richard & Elvey Graham Amount \$31.08, Value \$4,200.00, Year 2000, Account # 02-06520, Bill # 19260.

Release the Property Value in the name of Wyche, Benjamin. Release the deferred tax and the Hallsboro Fire fee (11.94) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (3.98). Property was transferred to a family member. Amount \$154.22, Value \$19,899.00, Year 1999, Account # 11-30820, Bill # 49415.

Release the Property Value in the name of Wyche, Benjamin N.. Release the deferred tax and the Hallsboro Fire fee (11.94) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (3.98). Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$154.22, Value \$19,899.00, Year 1998, Account # 11-30820, Bill # 49414.

Release the Property Value in the name of Duncan, Melanie V.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Welches Creek fee (12.24) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (3.06) that is double listed in the name of Charles Roberts. Amount \$221.64, Value \$15,300.00, Year 1999, Account # 14-04902, Bill # 7849.

Release the Property Value in the name of Wyche, Benjamin N. Release the deferred

tax and the Hallsboro Fire fee (11.94) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (3.98). Property transferred to a family member. Amount \$159.20, Value \$20,616.00, Year 1997, Account # 11-30820, Bill # 49413.

Release the Property Value in the name of McLelland, Heather. Release the value of a mobile home and the Welches Creek fee that is double listed in the name of Christy R. McLelland. Amount \$450.30, Value \$45,200.00, Year 1999, Account # 14-10027, Bill # 21565.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williams, Daniel. Release the property value and the Whiteville Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Richard & Elvey Graham. Amount \$30.03, Value \$4,200.00, Year 1999, Account # 02-06520, Bill # 37444.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williams, Daniel. Release the property value and the Whiteville Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Richard & Elvey Graham. Amount \$30.03, Value \$4,200.00, Year 1998, Account # 02-06520, Bill # 74839.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williams, Daniel. Release the property value and the Whiteville Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Richard & Elvey Graham. Amount \$30.03, Value \$4,200.00, Year 1997, Account # 02-06520, Bill # 69353.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williams, Daniel. Release the property value and the Whiteville Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Richard & Elvey Graham. Amount \$15.20, Value \$1,900.00, Year 1996, Account # 02-06520, Bill # 70991.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williams, Daniel. Release the property value and the Whiteville Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Richard & Elvey Graham. Amount \$15.20, Value \$1,900.00, Year 1995, Account # 02-06520, Bill # 25501.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williams, Daniel. Release the property value and the Whiteville Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Richard & Elvey Graham. Amount \$14.82, Value \$1,900.00, Year 1994, Account # 02-06520, Bill # 53835.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williams, Daniel. Release the property value and the Whiteville Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Richard & Elvey Graham. Amount \$14.06, Value \$1,900.00, Year 1993, Account # 02-06520, Bill # 94755.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williams, Daniel. Release the property

value and the Whiteville Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Richard & Elvey Graham. Amount \$13.49, Value \$1,900.00, Year 1992, Account # 02-06520, Bill # 2394.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williams, Daniel. Release the property value and the Whiteville Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Richard & Elvey Graham. Amount \$13.49, Value \$1,900.00, Year 1991, Account # 02-06520, Bill # 23689.

Release the Property Value in the name of Pridgen, Margaret. Release the value of a activity building and the Evergreen Fire fee that is double listed in the name of David Stanley Pridgen (Heirs). Amount \$409.25, Value \$37,300.00, Year 1998, Account # 12-22773, Bill # 64169.

Release the Property Value in the name of Spaulding, Reginald. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Etta Spaulding. Amount \$296.36, Value \$23,800.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-16055, Bill # 13063.

Release the Property Value in the name of Motley, Greg. Release the value of a boat and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Boat is not in Columbus County. Amount \$27.68, Value \$3,740.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-03923, Bill # 4751.

Release the Property Value in the name of McLelland, Heather. Release the value of a mobile home and the Welches Creek fee that is double listed in the name of Christy R. McLelland. Amount \$486.60, Value \$45,200.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-10027, Bill # 2884.

