

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 7:00 P.M., June 18, 2001 to hold a 2001-2002 Proposed Budget Hearing and at 7:30 P.M. 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

John E. Whitehurst
Interim County Administrator

Ida L. Smith
Clerk to Board

PUBLIC HEARING - 2001-2002 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

Chairman Britt called the 2001-2002 Proposed Operating Budget Public Hearing to order and stated that the list of people who had signed the sign-in sheet wishing to speak would be called in the order in which they were listed. The following persons made comments:

1. **Walter Batten, Inspections Director**, made the following comments:
 - a. Does not feel as if the County employees should have the burden of balancing the budget on their backs by cutting salary increases and

fringe benefits;

- b. Columbus County employees are one of the lowest paid in the state;
- c. Federal and State employees are not receiving cuts in salary or fringe benefits;
- d. If salaries are cut, take if from the some twenty-five (25) employees who were given salary adjustments since the last budget was adopted and treat all employees equal; and
- e. A suggestion is to keep the offices in operation 37.5 hours per week in four (4) days and we can save on gas, electricity and water bills.

2. Mamie Phillips, Income Maintenance Caseworker II, made the following comments:

- a. Requested the Board not to cut employees salaries;
- b. Only about 25% of the Social Services budget is funded by the County;
- c. If the salaries are cut or if we have to take days off without pay, some of the employees would be eligible for benefits through the agency;
- d. Employees pay taxes, if some fail to pay taxes, their wages are garnished – why not garnish all county property owners, not just county employees; and
- e. The disability insurance coverage is a must. Nine (9) out of ten (10) who have used this insurance have gone on Social Security. It can take from six (6) months to a year, or longer, to get Social Security Benefits started.

3. Barry Herring, Sheriff Patrol Captain, requested the Board to reinstate the five (5) Sheriff Patrol positions that have been cut from the budget due to their salaries being funded through a grant. It is very necessary to continue to employ these five (5) deputies.

4. Colonel Jeff Russell, JROTC Instructor, requested the Board to consider funding the schools for the JROTC Programs as they have six-hundred (600) students enrolled in Columbus County. Materials, equipment and office

supplies are supplied by the Army. This program helps to keep our youth off the streets.

5. **Leroy Hannah, representing JROTC,** requested the Board to reconsider funding the schools for the JROTC program and if this program is deleted the classrooms will be overcrowded due to six (600) students participate in the program.
6. **Brian Dreistart, South Columbus High School Student,** requested the Board to reconsider the JROTC as this program is very beneficial to school drop-outs and the participants of this program will have a brighter future. Please do not cut any funding supporting this program as it has helped me a great deal and I would not be here speaking before you today had it not been for the JROTC program that I have been participating in.
7. **Alexander Singletary, Captain at Sheriff's Department,** requested the Board to reconsider reinstating the five (5) deputy positions that had been eliminated due to the grant expiring. We take our job seriously, we are not getting rich but I feel we do make a difference.
8. **Marian Duncan, Health Director,** made the following comments:
 - a. Approximately ninety percent (90%) of the actual operating budget for the Health Department comes from billing Medicare, Medicaid, Insurance, private pay and from federal, state and private grants.
 - b. To date, 1.3 million dollars has been taken from earned Health Department fees to subsidize the county budget.
 - c. If there is a disease outbreak, we are expected to manage with no extra funding. If there is a natural disaster such as hurricanes or floods, the health department must help staff shelters.
 - d. The Health Department needs its funds to operate, it takes approximately one-half million dollars a month to operate the clinics, Home Health and Environmental Health.
10. **Steve Smith, representing Interim Health Care,** made the following

comments:

- a. Johnston County is already recruiting teachers from Columbus County because they can afford to pay salary supplements and the loss of good teachers will take a long time to recover.
 - b. Mr. Smith stated that one Commissioner estimated it would take a tax increase of 17 cents to fully fund all departments and with his company's 300 employees, this would amount to 47 cents per employee per month and he is willing to pay the cost in order for Columbus County to be competitive.
11. **Lisa Nance, a concerned citizen,** requested the Boards of Education to discontinue alternative schools and keep sports in the schools alive.
12. **Larry Moore, Social Services Director,** commented on the following items:
- a. The long-term disability insurance for employees has been cut from the Proposed 2001-2002 Operating Budget and stated he has four (4) employees with cancer who will be needing this type of benefit.
 - b. You have already taken \$45.00 from the employees by taking their \$35.00 Christmas Bonus and \$10.00 flu vaccine;
 - c. Columbus County ranks 103 in salaries out of 125 state reporting agencies; and
 - d. It is not fair to take away benefits from County employees to balance the budget.
13. **Sergeant R. Jacobs, representing the JROTC,** stated the students have respect for the JROTC Program and are striving to be better citizens. We do not want to see this program taken away from the students.

Commissioner Dutton clarified that it is the school system that has proposed specific program cuts, not commissioners, and he hopes the Legislature will provide some of the funds the County needs.

Commissioner Memory stated he does not want to see programs cut, but it is his job to keep taxes as low as possible.

Commissioner McKenzie stated he works for the people and he is not here to eliminate jobs. Commissioner McKenzie stated he will ponder in his heart all the concerns he has heard tonight.

