

COLUMBUS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in the Columbus County Courthouse Annex, Commissioners' Chambers, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, NC 28472, at 7:00 P.M., July 16, 2001, for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the Proposed Secondary Road Construction Program presented by the North Carolina Department of Transportation for Fiscal Year 2001-2002.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

Sammie Jacobs, Vice Chairman

David L. Dutton, Jr.

Amon E. McKenzie

Bill Memory (Arrived at 7:12 P.M.)

Lynwood Norris

C.E. Wilson

James E. Hill, Jr.
County Attorney

John E. Whitehurst
Interim County Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

MEMBERS OF THE N.C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PRESENT:

Robert Crumpler, District Engineer

Fred Edwards, Division Maintenance Engineer

Ken Murphy, Division Maintenance Engineer

Ken Clark, Assistant District Engineer

D.M. "Mack" Campbell, Jr., District VI Board Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Approximately twenty (20) persons were in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING - DOT PROPOSED SECONDARY ROADS CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR FY 2001-2002

Chairman Britt called the Public Hearing to order and stated that the reason for the public hearing was to receive public comments in reference to the 2001-2002 Proposed Secondary Road Construction Program.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Robert Crumpler, District Engineer with the Department of Transportation, and requested that he present the Proposed Secondary Road Construction Program for Fiscal Year 2001-2002.

Mr. Crumpler thanked the Board for their attendance and read the Proposed 2001-2002 Secondary Road Construction Priority listing to the public and the amount of funds that is proposed to be expended on each state road number. Mr. Crumpler requested the Board's consideration for adopting a Resolution, if they agree with the proposal.

The proposed state allocation for Fiscal Year 2001-2002 is \$3,506,246.00.

Chairman Britt requested anyone wishing to speak in reference to the proposal to be recognized and state their name and road number.

The following persons commented in regards to specific road numbers/names:

<u>Name</u>	<u>State Road Number/ Name</u>
Lillian Grant	1518/Booker Lennon
Sherry Peal	1518/Booker Lennon
Larry Simmons	1145/Jim Jolly

COMMENTS FROM D.M. "MACK" CAMPBELL, JR., DISTRICT VI BOARD MEMBER

Mr. D.M. "Mack" Campbell, Jr., North Carolina Department of Transportation District VI Board Member, reported on the formula that is used by General Statute to establish a priority listing for each County. One of the problems we are facing is being able to obtain rights-of-way on roads that meet all criteria to be paved. Residents on the roads that are eligible for paving, need to encourage all persons owning property on the road to sign the rights-of-way in order for the road to be paved.

Mr. Campbell reported that NC Highway 130 has been approved to be widened and

resurfaced from Whiteville to the Brunswick County Line in the 2002-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

PUBLIC HEARING (DOT) CLOSED

At 7:25 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to close the Department of Transportation 2001-2002 Secondary Roads Construction Program Public Hearing.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING COMMENCED

At 7:30 P.M. Chairman Britt called the regularly scheduled Board Meeting to order and requested everyone to stand in silence for ten (10) seconds in memory of Dempsey B. Herring. 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 June 18 and 26, 2001 Board Minutes, as recorded.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

Tax Refund:

Request a refund in the name of Nance, Eula Mae, 1418 Braswell Rd., Chadbourn, NC 28431. Refund the value of a mobile home and the Klondyke Fire fee, that was traded on a double wide home in 1999. The new home is being listed on account # 13-03122. Amount \$214.67, Value \$10,320.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-04645, Bill # 4968.

Tax Releases:

Release the Property Value in the name of Fowler, Tammy. Release the value of a mobile home and the Roseland Fire fee, that was repossessed in 1996. Amount \$242.59, Value \$17,170.00, Year 1997, Account # 09-08486, Bill # 66987.

Release the Property Value in the name of Long, Ronnie Barber Service. Business double listed in the name of Ronald Long. Amount \$4.38, Value \$525.00, Year 1999, Account # 09-05824, Bill # 49550.

Release the Property Value in the name of Long, Ronnie Barber Service. Business double listed in the name of Ronald Long. Amount \$4.16, Value \$525.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-05824, Bill # 49549.

