

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 8:00 A.M., August 6, 2001 to hold their regularly scheduled meeting, it being the first Monday.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

Sammie Jacobs, Vice Chairman

David L. Dutton, Jr.

Amon E. McKenzie

Bill Memory

Lynwood Norris

C.E. Wilson

James E. Hill, Jr.
County Attorney

John E. Whitehurst
Interim County Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

Chairman Britt called the Board Meeting to order and Commissioner Memory gave the invocation.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to approve the Board Minutes for July 16 and 18, 2001, as recorded.

TAX REFUND AND RELEASES

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to approve the tax refund and releases as presented by Richard Gore, Tax Administrator.

Request a refund in the name of Smith, Bennie R. (Etal), 55 Woolsey St., New Haven, Ct. 06513. Refund user fee that was paid on vacant house. Bennie R. Smith (ETAL) c/o James K. Edge. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-22245, Bill # 11752.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gipson, Mary. Release the value of a double wide home that was repossessed in 1997. Amount \$477.80, Value \$49,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 10-05144, Bill # 92514.

Release the Property Value in the name of Blackwell, Cindy. Release the value of a mobile home for the City of Cerro Gordo. Home outside the city limits. Amount \$15.38, Value \$7,620.00, Year 1999, Account # 16-00778, Bill # 40257.

Release the Property Value in the name of Blackwell, Cindy. Release the value of a mobile home for the City of Cerro Gordo. Mobile home outside the city limits. Amount \$15.76, Value \$7,880.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-00778, Bill # 39984.

Release the Property Value in the name of Buck, Harvey. Release the value of a mobile home and the Yam City fee. Home was junked prior to 1-1-99. Amount \$108.75, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1999, Account # 07-00892, Bill # 2878.

Release the Property Value in the name of Buck, Harvey. Release the value of a mobile home and the Yam City fee. Home was junked prior to 1-1-99. Amount \$143.40, Value \$2,040.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-00892, Bill # 83758.

Release the Property Value in the name of Chadwick, Steve. Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Pee Dee Housing. Amount \$395.10, Value \$36,500.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-01320, Bill # 85709.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dudney, Rayland M. Release the value of a mobile home and the Roseland fee that is double listed in the same name in Cerro Gordo Township. Amount \$260.65, Value \$15,810.00, Year 2000, Account # 0900444, Bill # 88670.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gipson, Mary. Release value of double wide that was repossessed in 1997. Amount \$440.55, Value \$49,000.00, Year 1999, Account # 10-05144, Bill # 11496.

Release the Property Value in the name of Winsome Enterprises, Inc. Release the property value and the Whiteville Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Hinson Church Furniture Co. Amount \$205.39, Value \$25,232.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-40954, Bill # 20223.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gore, Mary. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the same name but in a different township. Amount \$221.49, Value \$17,480.00, Year 1999, Account # 09-11556, Bill # 12247.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gore, Mary. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the same name but in a different township. Amount \$253.78, Value \$16,260.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-11556, Bill # 93287.

Release the Property Value in the name of Long, Joe Steven, Jr. Release a portion of the value of the mobile home. Billed with incorrect year model. Amount \$115.37, Value \$16,024.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-03627, Bill # 1141.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nance, Teresa Gail. Release the value of a single wide home that was traded for a double wide in 1997. Amount \$173.85, Value \$9,660.00, Year 1998, Account # 10-12766, Bill # 61539.

Release the Property Value in the name of Tyler, Erbie Joe. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the same name with a different account number. Amount \$164.41, Value \$4,976.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-28079, Bill # 16377.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gipson, Mary. Release value of double wide that was repossessed in 1997. Amount \$440.55, Value \$49,000.00, Year 1998, Account # 10-05144, Bill # 49712.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williamson, Vickie. Release the value of a mobile home and the Evergreen Fire fee that is double listed in the name of Roy Ivey. Amount \$156.98, Value \$4,038.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-31968, Bill # 19994.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nance, Teresa Gail. Release the value of a single wide home that was traded for a double wide in 1997. Amount \$170.26, Value \$9,190.00, Year 1999, Account # 10-12766, Bill # 23738.