Commissioner Jacobs stated he is not looking for any help from Raleigh. We have heard an overwhelming voice that if we have to raise taxes to continue programs, the people are willing. One year of drastic cuts can undo what it has taken previous boards thirty (30) years to build.

Commissioner Norris reported he does not want to see cuts in the JROTC Program and sports for the kids. This measure would help put kids on the streets.

Commissioner Britt assured the crowd that the Board has heard them loud and clear and will take their concerns into consideration.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

At 8:07 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to close the Public Hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING - REGARDING THE CLOSING OF SOUTH FRONT STREET
IN NEW BERLIN TOWNSITE**

Chairman Britt called the Public Hearing to order regarding the closing of approximately 50 feet in width and approximately 330 feet in length and is known as South Front Street in New Berlin Townsite in Ransom Township and requested anyone in attendance to speak for or against the issue.

There were no comments.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

At 8:10 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to close the Public Hearing.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING COMMENCED

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

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

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

and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes for May 17, 23, June 4 and 6, 2001 Board Meetings, as recorded

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

Tax Releases:

Release the Property Value in the name of Gore, Charles Pressie. Release the value of a house and the Whiteville rescue fee. The house was torn down in 1999. Amount \$153.80, Value \$12,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-33510, Bill # 92925.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williamson Convenience Store. Release the property value that is double listed in the name of J.B. Hammond. Amount \$76.55, Value \$9,665.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-30120, Bill # 20032.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fairley, Alexander. Release value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Annie Fairley. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1998, Account # 16-00433, Bill # 47288.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fairley, Alexander. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Annie Fairley. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1999, Account # 16-00433, Bill # 8982.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fairley, Alexander. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Annie Fairley. Amount \$144.05, Value \$2,406.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-00433, Bill # 89997.

Release the Property Value in the name of Freeman, Meller. Release the value of a mobile home and the Hallsboro Fire fee that is double listed in the name of Frances Miller. Amount \$199.48, Value \$8,680.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-00947, Bill # 91631.

Release the Property Value in the name of Day, Sonja L. Release value of mobile home and the Klondyke Fire fee that was repossessed in 1999. Amount \$453.64, Value \$41,600.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-10361, Bill # 88111.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jackson, Sherry Lynn. Release the property value and the Cole Service fee that is double listed in the name of Jimmy Lynn Packer.

Amount \$487.44, Value \$44,200.00, Year 2000, Account # 10-09403, Bill # 97991.

Release the Property Value in the name of McKeithan, Sadie (Etal). Release the value of a house and the Brunswick fire fee, that burned prior to 1-1-2000. Amount \$188.99, Value \$8,100.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-15882, Bill # 2648.

Release the Property Value in the name of Pearson, Mary M. Release a portion of the value of a mobile home and the Acme Delco fire fee. Home was listed as a double wide instead of a single wide. Amount \$250.16, Value \$14,900.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-29339, Bill # 6606.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, April. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Customer purchased a permit but never bought the home. Amount \$225.24, Value \$21,010.00, Year 1998, Account # 01-03754, Bill # 29869.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williams, Adam & Rebecca. Release the value of a mobile home and the Acme Delco fee. Home was sold June 1999. Amount \$291.14, Value \$17,980.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-04944, Bill # 19189.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, April. Release the value of a mobile home. Customer purchased permit but never bought the home. Amount \$267.32, Value \$17,970.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-03754, Bill # 11723.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Gina. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Michael Smith. Amount \$317.14, Value \$24,260.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-33441, Bill # 12004.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Richard. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Customer purchased permit but never bought home. Amount \$198.06, Value \$19,309.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-05737, Bill # 30759.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Richard. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Permit was purchased but customer never bought the home. Amount \$211.27, Value \$17,970.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-05737, Bill # 12353.

Release the Property Value in the name of Spivey, Ralph W. Release the deferred tax and the Yam City fee. Property was transferred to a family member. Amount \$815.08, Value

\$102,976.00, Year 1997, Account # 16-13580, Bill # 49391.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fisher, Richard. Release a portion of the property value including \$12.00 Roseland Fire fee, and \$4.00 Whiteville Rescue fee. Customer failed to receive the senior citizens exemption. Amount \$160.00, Value \$20,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-00152, Bill # 90555.

Release the Property Value in the name of Spivey, Ralph W. Release the deferred tax and the Yam City fee. Property was transferred to a family member. Amount \$790.23, Value \$99,400.00, Year 1998, Account # 16-13580, Bill # 49392.

Release the Property Value in the name of Spivey, Ralph W. Release the deferred tax and the Yam City fee. Property was transferred to a family member. Amount \$790.23, Value \$99,400.00, Year 1999, Account # 16-13580, Bill # 49393.

Release the Property Value in the name of Spivey, Ralph W. Release the deferred tax and the Yam City fee. Property was transferred to a family member. Amount \$790.23, Value \$95,950.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-13580, Bill # 49394.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, April. Release the value of a mobile home. Customer purchased a permit but never bought the home. Amount \$247.62, Value \$19,309.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-03754, Bill # 30141.

Release the Special District in the name of Davis, Juanita. Release the Evergreen fire district fee. Property is double listed in the name of Forest Home. Amount \$25.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-04810, Bill # 88059.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Johnny. House vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1997, Account # 14-06031, Bill # 45886.