Release the Property Value in the name of Long, Ricky Adam. Release the value of a mobile home and the Hallsboro Fire fee (3.36) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (1.12). Home is double listed in the name of Kay Strawn. Amount \$174.27, Value \$5,599.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-15840, Bill # 1254.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lloyd, Marsha. Release the value of a double wide home and the Bolton fee that burned December, 1999. Amount \$567.26, Value \$56,700.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-00413, Bill # 894.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Brenda Kaye. Release value of mobile home that was sold in 1999. Amount \$142.32, Value \$2,406.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-13476, Bill # 98539.

Release the Property Value in the name of Goodman, Jerry Wayne. Release value of mobile home that is double listed in the name of Kyle Maurice Jones. Amount \$182.53, Value \$7,990.00, Year 2000, Account # 08-06964, Bill # 92824.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gause, James G. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee that is double listed in the same name with different account number. Amount \$160.17, Value \$7,650.00, Year 1999, Account # 09-09932, Bill # 11062.

Release the Property Value in the name of Long, Ronnie Barber Service. Business double listed in the name of Ronald Long. Amount \$4.75, Value \$525.00, Year 1998, Account # 09-05824, Bill # 49551.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fowler, Tammy. Release the value of a mobile home and the Roseland fee, that was repossessed in 1996. Amount \$221.34, Value \$14,610.00, Year 1999, Account # 09-08486, Bill # 10296.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gause, James G. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee that is double listed in the same name with a different account number. Amount \$183.86, Value \$7,231.00, Year 2000, Account #

09-09932, Bill # 92130.

Release the Property Value in the name of David, Doris A. Release the value of a double wide and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home burned prior to 1-1-2000. Amount \$532.94, Value \$52,300.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-02054, Bill # 87814.

Release the Property Value in the name of Creech, Willard A. Release the value of a mobile home and the Welches Creek fee that is double listed in the name of Billy Duncan. Amount \$49.84, Value \$5,664.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-04087, Bill # 87248.

Release the Property Value in the name of Britt, Kay. Release the value of a double wide and the North Whiteville fee that is double listed in the name of Mary Kay Britt. Amount \$414.04, Value \$33,200.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-08784, Bill # 82926.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bowen, James S. Mr. Bowen has never owned a mobile home. He has a site built home. Amount \$275.94, Value \$17,970.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-03640, Bill # 82542.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bellamy, Leon (Jr). Did not own mobile home until after January 1999. Amount \$159.63, Value \$7,150.00, Year 1999, Account # 03-04435, Bill # 49274.

Release the Property Value in the name of JAAC Corporation. Did not purchase business until after January 1996. Amount \$718.29, Value \$57,555.00, Year 1995, Account # 06-03058, Bill # 49545.

Release the Property Value in the name of JAAC Corporation. Did not purchase business until after January 1996. Amount \$588.53, Value \$50,301.00, Year 1996, Account # 06-03058, Bill # 49539.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fowler, Tammy. Release the value of a mobile home and the Roseland fee, that was repossessed in 1996. Amount \$241.52, Value \$13,580.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-08486, Bill # 91346.

Release the Property Value in the name of Soles & Sons Heating & Air. Release the value of the business that closed in 1997. Amount \$25.66, Value \$3,240.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-86997, Bill # 12558.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fullwood, Hilda. Release the value

of a mobile home and the Brunswick Fire fee (33.25) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (9.50) that was moved to S.C. in 1999. Amount \$509.75, Value \$47,500.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-30044, Bill # 91812.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coleman, Gary. Release the value of a mobile home that was repossessed in 1998. Amount \$183.21, Value \$7,350.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-06255, Bill # 86310.

Release the Property Value in the name of Long, Ronnie Barber Service. Business double listed in the name of Ronald Long. Amount \$5.11, Value \$525.00, Year 1997, Account # 09-05824, Bill # 49552.

Release the Property Value in the name of Soles & Sons Heating & Air. Release the value of the business and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Business was closed in 1997. Amount \$25.50, Value \$3,242.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-86997, Bill # 30951.

Release the Property Value in the name of Soles & Sons Heating & Air. Release the value of the business and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Business was closed in 1997. Amount \$31.41, Value \$4,393.00, Year 1998, Account # 01-86997, Bill # 68493.

Release the Property Value in the name of Yandle, William. Release the value of a mobile home and the Brunswick Fire fee (15.37) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (4.39). Home was repossessed in 1998. Amount \$320.66, Value \$21,960.00, Year 2000, Account # 02-09683, Bill # 20828.