Release the Property Value in the name of Pridgen, Margaret. Release the value of a activity building and the Evergreen Fire fee that is double listed in the name of David Stanley Pridgen (Heirs). Amount \$409.25, Value \$37,300.00, Year 1997, Account # 12-22773, Bill # 59114.

Release the Property Value in the name of Pridgen, Margaret. Release the value of a activity building and the Evergreen Fire fee that is double listed in the name of David Stanley Pridgen (Heirs). Amount \$409.25, Value \$37,300.00, Year 1999, Account # 12-22773, Bill # 26463.

Release the Property Value in the name of Pridgen, Margaret. Release the value of a activity building and the Evergreen Fire fee that is double listed in the name of David Stanley

Pridgen (Heirs). Amount \$443.56, Value \$37,300.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-22773, Bill # 7967.

Release the Property Value in the name of Prince, Emile. Release the value of a mobile home and the Cerro Gordo Fire fee that was repossessed in 1998. Amount \$313.86, Value \$26,900.00, Year 1999, Account # 16-12541, Bill # 26567.

Release the Property Value in the name of Spaulding, Reginald. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Etta Spaulding. Amount \$230.39, Value \$23,800.00, Year 1997, Account # 14-16055, Bill # 63750.

Release the Property Value in the name of Russ, James S. Release a portion of the value of a mobile home and the Welches Creek Fire fee that was billed with the incorrect year model. Amount \$73.49, Value \$8,620.00, Year 1998, Account # 14-05856, Bill # 57531.

Release the Property Value in the name of Russ, James S. Release a portion of the mobile home value and the Welches Creek Fire fee that was billed with the incorrect year model. Amount \$62.31, Value \$8,040.00, Year 1999, Account # 14-05856, Bill # 28109.

Release the Property Value in the name of Spaulding, Reginald. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Etta Spaulding. Amount \$265.41, Value \$23,800.00, Year 1998, Account # 14-16055, Bill # 68983.

Release the Property Value in the name of Russ, James S. Release a portion of the mobile home value and the Welches Creek Fire fee that was billed with the incorrect year model. Amount \$65.47, Value \$7,440.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-15856, Bill # 9653.

Release the Property Value in the name of Prince, Emile. Release the value of a mobile home and the Cerro Gordo Fire fee that was repossessed in 1998. Amount \$345.58, Value \$26,900.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-12541, Bill # 8071.

Release the Special District Fee in the name of Smith, Emery Neal. Release the Old Dock fire fee. Property not located in this district. Amount \$39.20, Value \$49,000.00, Year 1999, Account # 03-22661, Bill # 30313.

Release the Special District Fee in the name of Smith, Emery Neal. Release the Old Dock fire fee. Property not located in that district. Amount \$41.13, Value \$51,413.00, Year

2000, Account # 03-22661, Bill # 11896.

Release the Special District Fee in the name of Smith, Emery Neal. Release the Old Dock fire fee. Property is not located in that district. Amount \$1.93, Value \$2,413.00, Year 1999, Account # 03-22661, Bill # 52348.

Release the Special District Fee the name of Smith, Every Neal. Release the Old Dock fire fee. Property is not located in this district. Amount \$39.20, Value \$49,000.00, Year 1998, Account # 03-22661, Bill # 67880.

Release the User Fee in the name of Evans, James Marvin. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-06660, Bill # 89815.

Release the User Fee in the name of McRae, Willie. Release user fee that is double listed in the same name but with a different account number. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 19-02925, Bill # 57656.

Release the User Fee in the name of Barnes, Joshua & Ashley. Trash can was never delivered. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-00914, Bill # 80682.

Release the User Fee in the name of Callihan, John Thomas. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-06482, Bill # 84734.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cromartie, Phyllis. House used for storage. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 03-04299, Bill # 6452.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cromartie, Phyllis. House used for storage. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-04299, Bill # 87413.