Release the User Fee in the name of Anvil Knitwear, Inc. They have a commercial hauler. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-00971, Bill # 79965.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bracey, Kenneth R.. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-03640, Bill # 82676.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bracey, Kenneth R. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$285.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-03640, Bill # 82677.

Release the User Fee in the name of Burney, J.H. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-07720, Bill # 84252.

Release the User Fee in the name of Davis, Juanita. User fee double listed in the name of Forest Horne. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-04810, Bill # 88059.

Release the User Fee in the name of Dudney, Rayland. Trash can never delivered. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 16-03661, Bill # 30165.

Release the User Fee in the name of Dudney, Rayland. Trash can never delivered. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 16-03661, Bill # 7672.

Release the User Fee in the name of Dudney, Rayland. Trash can never delivered. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-03661, Bill # 88669.

Release the User Fee in the name of Addison, Glenda. Never received trash can. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 19-01801, Bill # 57703.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Johnny. House vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 14-06031, Bill # 50344.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Johnny. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 14-06031, Bill # 12143.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Johnny. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-06031, Bill # 93182.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Johnny & Martha. House is vacant. Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1995, Account # 14-06030, Bill # 2805.

Release the User Fee in the name of McDuffie, Priscilla A. This is a vacant lot. House burned. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-01611, Bill # 2505.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stevens, Sherri Sue. House vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-38210, Bill # 14080.

Release the User Fee in the name of Thompson, Ralph G.S. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-94540, Bill # 15612.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williams, Alfonza L. House is vacant. Amount

\$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 02-06844, Bill # 74771.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williams, Alfonza L. House is vacant. Amount

\$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 02-06844, Bill # 37378.

Release the User Fee in the name of Sinkler, Mae. User fee double listed in the same name on account # 01-02312. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 19-05760, Bill # 57694.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williams, Alfonza L. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 02-06844, Bill # 19191.

Budget Amendments:

Increase	10-348-2000 JCPC Special Adoption	\$ 6,160
Expend	10-700-9600 JCPC Special Adoption	\$ 6,160
Increase	10-348-1685 Specialized Child Adoption	\$32,000
Expend	10-700-9610 Specialized Child Adoption	\$32,000
Increase	10-348-2300 Smart Start	\$12,000
Expend	10-613-7010 Purchase of Services - CCPC	\$12,000
Revenues	Fire Districts in excess of budgeted amount:	
	37-310-0000 Evergreen	\$ 1,650
	38-310-0000 St. James	\$ 900
	39-310-0000 North Whiteville	\$ 4,110
	41-310-0000 Old Dock	\$ 1,650
	42-310-0000 Hallsboro	\$ 300
	43-310-0000 Roseland	\$ 1,200
	44-310-0000 Yam City	\$ 6,500
	45-310-0000 Acme Delco	\$ 5,000
	48-310-0000 Cerro Gordo	\$ 1,850
	49-310-0000 Williams	\$ 2,800
	52-310-0000 Whiteville Rescue	\$ 1,700

Expenditures Fire Districts in excess of budgeted amount:

	37-700-9200 Evergreen	\$ 1,650
	38-700-9200 St James	\$ 900
	39-700-9200 North Whiteville	\$ 4,110
	41-700-9200 Old Dock	\$ 1,650
	42-700-9200 Hallsboro	\$ 300
	43-700-9200 Roseland	\$ 1,200
	44-700-9200 Yam City	\$ 6,500
	45-700-9200 Acme Delco	\$ 5,000
	48-700-9200 Cerro Gordo	\$ 1,850
	49-700-9200 Williams	\$ 2,800
	52-700-9200 Whiteville Rescue	\$ 1,700

AGING - NUTRITION BID ACCEPTED

Ed Worley, Aging Director, reported that only one (1) bid was received from the re-advertisement for bids for Congregate Sites and home delivered meals from Bateman, a Division of Compass Group in the amount of \$189,145.35 and requested the Board to award the bid to Bateman.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to approve awarding the Congregate Sites and home delivered meals bid in the amount of \$189,147.35 to Bateman, a Division of Compass Group for Fiscal Year 2001-2002.

HEALTH - REQUEST TO CONTINUE RENTAL OF POST OFFICE BOX APPROVAL

Marian Duncan, Health Director, addressed the Board regarding a memorandum from the Administration Office notifying all County Offices to cancel post office boxes when renewal is due and what a hardship and additional cost this action will be on the Health Department and requested the Board to allow their Department to continue renting their post office box.

Ms. Duncan also reported she is losing staff due to rumors regarding the lack of funds, funding cuts and a reduction in staff in order to balance the 2001-2002 Operating Budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to allow all departments who have post office boxes to continue renting the post office boxes.

TAX - RELEASE DISCOVERY PENALTY INTEREST

Richard Gore, Tax Administrator, requested the Board to release the Discovery Penalty Interest in the amount of \$381.40 on Melvin D. Gerald, Account #16-05083 due to a calculation error in the Tax Office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commission McKenzie and passed unanimously to approve the Tax Office to release the Discovery Penalty Interest in the amount of \$381.40 on Melvin D. Gerald, Account #16-05083, due to a calculation error in the Tax Office.

APPOINTMENTS - TAX ADMINISTRATOR/ASSESSOR AND DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Memory and passed unanimously to appoint Richard Gore to serve as Tax Administrator/Assessor and Shirley Settlemyre to serve as Deputy /Tax Collector for two (2) year terms, expiring June 30, 2003.