Release the Property Value in the name of Strickland, Robert Brian. Release the value of a mobile home and the Cole Service fee that is double listed in the name of Brian Mitchell. Amount \$258.50, Value \$14,800.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-15231, Bill # 14601.

Release the Property Value in the name of Strickland, Robert Aaron. Release the value of a mobile home and the Cole Service fee that is double listed in the name of Brian Mitchell. Amount \$238.35, Value \$15,820.00, Year 1999, Account # 16-15231, Bill # 32934.

Release the Property Value in the name of Strickland, Robert Aaron. Release the value of a mobile home and the Cole Service fee that is double listed in the name of Brian Mitchell. Amount \$250.41, Value \$17,200.00, Year 1998, Account # 16-15231, Bill # 70455.

Release the Property Value in the name of Malpass, Gary Jason. Release the

value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Gary Malpass. Amount \$231.68, Value \$13,469.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-25633, Bill # 1649.

Release the Property Value in the name of Strickland, Robert Aaron. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Brian Mitchell. Amount \$244.87, Value \$18,950.00, Year 1997, Account # 16-15231, Bill # 81415.

Release the Property Value in the name of Long, Ronnie Barber Service. Business double listed in the name of Ronald Long. Amount \$6.56, Value \$525.00, Year 1995, Account # 09-05824, Bill # 49584.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sellers, Jerry D. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Estelle Etheridge. Amount \$110.08, Value \$1,450.00, Year 1999, Account # 09-25645, Bill # 28806.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sellers, Jerry D. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Estelle Etheridge. Amount \$140.84, Value \$2,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-25645, Bill # 10363.

Release the Property Value in the name of Strickland, Amy. Release the value of a double wide home and the Roseland Fire fee that is double listed in the name of Amy C. & Terry L. Strickland. Amount \$288.60, Value \$37,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-29681, Bill # 14293.

Release the Property Value in the name of Strickland, Robert Aaron. Release value of mobile home that is double listed in the name of Brian Mitchell. Amount \$239.71, Value \$19,200.00, Year 1996, Account # 16-15231, Bill # 81414.

Release the Property Value in the name of Long, Ronnie Barber Service. Business double listed in the name of Ronald Long. Amount \$6.15, Value \$525.00, Year 1996, Account # 09-05824, Bill # 49553.

Release the User Fee in the name of Harrelson, Larry Kent. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-13046, Bill # 95291.

Release the User Fee in the name of Tyree, Pearlle. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-01018, Bill # 16461.

Release the User Fee in the name of Pridgen, Maurice. Release a portion of the user fee. Customer lives inside the city limits of Whiteville. Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-00242, Bill # 7970.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hilbourn, Chris. Trash can never delivered. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-00346, Bill # 96195.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hinson, Craig. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-08644, Bill # 96539.

Release the User Fee in the name of Graham, Ida McKelvie. Mobile home used as storage. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-16288, Bill # 93705.

Release the User Fee in the name of Master Mart. They use a commercial hauler. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-16353, Bill # 2049.

Release the User Fee in the name of Nance, Dorothy B. Release one of two user fees. Customer only has one trash can. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-19623, Bill # 4957.

Release the User Fee in the name of Powell, Lillian Claudette. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-21228, Bill # 7470.

Release the User Fee in the name of Register, James G. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. The Registers have one house only and it is vacant. Amount \$410.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-19184, Bill # 8754.

Release the User Fee in the name of Reynoso, Juan. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-19736, Bill # 8868.

Release the User Fee in the name of Heath, Margaret B. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-17960, Bill # 95782.

Release the User Fee in the name of Tyree, Pearlie. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-01018, Bill # 34719.

Release the User Fee in the name of Whaley, Miranda. Release a portion of the

user fee. Did not have their trash can for a full year. Amount \$95.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-05041, Bill # 18719.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williamson, Byron. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-01631, Bill # 19642.

Release the User Fee in the name of Register, James. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-19180, Bill # 8748.

Release the User Fee in the name of Butler, Deleon. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-02281, Bill # 84374.

Release the User Fee in the name of Spaulding, James A. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$250.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 08-17543, Bill # 12955.