Release the User Fee in the name of Dudley, Nancy. Trash can has been picked up. Amount \$85.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-00315, Bill # 88645.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hufham, Sarah C. Release one of two user fees. There is only one mobile home at this location. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-19101, Bill # 97334.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lanier, Faye. Release one of two user fees. One house is vacant. Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1995, Account # 01-51200, Bill # 8722.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lanier, Faye. Release one of two user fees. One

house is vacant. Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1996, Account # 01-51200, Bill # 53883.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lanier, Faye. Release one of two user fees. One house is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1997, Account # 01-51200, Bill # 51997.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lanier, Faye. Release one of two user fees. One house is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 01-51200, Bill # 56749.

Release the User Fee in the name of Strickland, Willie & Eunice. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-29860, Bill # 14672.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lanier, Faye. Release one of two user fees. One house is vacant. Amount \$285.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-51200, Bill # 99975.

Release the User Fee in the name of Memory, Robert & Hilda. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 02-60981, Bill # 3633.

Release the User Fee in the name of Memory, Robert & Hilda. House is vacant. Amount \$65.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-60985, Bill # 3636.

Release the User Fee in the name of Shipman, Nancy. Release a portion of the user fee. Property is inside the city limits. Amount \$40.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 11-24337, Bill # 29392.

Release the User Fee in the name of Strickland, Willie & Eunice. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 09-29860, Bill # 33008.

Release the User Fee in the name of Strickland, Willie & Eunice. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-29860, Bill # 14670.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lanier, Faye. Release one of two user fees. One house is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-51200, Bill # 18741.

**Budget Amendments:**

Accept 12-335-0300	Charitable Donations	\$5,000
Expend 12-615-6000	Special Charity Fund	\$5,000

Appropriate 10-335-0300	Water Bond Referendum (District V) (To be reimbursed)	\$3,200
Appropriate 10-399-0000	Fund Balance (City of Whiteville's Mixed Beverage Election)	\$5,310

Expend as follows:

10-430-0300	Temporary & Part-time salaries	\$1,100
10-430-2100	Rent	\$ 550
10-430-2600	Advertising	\$ 350
10-430-3200	Office Supplies	\$3,100
10-430-4500	Contract	\$3,100
10-430-5700	Miscellaneous	\$ 60
10-430-1400	Travel	\$ 250

#### **FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENTS - PROPOSED BUDGET PROTEST**

Kenneth Sasser, President of the Columbus County Fire and Rescue Association, and Hallsboro Fire Chief, protested the proposed twenty percent (20%) cut in funding in the Columbus County Proposed 2001-2002 Operating Budget. Mr. Sasser stated, the Hallsboro Fire Department has payments that are budgeted to use the \$9,500.00 appropriation that has been funded by the County in the past and he does not feel they can stand a cut in the budget.

E.D. "Butch" Meares, Fair Bluff Fire and Rescue Chief, stated the only way his department could make up the lost money would be by fund-raising. Mr. Meares stated they could lose grants as they would not have matching funds if the County cuts the appropriation. Mr. Meares also stated the proposed twenty percent (20%) cut will affect the level of care.

Eddy Morgan, Lake Waccamaw Fire & Rescue Chief, stated the proposed cut will cause all Fire and Rescue Departments a hardship and encouraged the Board for their support.

#### **AGING - READVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR HOME DELIVERED MEALS**

Ed Worley, Aging Director, requested the Board to award the bid to Bateman, a Division of Compass Group for Nutrition (congregate sites and home delivered meals) in the amount of \$189,147.35. Mr. Worley stated that only one (1) bid was received.

The Board reached a general consensus to direct Ed Worley, Aging Director, to readvertise for bids for the Department of Aging Nutrition Program.

**BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT - APPROVAL OF EXTENSION  
OF BOUNDARIES TO SIX (6) MILES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed to extend the boundary lines for the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department as follows:

**BRUNSWICK FIRE DISTRICT COLUMBUS COUNTY**

**6-Mile Area:**

Beginning at point (1) on Mill Pond Road (1920) at the Whiteville City Limits; thence southeasterly to point (2) on New Britton Hwy (NC 130), 1.4 miles southeast of its intersection with Seven Creeks Hwy (NC 905); thence southwesterly to point (3) on Seven Creeks Hwy (NC 905) 2.9 miles south of its intersection with New Britton Hwy (130) and Seven Creeks Hwy (NC 905); thence northwesterly to point (4) on Gore Trailer Road (1157), 0.7 miles southwest of its intersection with Home Harrelson Rd (1165), thence northwesterly to point (5) on Antioch Church Rd (1162), 0.5 miles southeast of its intersection with Gaston Sellers Rd (1164), thence westerly to point (6) on Arn Ward Rd (1163), 0.4 miles south of its intersection with Gaston Sellers Rd (1164), thence northerly to point (7) on Gaston Sellers Rd (1164) 0.1 mile west of its intersection with Arn Ward Rd (1163), thence northwesterly to point (8) on James B. White Hwy (US Hwy 701) 0.5 miles southwest of its intersection with Furnie Hinson Rd (1167), thence westerly to point (9) at the intersection of Boswell Rd (1333) and Mary White Rd (1334), thence westerly to point (10) at the intersection of Midway Dr (1335) and Boswell Rd (1333), including property on Boswell Rd (1333) between this and the proceeding point: thence westerly to point (11) on Shade Fisher Rd (1336), 0.7 miles southwest of its intersection with Midway Dr (1335), thence northwesterly to point (12) on Rough and Ready Rd (1004), 0.5 miles southwest of its intersection with Midway Dr (1335), thence northwesterly to point (13) on Midway Dr (1335) 0.5 miles north of its intersection with Rough and Ready Rd (1004), thence northeasterly to point (14) on Thompson Town Rd (1428), 0.8 miles west of its intersection with Charlie Williamson Rd (1430), thence northerly to point (15) on Summer Set Rd (1445), 0.2 miles southwest of its intersection with of Old Pine Log Rd (1429), including property on Summer Set Rd (1445)

south of this point; thence northerly to point (16) at the intersection Old Pine Log Rd (1429) and Midway Rd (1435); thence northerly to point (17) Pine Log Rd (1437), 0.2 miles northeast of its intersection with Old Pine Log Rd (1429); thence northeasterly to point (18) Pine Log Rd (1437) 0.3 miles southwest of its intersection with Kit Home Rd (1434), including property on Pine Log Rd ( 1437) between this and the preceding point; thence northeasterly to point ( 19) at the dead end of Brick City Rd (1450); thence southeasterly to point (20) on the Pine Log Rd (1437); thence east on Pine Log Rd (1437) to point (21) at the intersection of Pine Log Rd (1437) and Fruit Ridge Rd (1440); thence northerly on Fruit Ridge Rd (1440), to include all property on Fruit Ridge Rd ( 1440) to point (22) at the intersection of Fruit ridge Rd ( 1440) and the Chadbourn Hwy (74/76/130); thence easterly on Chadbourn Hwy (74/76/130) to point (23) at the Whiteville City Limits; thence northwesterly to point (24) at the Whiteville City Limits on Sunset Terrace (1554); thence 0.2 miles northwesterly on Sunset Terrace (1554) to include all property up to the start of the Klondyke Fire district; thence returning southeasterly to point (23); thence easterly on Chadbourn Hwy to point (25) at the intersection of Chadbourn Hwy (74/76/130) and Legion Dr (1439); thence southwesterly to point (26) at the intersection of Legion Dr (1439) and Pine Log Rd (1437) including all property outside the Whiteville City limits; thence easterly on Pine Log Rd (1437) to point (27) at the Whiteville City Limits, this will include all property outside the Whiteville City Limits; thence southeasterly along the Whiteville City limits to point (1) the beginning. This description excludes all property within the City of Whiteville. This description includes all property within the Town of Brunswick for insurance grading purposes.

**Note:** This description describes an area of Columbus County pursuant to General Statute 153A-233 for insurance grading purposes only.