CAPE FEAR SENTENCING - PROPOSED 2001-2002 BUDGET CUTS

Jeffrey A. Melton, District Administrator, presented the Board with information about the Cape Fear Sentencing Services and requested the Board to consider appropriating the \$4,500 as requested in the Proposed 2001-2002 Operating Budget.

Chairman Britt advised Mr. Melton the request has been cut from the Proposed 2001-2002 Operating Budget due to the budget constraints the County is facing.

ADAMS COMPANY - CHAF BID AWARDS

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to award the 2000 Columbus County CHAF Group 4 to the contractors as listed at the following bid prices.

Unit	Contractor	Bid Price
00-04	Millers Builders	\$10,600
00-20	Lloyd Wilson	\$23,455
00-92	Bundy's Home Improvement	\$7,330
00-100	Millers Builders	\$28,575
00-565	Hallmark Construction	\$13,000

ADAMS COMPANY - RESOLUTION APPROVED DESIGNATING SPRUELL R. BRITT AS THE DESIGNATED AGENT FOR THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution designating Spruell R. Britt, Commission Chairman, as the designated agent for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County that

Spruell R. Britt, Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute for and in behalf of the County of Columbus, a public entity established under the laws of the State of North Carolina this application and to file it in the appropriate State office for the purpose of obtaining certain Federal financial assistance under the Disaster Relief Act (Public Law 288, 93rd Congress) or otherwise available from the President's Disaster Relief Fund.

THAT the County of Columbus, a public entity established under the laws of the State of North Carolina, hereby authorizes its agent to provide to the State and to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for all matters pertaining to such Federal disaster assistance the assurance and agreements printed on the reverse side hereof.

Passed and approved this 18th day of June, 2001.

Spruell R. Britt, Commission Chairman

I, Ida L. Smith, duly appointed and Clerk to the Board of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and approved by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County on the 18th day of June 2001.

/s/ Ida L. Smith

Clerk to the Board

ADAMS COMPANY - DEMOLITION COSTS APPROVAL

Floyd Adams, P.E., representing the Adams Company, addressed the Board regarding the 2000 Columbus County CHAF R-2 replacements (mobile homes) and requested the Board to allow him to negotiate with the manufactured home dealer who sells the new mobile home to the family for demolition costs of the existing unit at a maximum allowance of \$1,000.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to allow Floyd Adams, representing the Adams Company, to negotiate demolition costs on an existing unit with the manufactured home dealer, when a home is being replaced by a new unit, not to exceed \$1,000.00 on a case by case basis.

AIRPORT - GRANT AGREEMENT APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner

McKenzie and passed unanimously to approve a Grant Agreement between The N.C. Department of Transportation and Columbus County for the Columbus County Airport, Project #9.9943010, and adopt the following Resolution regarding Columbus County Airport NDB Rehabilitation and Installation. The fully executed Grant Agreement will be on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Bill Memory and seconded by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie for the adoption of the following Resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly accepted.

WHEREAS, a Grant in the amount of \$30,000 has been approved by the Department based on total estimated cost of \$33,333; and

WHEREAS, an amount equal to or greater than ten percent (10%) of the total estimated project cost has been appropriated by the Sponsor of this Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners of the Sponsor be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Department, thereby binding the Sponsor to the fulfillment of its obligation incurred under this Grant Agreement or any mutually agreed upon modification thereof.

I, Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board, of the County of Columbus, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of the County of Columbus of a meeting duly and regularly held on the 18th day of June 2001.

This 19th day of June 2001.

(SEAL)

/s/ Ida L. Smith

Clerk to Board, County of Columbus

**RESOLUTION - COUNTY SCHOOLS REQUEST TO TRANSFER CAPITAL
OUTLAY TO CURRENT EXPENSE TABLED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to table the request to allow the transfer of \$230,807 from Capital Outlay to Current Expense for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 for the Columbus County Schools until

detailed information regarding expenditures is provided to the Board.

**ORDINANCE (PROHIBITING NOISES) - APPROVAL TO REPLACE NOISE
ORDINANCE THAT WAS ADOPTED 5-4-92**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to replace the Ordinance Prohibiting Noises that was adopted May 4, 1992 with the following Ordinance Prohibiting Noises.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING NOISES**

OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

**BE IT UNANIMOUSLY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:**

(a) Subject to the provisions of this ordinance, the creation of any unreasonably loud and disturbing noise in Columbus County and outside the corporate limits of any town is hereby prohibited and unlawful. Noise of such character, intensity, and duration as to be detrimental to the life or health of any individual is hereby prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue, or cause to be made or continued any loud or unusual noise or any noise which annoys, disrupts, injures, or endangers the health, safety, comfort, and welfare of other citizens within the County of Columbus and outside of any corporate limits.