Budget Amendments:

Increase	10-348-1695 Administrative Assistance	\$ 2,401
Decrease	10-348-2300 Smart Start	(\$ 30,000)
Increase	10-348-3200 Rural General Public	\$ 444
Decrease	10-613-0500 FICA	(\$ 1)
Decrease	10-613-1810 Full-time/Part-time emp.	(\$ 1)
Increase	10-613-4910 Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 400
Increase	10-613-0600 Insurance	\$ 338
Increase	10-613-1830 Insurance - Part-time	\$ 285
Increase	10-613-1840 Disability Insurance	\$ 1,380
Decrease	10-613-1910 Accounting	(\$ 1,000)
Increase	10-613-1920 Legal	\$ 1,000
Decrease	10-613-4510 Professional Liabilities	(\$ 100)
Increase	10-613-4540 Professional Liabilities	\$ 100
Decrease	10-613-7010 Purchase of Services -CCPC	(\$30,000)
Increase	10-700-9705 Rural General Public	\$ 444
Appropriate	54-399-0000 Fund Balance	\$ 2,500
Increase	11-510-3300 Departmental Supplies	\$ 1,000
Decrease	11-510-7400 Capital Outlay	(\$ 1,000)
Decrease	54-510-7400 Capital Outlay	(\$ 4,167)
Increase	54-510-9100 Transfer to Local Law Enf. Grant	\$ 4,167
Increase	54-510-7400 Capital Outlay	\$ 2,500
Increase	10-348-3200 NCDOT Rural Operating Assistance Program	\$ 81,819

Expend as follows:

10-700-9700 ETAP-Health	\$ 13,975
10-700-9701 ETAP-Aging	\$ 14,499
10-700-9702 ETAP DSS	\$ 8,954
10-700-9703 DSS-Work First	\$ 12,028
10-700-9704 ETAP - Mental Health	\$ 14,332
10-700-9705 RGP - DOT Grant	\$ 18,031

AGING - APPROVAL FOR 2001 HOME CARE & COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to approve accepting Home Care & Community Block Grant funds in the amount of \$16,000 with a 10% match of local funding equating to \$1,778.00 which will be absorbed in the Department of Aging's 2001-2002 Budget, as requested by Ed Worley, Aging Director.

RESOLUTION - SECONDARY ROADS CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR 2001-2002 APPROVED

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

SECONDARY ROADS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners met with officials of the North Carolina Department of Transportation at a Public Hearing on July 16, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this meeting was to present to the public the proposed Secondary Roads Construction Program for Columbus County for Fiscal Year 2001-2002 from the Department of Transportation as follows:

ALLOCATION	AMOUNT
Secondary Road Construction	\$1,737,965.00
Highway Trust Fund	\$1,768,281.00
TOTAL SECONDARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION FUNDS AVAILABLE:	\$3,506,246.00

MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS:

Funds required to supplement secondary road maintenance operations. To be used for: spot stabilization of unpaved roads with stone or local materials; widening of paved secondary roads, drainage improvements; safety projects; etc.

ALLOCATION	AMOUNT
Secondary Construction	\$ 194,473.00
Highway Trust Fund	\$ 218,244.00
TOTAL MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS:	\$ 412,717.00

RESERVE for CONTINGENCIES:

Funds to be used for road additions; survey and right of way; overdrafts; property owner participation paving; paving of rural fire departments and rescue squads, continuation of paving down the priority list. **\$ 350,625.00**

PAVING PROGRAM:

Paving of unpaved roads in priority order from the Rural and Residential/Subdivision lists. The department will secure right-of-way and construct this program. Should additional funds become available or right-of-way be unobtainable on any road, then the program will be extended down the priority lists until available funds are expended.

ALLOCATION	AMOUNT
Secondary Construction	\$1,369,695.00
Highway Trust Fund	\$1,373,209.00
TOTAL PAVING PROGRAM	\$2,742,904.04

RURAL PAVING PROJECTS:

PRIORITY NO.	SR#	FROM SR#	TO SR#	LENGTH/DESCRIPTION/COST
1F	1114	1113	1113	.90 Mile Grade, Drain, Base, Pave and E/C \$270,000.00
2F	1152	SCL-Tabor City	1151	.66 Mile Grade, Drain, Base, Pave and E/C \$198,000.00
3F	1702B	1700	1701	1.10 Miles Grade, Drain, Base, Pave and E/C \$330,000.00
4F	1715	1757	1759	.60 Mile Grade, Drain, Base, Pave and E/C \$180,000.00
5F	1819	1818	Dead End	.90 Mile Grade, Drain, Base, Pave & E/C \$270,000.00
6F	1184	1108	NC 904	1.20 Miles Grade, Drain, Base, Pave & E/C \$360,000.00
7F	1806	EP	1839	2.50 Miles Grade, Drain, Base, Pave & E/C \$750,000.00

PRIORITY NO.	SR#	FROM SR#	TO SR#	LENGTH/DESCRIPTION/COST
8F	1839	1806	Dead End	1.20 Miles Grade, Drain, Base, Pave & E/C \$258,904.00 (Additional Funds to be added later)

TOTAL MILES: 9.06

TOTAL FUNDS: \$2,616,904.00

RESIDENTIAL/SUBDIVISION PAVING PROJECTS:

PRIORITY NO.	SR #	FROM SR#	TO SR#	LENGTH/DESCRIPTION/COST
1	1892	1822	1821	0.58 Mile Base and Pave \$ 84,000.00
2	1206	EP	Dead End	0.14 Mile Base and Pave \$ 42,000.00

TOTAL MILES: 0.72

TOTAL FUNDS: \$126,000.00

GRAND TOTALS: 9.78

TOTAL FUNDS: \$2,742,904.00

NOTES:

1. If additional maintenance monies are made available by Legislature, the monies listed under maintenance operations will be programmed on paving projects in accordance with the Columbus County Secondary Road Paving Priority List.
2. This Program is subject to availability of funding, right-of-way, and environmental review.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners does hereby concur with the 2001-2002 Secondary Roads Construction Program for Fiscal Year 2001-2002 as prioritized by the State as enumerated above.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ SPRUELL R. BRITT, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

ADAMS COMPANY - CHAF R-2 REPLACEMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to approve the 2000 Columbus County CHAF R-2 Replacements as follows.

Unit No.	Owner	Cost	Unit Type
00-406	Sue Nance 6095 Princess Ann Road Evergreen, NC 28438	\$54,875	Double-wide
00-553	Aggie McMillian 24 Hamer Street Fair Bluff, NC 28439	\$46,500	Double-wide

Unit No.	Owner	Cost	Unit Type
00-549	Valarie Smith 114 Brick City Road Whiteville, NC 28472	\$32,095	Single-wide/ Land

ADAMS COMPANY - DEMOLITION CONTRACTS AWARDED TO PRINCE DEVELOPMENT, INC.

A motion was made by Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to award the demolition contracts for the 2000 Columbus County CHAF Program, Demolition Bid Group #2, to the lowest bidder as follows.

Unit No.	Owner	Bidder	Amount
00-65	Margaret Ward	Prince Development	\$1,200.00
00-70	Mary Clewis	Prince Development	\$2,440.00
00-93	Lillian Hickman	Prince Development	\$2,990.00

SCHOOLS (WHITEVILLE CITY) - QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BONDS

RESOLUTION APPROVED

Sharon Penny, Whiteville City Schools' Finance Officer, requested the Board adopt a Resolution declaring the intent to reimburse itself for capital expenditures incurred in connection with the rehabilitation or repair of school facilities from the proceeds of Qualified Zone Academy Bonds.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA DECLARING THE INTENT OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE REHABILITATION OR REPAIR OF SCHOOL FACILITIES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BONDS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus, North Carolina ("issuer") has determined that it is in the best interests of Issuer to rehabilitate or repair certain school facilities within the County (the "Project");

WHEREAS, the Issuer presently intends, at one time or from time to time, to finance

all or a portion of the costs of the Project with proceeds of Qualified Zone Academy Bonds and reasonably expects to issue this indebtedness (the "Obligations") to finance, or to reimburse itself for all or a portion of the costs of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer desires to proceed with the Project and will incur and pay certain expenditures in connection with the Project prior to the date of execution and delivery of the Obligations (the "Original Expenditures"), such Original Expenditures to be paid for originally from a source other than the proceeds of the Obligations, and the Issuer intends, and reasonably expects, to be reimbursed for such Original Expenditures from a portion of the proceeds of the Obligations to be executed and delivered at a date occurring after the dates of such Original Expenditures:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus, North Carolina as follows:

Section 1. *Official Declaration of Intent.* The Issuer presently intends, and reasonably expects, to reimburse itself for the Original Expenditures incurred and paid by the Issuer on or after the date occurring 60 days prior to the date of adoption of this Resolution from a portion of the proceeds of the Bonds. The Issuer reasonably expects to execute and deliver the Obligations to finance all or a portion of the costs of the Project and the maximum principal amount of Obligations expected to be executed and delivered by Issuer to pay for all or a portion of the costs of the Project is \$563,000.