**Note:** Points 2 and 3 are adjoining points with Old Dock/Cypress Creek Fire District.

**Note:** Points 4,5,7,8,9 and 10 are adjoining points with Williams Township Fire District.

**Note:** Points 11 and 12 are adjoining points with Roseland Fire District.

**Note:** Points 13,14,16, 22, and 24 are adjoining points with Klondyke Fire District.

**Note:** Points 23, 25,26,27 and 1 are adjoining points with the Whiteville Fire District

**COLUMBUS COUNTY CHAF PROGRAM - TABLE UNTIL NEXT MEETING**

Floyd Adams, P.E., Adams Company Director, received and opened bids on the 2000 Columbus County CHAF Bid Group #4 on May 23, 2001 at 2:00 P.M. and is requesting, by letter, the Board's approval of his recommendation.

The Board reached a general consensus to table the request from Mr. Adams until the next Board Meeting and request that Mr. Adams attend the Board Meeting to explain his recommendation of bids to be awarded.

**AGREEMENT - INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR**

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the following Agreement for Employment for John E. Whitehurst, Interim County Administrator.

**AGREEMENT FOR INTERIM MANAGEMENT**

This Agreement is effective the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2001.

**WHEREFORE**, Columbus County wishes to employ the services of John E. Whitehurst as Interim County Administrator of Columbus County, pursuant to N.C.G.S, 153A-84 and John E. Whitehurst wishes to provide such services on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the parties hereto agree as follows:

**1. SERVICES TO BE RENDERED:**

- a. John E. Whitehurst shall serve in the capacity of Interim County Administrator and render the following services:
  - i. Perform all duties and responsibilities in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina, specifically including N.C.G.S. 153A-82.
  - ii. All other duties as assigned by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners.

The County of Columbus shall be and remain responsible for any compensation payable to the Interim County Administrator during the term of this Agreement for services rendered to Columbus County hereunder, and the Interim County Administrator shall be deemed to

be an employee of Columbus County. The Interim County Administrator shall not be eligible for health insurance, North Carolina Local Government Employees Retirement, vacation and sick leave benefits.

## **2. ORGANIZATION, POSITION AND AUTHORITY**

The Interim County Administrator shall serve Columbus County and, as such, will report to the Chairman and the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County. The Interim County Administrator shall have such power and authority provided pursuant to and in accordance with the General Statutes of North Carolina, specifically including N.C.G.S. 153A-82 and all other Federal, State and Local acts.

## **3. REPORTING, CONSULTATIONS AND TIME**

The Interim County Administrator shall meet with or confer no less frequently than once a week with the governing body or Chairman, as requested. The Interim County Administrator shall work such time as necessary to complete the serves referred to in paragraph 1 above. However, normally, working hours shall be thirty hours (30) from Noon on Monday until Noon on Friday. On regular Board of Commissioners meetings days, hours shall be extended to include such meetings.

## **4. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

The County of Columbus will provide all normal administrative and logistical support necessary for the Interim County Administrator to carry out the duties.

## **5. TERM**

The Interim County Administrator shall serve at the pleasure of the County until a permanent County Administrator is appointed, until August 1, 2001, or until his employment is terminated, whichever occurs first. This paragraph is subject to the contract termination provisions of Section 9 below.

## **6. INABILITY TO SERVE**

In the event that John E. Whitehurst is unable for any reason to serve or to continue serving Columbus County during the term of this Agreement, then this Agreement shall automatically terminate.

## **7. COMPENSATION**

- a. The County of Columbus shall pay John E. Whitehurst for services rendered hereunder at a rate of \$50.00 per hour and shall pay into the Nationwide Retirement Account of John E. Whitehurst at the rate of \$3.63 per hour.

- i. Current budget allocations:

Salary	\$74,250
Longevity	\$ 2,414
Travel	<u>\$ 7,000</u>
Total	\$83,664

Hourly rate computed ( $30 \text{ hours per week} \times 52 \text{ weeks} = 1560 \text{ hours per year}$ )( $\$83,664/1560 = \$53.38 \text{ per hour}$ )

- b. The County of Columbus shall reimburse the Interim County Administrator or pay direct for personal expenses at the following rates:

- i. Meals at a per diem rate of \$15.00 per day.
- ii. Travel at the mileage rate (32.5 cents per mile) including once per week travel to and from 702 Belmont Street, Windsor, Bertie County, North Carolina.
- iii. Lodging at Holiday Inn Express.