(b) The following acts are declared to be loud and/or disruptive noises in violation of this ordinance, but such enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive, and the acts herein enumerated are found to be annoying to the public and contrary to the health, safety, comfort, and welfare of the people and each is declared to be a nuisance:

1. **Blowing Horns.** The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motor vehicle, motorcycle, or other vehicle on any street or public highway of the County of Columbus except as a danger sounding device only; the creation by means of a signaling device of any loud or harsh sound; the sounding of such device for any unreasonable period of time; the use of a horn, whistle, or other device operated by engine exhaust; the use of such signaling device when the traffic for any reason is held up or not flowing in a normal manner;
2. **Yelling, Shouting, Hooting.** Whistling or singing on the public streets or highways, or public vehicular area between the hours of 11:00 o'clock PM and 7:00 o'clock AM or at any other time or place so as to annoy or disrupt the quiet, comfort, or repose of any person in any office, dwelling, hotel, or other

type of residence, or any of the persons in the said vicinity of those locations.

3. **Defect in Vehicle or Load.** The use of any automobile, motorcycle, or other vehicles so out of repair, so loaded, or in such a manner as to create a loud or unreasonable grating, grinding, rattling, or other noise.
4. **Excessive Noises Near Churches.** The creation of any excessive noise on any street or public highway adjacent to any church which disturbs or unreasonably interferes with the working of the institution or the conducting of the religious activities contained therein.
5. **Radios or Phonographs, etc.** The using, operating or permitting to be played or used or operated any radio or television, receiver set, musical instrument, phonograph, or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound in such manner as to disrupt the peace, quiet or comfort of the neighboring inhabitants or at any time louder volume than is necessary for the convenient hearing of the persons who are in the room, vehicle, or chamber in which such machine or device is operated and who are voluntary listeners thereto. The operation of such set, instrument, phonograph, machine, or device between the hours of 11:00 o'clock PM and 7:00 o'clock AM in such a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of fifty (50) feet from the building, structure, or vehicle in which it is located shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.
6. **Live Music. Jukeboxes. and Similar Musical Instrument.** It shall be unlawful for any person or group of persons to play musical instruments, either individually or as a live band, or to play or permit to be played, in any place of business or amusement hall in the County of Columbus, any jukeboxes or similar musical instruments in violation of any of the following regulations:
 - a. No musical instrument or live band shall be played under any conditions between the hours of 1:00 o'clock AM and 7:00 o'clock AM and no musical instrument shall be played under any condition at any time when the volume of such instrument is sufficient to disrupt the public.
 - b. Jukeboxes and similar musical instruments shall be allowed to play seven (7) days per week between the hours of 7:00 o'clock AM and 1:00 o'clock AM in enclosed buildings only.
 - c. All persons keeping or maintaining a jukebox or similar musical instrument in the place of business or amusement hall in the County of Columbus shall keep the volume of such instrument turned down at all

times, so that the sound of the said instrument shall not disrupt the public.

- (7) The provisions of this section shall not apply to public schools, official school functions or present churches, to warning signals required by law for vehicles on highways, streets, or railroads, or to whistles at mills or factories, or to policemen, firemen, or other public officials while in performance of their official duties or to anyone responding to public emergencies or protecting the public safety.
- (8) **Pets.** The keeping of any animal or bird, which, causing frequent or long continued noise, shall disturb the comfort or repose of any person in the vicinity.
- (9) **Loudspeakers or Magnifier.** It shall be unlawful for any person to speak into a loudspeaker or magnifier when such loudspeaker or magnifier is so adjusted that the volume of the magnifier or speaker is extended to the extent audibly in excess of 150 feet from the person speaking.
- (10) Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor and shall be fined not in excess of Five (\$500.00) Dollars and/or imprisoned not exceeding twenty (20) days.
- (11) Should any word, phrase, sentence, or paragraph be deemed to be unconstitutional or in violation of state or federal law, then the remainder of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 18th day of June 2001.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

/s/ Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

**WATER & SEWER DISTRICT V - APPROVAL OF CANVASS AND
DECLARATION OF RESULTS OF BOND REFERENDUM**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to approve the following documents regarding the canvass and declaration of the results of the Water & Sewer District V Bond Referendum.

The Columbus County Board of Elections, in Columbus County, North Carolina, met in special session at the office of said Board at 715 North Legion Drive, Suite A, in Whiteville, North Carolina, at 11 o'clock A.M., on June 1, 2001 with the following members

present:

Present: Chairman Robert E. Sessions, presiding, and Jessie Graham and C. Franklin Stanley, Jr.

Absent: None.

At 11 o'clock A.M., the Columbus County Board of Elections met and received from the judges and other officers of election for the several precincts in the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, the returns of the special bond referendum held in said District on May 29, 2001 upon the question of approving \$5,705,000 Water Bonds of said District.

After said returns had been canvassed by the Columbus County Board of Elections, Jessie Graham introduced the following resolution which was read:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CANVASS OF THE RETURNS OF THE SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM HELD IN THE COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT V, IN COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, ON MAY 29, 2001 UPON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING \$5,705,000 WATER BONDS AND DETERMINING THE RESULT THEREOF

BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbus County Board of Elections:

Section 1. The returns of the special bond referendum held in the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V on May 29, 2001 upon the question of approving \$5,705,000 Water Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V having been received from the proper election officers and having been canvassed, this Board has found and determined and does hereby declare:

(a) That each election officer for said referendum was duly qualified by law and had taken the necessary oath.

(b) That the election officers had incorporated in their returns not only the number of votes cast for and against the question submitted, but also the number of voters registered and qualified to vote in each precinct in said referendum.