Section 2. *Compliance with Regulations.* The Issuer adopts this Resolution as a declaration of official intent under Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations promulgated under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to evidence the Issuer's intent to reimburse itself for the Original Expenditures from proceeds of the Obligations.

Section 3. *Itemization of Capital Expenditures.* The Finance Officer of the Issuer, with advice from special counsel, is hereby authorized, directed and designated to act on behalf of the Issuer in determining and itemizing all of the Original Expenditures incurred and paid by the Issuer in connection with the Project during the period commencing on the date occurring 60 days prior to the date of adoption of this Resolution and ending on the date

of execution and delivery of the obligations.

Section 4. *Effective Date.* This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon the date of its adoption.

The motion was adopted by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 16th day of July, 2001.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

GOVERNING BODY - NCACC ANNUAL CONFERENCE VOTING DELEGATE

APPOINTED

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to designate Sammie Jacobs, Commission Vice Chairman, to serve as Columbus County's voting delegate to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' Annual Conference to be held in Cumberland County on August 9-12, 2001.

CHADBOURN ABC BOARD - APPROVAL TO WAIVE COUNTY'S SHARE OF REVENUES

Tony Freeman, ABC Board Chairman, requested the Board allow the Chadbourn ABC Board to retain profits normally distributed to Columbus County for the foreseeable future until profits and sales increase to facilitate with the ABC store's relocation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to approve Mr. Freeman's request.

Commissioner Dutton withdrew the motion and Commissioner McKenzie withdrew the second.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to retain profits received from the Chadbourn ABC Store for Fiscal

Year 2001-2002 and distribute the amount received to the school system and reimburse the Chadbourn ABC Store for the portion of revenues distributed to Columbus County for Fiscal Year 2001-2002 to facilitate their relocation in Chadbourn and is to be reassessed at the end of Fiscal Year 2001-2002 . This action is in accordance with North Carolina ABC Law 18B-805(e).

SOUTHEASTERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - RESOLUTION
TO EXTEND MEMBERSHIP TO CUMBERLAND COUNTY

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

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO JOIN THE SOUTHEASTERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Counties of Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Harnett, Hoke, Pender, Robeson, Sampson and Scotland joined together to mutually assist one another in the various endeavors of these Counties in their economic development; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cumberland has officially submitted a resolution to join the Southeastern Economic Development Commission, with said resolution being adopted on 21 May, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of the Southeastern Economic Development Commission has recommended the membership of Cumberland in the Commission as beneficial to the Commission and its existing membership; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the membership of the Commission to approve the membership of new members, and the Commissioners of Columbus County accept and congratulate Cumberland County on its request for membership.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Commissioners of Columbus County sitting in Regular Session of this date, do invite and hereby allow the membership of Cumberland County into the Southeastern Economic Development Commission as a member County with all the rights and appurtenances thereof.

This the 16th day of July 2001.

/s/ Spruell R. Britt, Chair

Columbus County Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/ Ida L. Smith

SOUTHEASTERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - MEMBERSHIP**DUES**

A letter was presented that was received from Ms. Ellen Gause, Southeastern Economic Development Commission Executive Director, regarding partial payment for annual assessment dues that was approved in the 2001-2002 Columbus County Operating Budget which stated that Columbus County can not continue their membership unless a budget amendment is approved to restore the full \$6,942 annual assessment for the Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to amend the budget to restore the full \$6,942 annual assessment for the Southeastern Economic Development Commission as follows:

Appropriate	10-660-9999 Non-Departmental Contingency	(\$1,388.00)
Expend	10-690-9604 SEDC Annual Assessment Membership Dues (Reduced by 20% in 2001-2002 Adopted Budget)	\$1,388.00

ORDINANCE (CAPITAL PROJECT) - WATER & SEWER DISTRICT III

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to approve the following Capital Project Ordinance for Water & Sewer District III.