## 8. BOND

The Interim County Administrator shall execute a bond (to be paid by the County), if requested, in favor of the County for the faithful performance of his duties.

## 9. CONTRACT TERMINATION

If the County is not satisfied with the services of John E. Whitehurst, for any reason, or if John E. Whitehurst wishes to cease his employment with the County, either party may, at its or his sole option, terminate this Agreement upon seven (7) calendar days notice without further obligation on the part of either party.

The Interim County Administrator serves at the pleasure of the governing board of Columbus County and subject to the limitations of this paragraph either party may terminate this Agreement with or without cause.

## 10. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina.

**11. AMENDMENT**

The text of this Agreement shall constitute the entire contract between the parties. Any amendments shall be by mutual consent of the parties and as evidenced in writing.

**12. SEVERABILITY**

If any provisions, or any portion thereof contained in this Agreement are held to be or become invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or portions thereof, shall be deemed severed therefrom, shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

**13. COUNTERPARTS**

This Agreement is executed in two (2) original counterparts, one of which is retained by each party.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement, in two (2) original counterparts, on this the 4th day of June 2001.

**Columbus County:**

/s/ Spruell R. Britt , Chairman

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

/s/ John E. Whitehurst

**APPOINTMENT - LAKE WACCAMAW PLANNING BOARD**

A motion was made by Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to appoint Ernestine Godwin to serve the unexpired term of Dedrick Anders on the Lake Waccamaw Planning Board as an extraterritorial member with term expiring November 3, 2003.

**APPOINTMENT - LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Commissioner David L. Dutton, Jr. reappointed J.D. Gore to serve on the Library Board of Trustees for a three (3) year term, with term expiring June 30, 2004, to represent District VII.

**APPOINTMENT - NURSING/ADULT CARE HOME JOINT COMMUNITY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to appoint Sue McPherson to serve on the Nursing/Adult Care Home Joint Community Advisory Committee to replace Rosa Dell Martin, deceased, for a

one (1) year term from June 4, 2001 through June 3, 2002.

**WATER & SEWER DISTRICT II - ISSUANCE OF \$6,500,000 WATER BOND  
ANTICIPATION NOTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to approve the following documents regarding the Issuance of \$6,500,000 Water Bond Anticipation Notes for Water and Sewer District II.

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 II, 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 8:00 A.M., on June 4, 2001.

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

**Absent:** None.

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Commissioner C.E. Wilson 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 \$6,500,000 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 II, 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 II, in Columbus County, North Carolina, has determined and does hereby find, declare and represent:

(a) That an order authorizing not exceeding \$6,500,000 Water Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, 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 October 20, 1997, 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 December 16, 1997.

(b) That none of said bonds has been issued and that there are outstanding \$6,500,000 Water Bond Anticipation Notes of the District, which notes are dated March 27, 2001, mature on June 27, 2001 and were issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of all of said bonds.

(c) That it is necessary to issue \$6,500,000 notes at this time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of all of said bonds, all of the proceeds thereof to be applied to the payment of said outstanding notes at their maturity.

**Section 2.** In anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of all of said bonds, the issuance of \$6,500,000 negotiable notes of the District is hereby authorized, which notes shall be designated "Water Bond Anticipation Notes", shall be dated June 26, 2001, shall mature on January 30, 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 II**

Water Bond Anticipation Note

The Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, 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 30th day of January 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 October 20, 1997, 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 December 16, 1997. 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 26th day of June 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 C.E. Wilson moved the passage of the foregoing resolution entitled: "**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,500,000 WATER BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES**", and Commissioner David L. Dutton, Jr. seconded the motion, and such resolution was passed by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Commissioners Spruell R. Britt, Sammie Jacobs, David L. Dutton, Jr., Amon McKenzie, Bill Memory, Lynwood 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 II, 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 372 and ending at page 377, and is a true copy of so much of said minutes as relates in any way to the issuance of \$6,500,000 Water Bond Anticipation Notes of said District.