(c) That at said referendum there was submitted to the qualified voters of said District the following question:

Shall the order adopted on April 2, 2001, authorizing not exceeding \$5,705,000 Water Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for constructing a water system of said District, within and without the corporate limits of said District, including the construction and installation of wells, water treatment facilities, an elevated

water storage tank, water mains and lines and appurtenant facilities and the acquisition of necessary land, rights of way and equipment, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

(d) That no complaints have been made to this Board against the regularity of said referendum.

(e) That said referendum and the registration therefor were duly and properly held in accordance with law.

Section 2. The following schedule correctly shows the designations of the several precincts at which said referendum was held and, as to each precinct, the location of the voting place, the number of voters registered and qualified to vote, the number of votes cast in favor of the question submitted and the number of votes cast against such question; the number of election day transfer ballots cast in favor of such question and the number of election day transfer ballots cast against such question; the number of absentee ballots cast in favor of such question and the number of absentee ballots cast against such question; the number of provisional ballots cast in favor of such question and the number of provisional ballots cast against such question; and the totals of such numbers:

Precinct	Voting Place	Voters Registered and Qualified to Vote	\$5,705,000 Water Bonds	
			Votes For	Votes Against
Bug Hill 1	Riverside Baptist Church Highway 904 15838 Swampfox Highway E. Tabor City, North Carolina	411	76	12
Bug Hill 2	Guideway School 11570 Swampfox Highway E. Tabor City, North Carolina	437	88	15
Bug Hill 3	Nakina Rescue Building 214 Ramsey Ford Road Nakina, North Carolina	494	53	40
West Lees	VFW Hut Road 1006 4604 Ervin T. Richardson Rd. Nakina, North Carolina	507	31	45
East Lees	Old Dock Community Building 1282 New Britton Highway Whiteville, North Carolina	692	32	29
	Election day transfer ballots		-0-	-0-
	Absentee ballots		10	-0-
	Provisional ballots		3	-0-

Totals	2541	293	141
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Section 3. From the canvass made, this Board does hereby determine and certify:

(a) That 2541 voters were registered and qualified to vote.

(b) That at said referendum 293 votes were cast for the order adopted on April 2, 2001, authorizing not exceeding \$5,705,000 Water Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for constructing a water system of said District, within and without the corporate limits of said District, including the construction and installation of wells, water treatment facilities, an elevated water storage tank, water mains and lines and appurtenant facilities and the acquisition of necessary land, rights of way and equipment, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 141 votes were cast against said order, and that a majority of the qualified voters of said District who voted thereon at said referendum voted in favor of said order.

Section 4. The Director of Elections is hereby directed to transmit immediately a certified copy of this resolution to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus. Upon motion of Jessie Graham, seconded by C. Franklin Stanley, Jr., the foregoing resolution was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 3

Noes: 0

I, Annie Ruth Buffkin, Director of Elections for the Columbus County Board of Elections, in Columbus County, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing has been carefully copied from the recorded minutes of said Board, at a meeting held on June 1, 2001, at the office of said Board at 715 North Legion Drive, Suite A, in Whiteville, North Carolina, said record having been made in Minute Book No. 5 of the minutes of said Board, beginning at page 97 and ending at page 102, and is a true copy of so much of said proceedings of said Board as relates in any way to the canvass of the returns of the special bond referendum held in the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V on May 29, 2001 upon the question of approving \$5,705,000 Water Bonds of said District.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that the Chairman of said Board duly notified or caused to be notified each member of said Board of said meeting and that, at least 48 hours before said meeting, notice of said meeting, signed by the Chairman of said Board and stating that a special meeting of said Board would be held at 11 o'clock A.M. on June 1, 2001, at the office of said Board at 715 North Legion Drive, Suite A, in Whiteville, North

Carolina, concerning the canvass of the returns of the special bond referendum held on May 29, 2001 in the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, upon the question of approving \$5,705,000 Water Bonds of said District, was posted on the principal bulletin board of said Board and mailed or delivered to each newspaper, wire service, radio station, television station and person that had filed with me a written request for notice pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.12.

WITNESS my hand this 1st day of June 2001.

/s/ Annie Ruth Buffkin

Director of Elections

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, was held in the Commissioners' Chambers on the Second Floor of the Columbus County Courthouse Annex at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 7:30 P.M. on June 18, 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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The Board of Commissioners received from the Columbus County Board of Elections a certified copy of the proceedings of said Board of Elections taken on June 1, 2001, evidencing said Board's determination of the result of the canvass of the returns of the special bond referendum held in the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V on May 29, 2001 upon the question of approving \$5,705,000 Water Bonds of said District.

After said proceedings had been considered and reviewed by the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Lynwood Norris introduced the following resolution which was read:

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE RESULT OF THE SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM HELD IN THE COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT V, IN COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, ON MAY 29, 2001 UPON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING \$5,705,000 WATER BONDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus:

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus having received from the Columbus County Board of Elections a certified copy of the proceedings of said Board of Elections taken on June 1, 2001, evidencing said Board's determination of the result of the canvass of the returns of the special bond referendum held in the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V on May 29, 2001 upon the question of approving

\$5,705,000 Water Bonds of said District, does hereby declare and certify the result of said referendum to be the result which is set forth in the following statement of the result of said referendum, which statement has been prepared by said Board of Commissioners:

STATEMENT OF THE RESULT
of the
SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM
held in the
COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT V,
IN COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,
on May 29, 2001
UPON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING
\$5,705,000 WATER BONDS

At a special bond referendum held in the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V on May 29, 2001, 2541 voters were registered and qualified to vote.