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT III**CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE****ADOPTION DATE: July 16, 2001**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, that pursuant to Section 159-13.2 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following Capital Project Ordinance is **HEREBY ADOPTED**:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is the Columbus County Water & Sewer District III.

SECTION 2. The project director is hereby directed to proceed with the construction of the project within the terms of the grant agreement with USDA, Rural Development and in accordance with the limitations of the Bond Anticipation Notes and Water District III Contribution.

SECTION 3. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to the County to complete the project:

28-348-2001 USDA, Rural Development Grant	\$ 1,358,000
28-385-2001 Bond Anticipation Notes	5,502,000
63-397-0000 Contribution - Water District III	<u>60,000</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$ 6,920,000

SECTION 4. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

28-690-0400 Professional Services	\$ 35,000
28-690-0401 Engineering Fees	422,500
28-690-0402 Inspection Fees	130,000
28-690-7300 Construction	5,619,512
28-690-8200 Capitalized Interest	491,000
63-690-9999 Contingency	<u>221,988</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 6,920,000

SECTION 5. The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly on the financial status of this project. She shall also keep the Governing Body informed at each regular meeting of any unusual occurrences.

SECTION 6. Copies of the Capital Project Ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for directions in carrying out the project.

ADOPTED this 16th day of July 2001.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

John E. Whitehurst, Interim County Administrator, made the following comments to the Board:

The Columbus County Board of Commissioners should spend the time and effort to develop goals and objectives for the county through a strategic plan. The Board and County

must have a sense of direction and defined goals and objectives. This can be developed over a period of time and is a citizen participation driven project.

Before a strategic plan is started, it is recommended that the board participate in facilitated discussion defining the role of the Board of Commissioners. The Institute of Government is an excellent source for leadership training and facilitation. Topics should include the role of the board and the role of the Manager or Administrator.

I have attempted to present in outline form some of the issues that I have observed while serving as Interim County Administrator.

- Understanding of role
 - County Commissioners
 - County Administrator
 - Consider changing title to County Manager
- Develop a Strategic Plan for the County through a citizens committee and the Board. Issues that should be addressed include.
 - Land Use
 - Mobile Park Ordinance
 - Subdivision Ordinance
 - Rivers and Flooding
 - Planning and Zoning
 - School Merger
 - Industrial and Economic Development
 - Growth Strategies
- Develop an Economic Development Plan
- Invest in computer technology
 - GIS can be the backbone operation
 - GIS or Technology Director
 - Consolidation and/or coordination of Tax and 911 efforts
 - E-Mail for workers

- Internet access for some workers
- Join present stand-alone networks for inter departmental communications and sharing of information
- Enforce and update provisions of personnel manual
 - No overtime/comp time for Exempt employees
 - No one becomes an employee until proper paperwork is completed at personnel
 - Salary increases granted only by Board
 - Vacant positions cannot be filled until approved by designated officials
 - Department Heads leaving county report absence and destination to County Administration
 - Enforce overtime and hours of work provisions of FLSA
 - Hospital insurance – Make employees eligible for full county insurance up to time eligible for Medicare Insurance; then eligible for supplemental coverage.
- Water Program
 - Until funding is available to hire a qualified director, consider hiring someone of an administrative nature to handle signups, coordination, record keeping and other duties. You will need both persons within a few months.
 - Develop uniform rules and regulations for privately financed lines, operation rules and regulations and other administrative functions.
 - Develop a rate structure that provides the funding for expansion of the facilities.
 - Begin a coordination effort for all five districts. Items should include compatible line size and pressure. This can be accomplished by someone familiar with utilities, either administrative employee or hire an engineer.

- Map and computerize all lines and facilities.
- Study the Finance, Personnel and Administration offices and redefine duties and responsibilities of the personnel.
- Require that requests for access to public records be in writing and be specific as to the documents requested. Charge the appropriate fee for copies of public records. Collect fee prior to delivering copies. County Attorney should evaluate and respond to requests for public records that appear to be liable in nature.
- Set a timetable for employment of County Administrator.
- Require all contracts to be approved by the County Attorney prior to being submitted to Finance. Enforce preaudit provisions of Budget and Finance Control Act.