**I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY** that a schedule of regular meetings of said Board, stating, with respect to the month of February 2001, 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 such 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2001.

/s/ Ida L. Smith

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

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**SUMMARY NOTICE OF SALE  
\$6,500,000  
GENERAL OBLIGATION  
COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT II, 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 12, 2001**

Such bids to be opened in public at said time and place on said day, for the purchase of \$6,500,000 Water Bond Anticipation Notes of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, in Columbus County, North Carolina, dated June 26, 2001 and maturing January 30, 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 June 26, 2001.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION  
Raleigh, North Carolina  
By: Robert M. High  
Secretary of the Commission

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

Mr. Robert Chavis, Vice Chief of the Tuscarora, East of the Mountains, presented further information on the proposed location of the name change for U.S. 74 Highway to American Indian Highway.

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

**2001-2002 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET - PRESENT & ACCEPTED**

John E. Whitehurst, Interim County Administrator, presented the Board with the Columbus County Proposed 2001-2002 Operating Budget for their acceptance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to accept the Columbus County Proposed 2001-2002 Operating Budget.

**2001-2002 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET - PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to schedule a Public Hearing for the Columbus County Proposed Operating Budget for 7:00 P.M., Monday, June 18, 2001.

**SHERIFF - EXCHANGE OF VEHICLES WITH BUCKHEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE  
DEPARTMENT AMENDMENT APPROVED**

Jimmy Ferguson, Columbus County Sheriff, reported on May 21, 2001, the Board approved the exchange of vehicles with the Columbus County Sheriff's Department and Buckhead Volunteer Fire Department for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) and the model was listed as a Ford Truck Ambulance, Model 1989 and is a Model 1979.

Sheriff Ferguson requested the Board to amend the action taken by the Board on May 21, 2001 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 1979 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 Wilson and passed unanimously to amend the action taken by the Board on May 21, 2001 as Sheriff Jimmy Ferguson had requested and correct the model of the 1989 Ford Truck Ambulance to a 1979 Model.

**SHERIFF - REQUEST CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHEN BALANCING THE BUDGET**

Jimmy Ferguson, Sheriff, requested the Board to please consider the County Employees and do not allow them to take the burden on their backs in balancing the budget by considering to reduce their present salaries.

**PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION POLICY - MEDICAL INSURANCE AMENDMENT REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMENDMENT**

Jimmy Ferguson, Sheriff, requested the Board to consider amending the Personnel Administration Policy that was amended May 21, 2001:

**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 age continued medical insurance with the County absorbing the premiums to be retroactive to May 1, 2001, instead of effective July 1, 2001.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to take Sheriff Ferguson's request under advisement.

**LIBRARY - DIRECTOR RESIGNATION**

Jamie S. Hansen, Library Director, presented the Board with a letter of resignation from the position of Library Director to accept a position with a public library system in California effective June 29, 2001.

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

passed unanimously to accept Jamie S. Hansen's resignation.

**LISTON MERRITT COMPLAINT**

Liston Merritt, a County Citizen, informed the Board he is disabled with a foot amputee and reported his medication which he has to take regularly for several major illness amounts to more than one-thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per month and appealed to the Board requesting some relief from County programs that are available through Aging, Health and Social Services. Mr. Merritt reported he has applied at the various agencies for help but is always told his social security exceeds the amount you are allowed to earn to meet eligibility requirements..

The Board directed Ed Worley, Aging Director, Marian Duncan, Health Director and Larry Moore, Social Services Director, to explore the possibility of applying for grants to help with Mr. Merritt's medical costs and report to him of their findings.

**BOARD MEETING RECESSED**

At 9:15 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to recess the Board Meeting until 6:00 P.M. on June 6, 2001.

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