At said referendum 293 votes were cast for the order adopted on April 2, 2001, authorizing not exceeding \$5,705,000 Water Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for constructing a water system of said District, within and without the corporate limits of said District, including the construction and installation of wells, water treatment facilities, an elevated water storage tank, water mains and lines and appurtenant facilities and the acquisition of necessary land, rights of way and equipment, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 141 votes were cast against said order, and a majority of the qualified voters of said District who voted thereon at said referendum voted in favor of said order.

Board of Commissioners for the
County of Columbus, North Carolina

Section 2. The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners shall file a copy of the foregoing statement of the result of said referendum in her office and shall publish such statement once in The News-Reporter. A statement in substantially the following form shall be published with the foregoing statement:

Any action or proceeding challenging the regularity or validity of this bond referendum must be begun within 30 days after [date of publication].

Board of Commissioners for the
County of Columbus, North Carolina

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Section 3. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Upon motion of Commissioner Lynwood Norris, seconded by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie, the foregoing resolution entitled: **“RESOLUTION DECLARING THE RESULT OF THE SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM HELD IN THE COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT V, IN COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, ON MAY 29, 2001 UPON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING \$5,705,000 WATER BONDS”** was passed by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

I, Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing has been carefully copied from the recorded minutes of said Board at a regular meeting held on June 18, 2001, said record having been made in Minute Book No. 26 of the minutes of said Board, beginning at page 407 and ending at page 409, and is a true copy of so much of said proceedings of said Board as relates in any way to the declaration of the result of the special bond referendum held on May 29, 2001 upon the question of approving \$5,705,000 Water Bonds of said District.

I HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that a copy of the statement of the result of the referendum adopted by the resolution set forth in the foregoing transcript has been filed in my office.

I 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 pursuant to G.S. §143-318.12, as of a date not less than seven days before said meeting.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County this 18th day of June 2001.

/s/ Ida L. Smith

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

FINANCE COMMITTEE - REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR GASOLINE FOR COUNTY VEHICLES

Commissioners Wilson, McKenzie and Dutton, Finance Committee Members, recommended the Board to consider advertising for bids for gasoline used in all County vehicles.

The Board concurred to direct John E. Whitehurst, Interim County Administrator, to devise a fuel maintenance program and present to the Board for their approval.

APPOINTMENTS - AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to reappoint the following persons to serve on the Aging Advisory Council for three (3) year terms expiring, June 30, 2004:

Louise Hilburn, Lake Waccamaw, NC

Ben Douglas, Lake Waccamaw, NC

APPOINTMENT - TOWN OF BRUNSWICK PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF

ADJUSTMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to reappoint Caletta Faulk to serve on the Brunswick Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment as the extraterritorial member for a one (1) year term, expiring May 17, 2002.

APPOINTMENT - TOWN OF CHADBOURN PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to reappoint Felton Grainger to serve on the Chadbourn Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment as the extraterritorial member for the remainder of a three (3) year term, expiring February 2003.

APPOINTMENTS - DEPARTMENT OF AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

The following reappointments were made to serve on the Department of Aging Advisory Council by the Board of Commissioners for their respective zones for three (3) year terms, expiring June 30, 2004.

Zone	Commissioner	Appointment
1	Amon E. McKenzie	Bernice Pierce
2	C.E. Wilson	Barbara Featherson
3	Sammie Jacobs	Connie P. Young
4	Bill Memory	Betty Ann Smith
5	Lynwood Norris	Margaret Jo Willoughby
6	Spruell R. Britt	Dr. Floyd Enzor Shirley Butler

APPOINTMENTS - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The following reappointments were made to serve on the Economic Development Commission Board by the Board of Commissioners for their respective zones for three (3) year terms, expiring June 30, 2004.

Zone	Commissioner	Appointment
3	Sammie Jacobs	Haynes Graham
6	Spruell R. Britt	Samuel G. Koonce

APPOINTMENTS - HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT FOR AGING SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

The following reappointments were made to serve on the Home and Community Care Block Grant for Aging Services by the Board of Commissioners for their respective zones for three (3) year terms, expiring June 30, 2004.

Zone	Commissioner	Appointment
1	Amon E. McKenzie	Lloyd D. Best, Jr. C.W. Williams
2	C.E. Wilson	Barbara Sasser Ed Worley
3	Sammie Jacobs	Richard Wilson Roscoe Jacobs, Sr.
4	Bill Memory	T. Ben Douglas Louise Hilburn
5	Lynwood Norris	Clyde Gore
6	Spruell R. Britt	Lester Drew

APPOINTMENT - HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Commissioner David L. Dutton, Jr., reappointed Janice Eulean Gore to serve on the Housing Advisory Committee for a two (2) year term to represent Zone 7.

APPOINTMENT - JURY COMMISSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to reappoint J.B. Evans to serve on the Jury Commission for a two year term, expiring June 30, 2003.

APPOINTMENTS - JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

The following appointments were made to serve on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council by the Board of Commissioners for their respective zones for two (2) year terms, expiring June 30, 2003.