PROCLAMATION - BREASTFEEDING WEEK

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

BREASTFEEDING WEEK

2001

BY THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, children are our number one priority. They are our future and we owe them the opportunity to lead healthy and prosperous lives; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding is a healthy, natural food source for infants that provides them with an ideal balance of nutrients and a high degree of natural immunity against infection and allergies; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding is recommended by the United States Surgeon General and the majority of health care professionals. Breastmilk is the world's only non-polluting, renewable baby food source and it contains the best possible nutrients for infants to become healthy and strong adults; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding creates a smarter, healthier and happier community; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is "Breastfeeding in the Information Age";

NOW, THEREFORE, we, The Columbus County Board of Commissioners proclaims August 1-7, 2001, as "**BREASTFEEDING WEEK**" in Columbus County and encourage our citizens to recognize the environmental and health benefits to mothers and babies in our County by promoting, protecting and supporting breastfeeding.

RESOLUTION - SUPPORT OF NEW ROAD ADDITION, SPRING HILL DRIVE

Chairman Britt presented a letter received from Senator R.C. Soles, Jr., requesting the Board's support in securing fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to fund the new road addition, Spring Hill Drive, between US 74-76 Business and SR 1436 from the State Senate.

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution of Support, as requested by Senator R. C. Soles, Jr.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT
OF
NEW ROAD ADDITION, SPRING HILL DRIVE**

WHEREAS, the residents of Spring Hill Drive and Walters Trail, between U.S. 74-76 Business and SR 1436, have petitioned the Department of Transportation to add Spring Hill Drive to the State System; and

WHEREAS, Senator R. C. Soles, Jr., has contacted The Honorable Marc Basnight, President Pro Tempore, and requested \$50,000 from Senate Discretionary Funds needed to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, Senator Basnight is requesting the Board to adopt a Resolution of Support of Senator Soles' assistance in securing the \$50,000 needed to completely fund the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus that the Board does hereby support a Resolution in Support of Spring Hill Drive to be added to the Secondary Road System, if the road meets minimum standards and criteria established by the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation for the addition of roads to the System.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus is requesting that the Division of Highways review the above described road, and to take over the road for maintenance if it meets established standards and criteria.

ADOPTED this 16th day of July 2001.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: /s/ Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

RUSTY WORLEY COMMENTS

Rusty Worley, Bladen County Fire Department, stated in Bladen County, the Fire Departments are allowed to use the structures damaged by hurricanes that are approved for demolition for Fire Department Training at the cost of \$5,000 per house and \$2,500 per mobile home and stated Columbus County should consider exploring the same method. The Fire Departments hire a contractor to do the cleanup and they are allowed to keep monies to be used in their budgets.

Floyd Adams, CHAF Project Director, reported Mr. Worley's concept is admirable but we have not budgeted those amounts to be used for demolition. The three (3) homes approved for demolition tonight equate to a total of \$6,630.00.

Chairman Britt thanked Mr. Worley for his presentation and stated the Board will take this into consideration.

AMERICAN RED CROSS - CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Commissioner Memory presented the Board with the following Certificate of Appreciation from the American Red Cross as follows:

AMERICAN RED ROSS

Columbus County Chapter

presents this

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

to

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

for support of the American Red Cross

toward the effective delivery of

humanitarian services to Columbus County

Given at Whiteville, North Carolina, this thirteenth day of July 2001.

/s/ Roscoe Jacobs, Sr.
Chairman

/s/ Jo An Rhodes
Executive Director

**WATER & SEWER DISTRICT III - REQUEST FROM CITIZENS TO INCLUDE
RED HILL ROAD (SR 1700) TO THE SYSTEM**

Fred Brock, representing citizens residing on SR 1700 (6/10 mile), presented the Board with a petition with six (6) signatures who are petitioning the Board of Commissioners to be included in Water & Sewer District III.

Mr. Brock stated we were requested to vote and support the passage of the vote for the water system but we are not being provided the privilege of water.

Commissioner Wilson advised Mr. Brock it was the engineering firm and Rural Development who make the decisions as to which roads are included in the water-line installation and they have to meet with the conditions and terms of Rural Development.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:00 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to enter into Closed Session in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes §143-318.11(4)(5)(6).

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 10:00 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session.

No action was taken.

MEETING RECESSED

Immediately, thereafter, a motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to recess the Board Meeting until 6:00 P.M. July 18, 2001.