Zone	Commissioner	Appointment
1	Amon E. McKenzie	Anthony "Andy" Anderson
2	C.E. Wilson	James Prevatte
3	Sammie Jacobs	Nakoma Simmons
5	Lynwood Norris	Judy Gore Spivey
6	Spruell R. Britt	Brenda J. Moore
7	David L. Dutton, Jr.	Rodney "Sonny" Hammonds

APPOINTMENT - LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Commissioner C. E. Wilson appointed Bob Young to serve on the Library Board of Trustees for the remainder of the term that was vacated by Linda Williamson, to represent Zone 2, with term expiring June 30, 2003.

APPOINTMENTS - PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

The following reappointments were made to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board by the Board of Commissioners for their respective zones for three (3) year terms, expiring June 30, 2004.

Zone	Commissioner	Appointment
4	Bill Memory	Gary Smith
5	Lynwood Norris	Gregory Cox

APPOINTMENT - SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Commissioner Lynwood Norris reappointed Dr. John C. Williams to serve on the Southeastern Community College Board of Directors to represent Zone 5 for a four (4) year term, expiring June 30, 2005.

APPOINTMENTS - TABOR CITY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to reappoint the following persons to serve on the Tabor City Board of Adjustments as extraterritorial members for three (3) year terms, expiring April 2004.

Johnny Jernigan, Jr.

Jimmy Hewett

HIGHWAY 74 NAME CHANGE REQUEST

Commissioner Sammie Jacobs commented regarding the request from Robert Chavis, Vice Chief of the Tuscarora, East of the Mountains, requesting the Board to consider approving the name change of U.S. 74 from Andrew Jackson Highway to American Indian Highway and requested that he contact Mr. Greg Richardson, representing the North Carolina Department of Indian Affairs regarding Mr. Chavis' request.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Memory and passed unanimously to approve Commissioner Jacobs to contact Mr. Greg Richardson representing the North Carolina Department of Indian Affairs and request a position statement from them regarding Mr. Robert Chavis' request.

RESOLUTION - ROAD CLOSING NEW BERLIN TOWNSITE

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

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

**IN THE MATTER OF CLOSING
PORTION OF SOUTH FRONT STREET
RANSOM TOWNSHIP**

At a Proposed Secondary Road Public Hearing of the Columbus County Board of

Commissioners held on June 18, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. in the Columbus County Commissioners Office in the City of Whiteville, which meeting was held for the purpose of adopting an Order pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S 153A-241 on the question of permanently closing a portion of South Front Street in Ransom Township described in the Resolution adopted by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners on May 7, 2001, which Resolution was published in the News Reporter pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-241 for four (4) consecutive weeks, beginning May 14, 2001, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners finds as a fact: That at the public hearing held on June 18, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Columbus County Commissioners Office in the County Administrative Building in the City of Whiteville, there was no opposition to closing a portion of South Front Street in Ransom Township described below that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners is satisfied that closing a portion of South Front Street in Ransom Township is not contrary in the public interest and that no individual owning property in the vicinity of the road would thereby be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property and that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners by unanimous vote is of the opinion that the following Order is proper and should be made and that the same is made by it in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Columbus County, and the closing is not contrary to the public interest.

IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, ORDERED that a portion of South Front Street in Ransom Township described below be and the same is hereby ordered closed permanently pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 153A-241 and the area permanently closed is described as follows:

A portion of South Front Street which measures 50 feet by 330 feet and being the area in front of Lots 20 through 11 of Block H of the Newberlin Townsite as shown on map recorded in Map Book N-1, page 242, Columbus County Registry, said property being located in Ransom Township, Columbus County, North Carolina.

Unanimously adopted this 18th day of June 2001.

/s/ Randy Britt, Chairperson

Columbus County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk

MEETING RECESSED TO WATER & SEWER DISTRICT IV AUTHORITY MEETING

At 9:30 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to recess the regular Board Meeting to act as the Columbus County Water & Sewer District Authority for Water & Sewer District IV.

ADJOURN WATER & SEWER DISTRICT WATER AUTHORITY MEETING

At 9:35 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to adjourn the Columbus County Water & Sewer District Authority Meeting and resume regular session.

The Minutes of the Water & Sewer District IV Authority Meeting are recorded in the Water & Sewer District IV Minute Book.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

Immediately, thereafter, Chairman Britt called the regular Board Meeting back to order.

REQUEST FROM DANNY SIMMONS

Danny Simmons, a farmer, addressed the Board regarding the proposed tax increase and requested the Board to not raise property taxes.

ADMINISTRATION - SBI INVESTIGATION REQUEST APPROVED

Commissioner Memory stated that through the allegations and accusations that have been published in the News Reporter involving road work, landfill contracts and thefts of disaster supplies with the Columbus County Government, he offered the following motion:

A motion was made by Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed to request Chairman Britt contact District Attorney Rex Gore requesting the State Board of Investigation (SBI) to do a formal investigation regarding

articles pertaining to reported irregularities involving road work, landfill contracts and thefts of disaster supplies with the Columbus County Government

Ayes: Commissioners McKenzie, Norris, Britt, Memory, Wilson and Dutton.

Noes: Commissioner Jacobs.

BOARD MEETING RECESSED

At 9:45 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Dutton to recess the Board Meeting until 7:00 P.M., June 26, 2001.