Release the Property Value in the name of Stocks, William L. Release a portion of

the property value and a portion of the Yam City fee that is double listed in the name of Daylon Gore. Amount \$59.04, Value \$7,200.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-00421, Bill # 14232.

Release the Property Value in the name of Soles, Maurice L. Release the value of a mobile home and the Klondyke Fire fee that burned October 1999. Amount \$169.76, Value \$5,150.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-37388, Bill # 12689.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Barbara. Release the value of a boat that Ms. Smith never owned. Amount \$50.29, Value \$6,350.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-05005, Bill # 11745.

Release the Property Value in the name of Neill, W. Odell (Heirs). Release the deferred tax and the Brunswick Fire fee (42.91) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (12.26). Property was transferred to a family member. Amount \$481.20, Value \$61,300.00, Year 1997, Account # 01-65100, Bill # 49334.

Release the Property Value in the name of Neill, W. Odell (Heirs). Release the deferred tax and the Brunswick Fire fee (42.91) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (12.26). Property was transferred to a family member. Amount \$481.20, Value \$61,300.00, Year 1998, Account # 01-65100, Bill # 49333.

Release the Property Value in the name of Neill, W. Odell (Heirs). Release the deferred tax and the Brunswick Fire fee (42.91) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (12.26). Property was transferred to a family member. Amount \$481.20, Value \$61,300.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-65100, Bill # 49332.

Release the Property Value in the name of Neill, W. Odell (Heirs). Release the deferred tax and the Brunswick Fire fee (42.91) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (12.26). Property was transferred to a family member. Amount \$496.53, Value \$61,300.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-65100, Bill # 49331.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nance, Teresa Gail. Release the value of a single wide home that was traded for a double wide in 1997. Amount \$193.75, Value \$8,680.00, Year 2000, Account # 10-12766, Bill # 5088.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Barbara. Release value of a boat

that Ms. Smith never owned. Amount \$48.54, Value \$6,350.00, Year 1999, Account # 16-05005, Bill # 52340.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ulrich, Edward, III. Release user fee on house that is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-17155, Bill # 16550.

Release the User Fee in the name of Connor, Carl J., Sr. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 10-02760, Bill # 86671.

Release the User Fee in the name of Davis, Lillie (Heirs). House has been vacant since hurricane in 1999. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-19900, Bill # 87912.

Release the User Fee in the name of Drake, Charles & Sue. Release user fee on vacant house. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-04514, Bill # 88584.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jefferies, Keith. User fee double listed in the name of Doris Gore. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 19-00613, Bill # 57601.

Release the User Fee in the name of McClelland, Anthony J. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-10522, Bill # 2239.

Release the User Fee in the name of Pace, John. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-67513, Bill # 6195.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williams, Bennie C. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-33280, Bill # 19213.

Release the User Fee in the name of Tedder, James Phillip. Release user fee on house that is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-36085, Bill # 15221.

Release the User Fee in the name of Boykin, Bernice. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-03860, Bill # 82649.

Release the User Fee in the name of Simmons, Judy. Overcharge on user fee due to

computer error. Amount \$285.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-21564, Bill # 11228.

FRANCHISE (CABLE) - TIME WARNER CABLE

Pat Smith, Time Warner Cable General Manager, addressed the Board regarding the Cablevision Franchise with Columbus County which was approved by the Board of Commissioners on March 20, 2000 but as yet Time Warner Cable has not agreed to the terms of the Franchise. Ms. Smith advised the Board Time Warner has current plans for upgrading the system in Columbus County to 750 MHZ by December 31, 2001. This expansion will allow them to deliver not only current program offerings but numerous digital channels of video and audio.

Time Warner Cable has asked for the following considerations in their Agreement and John E. Whitehurst, Interim County Administrator has made the following recommendations:

1. Page 3, Section IV (a). Present term is for five (5) years. They are requesting fifteen (15). (Mr. Whitehurst's recommendation: Consider five (5) year renewal options for two (2) more five (5) year periods.)
2. Page 6, Section VIII (a)(b). Present reading stipulates service area as "all areas of Columbus County, except within the corporate boundaries of any municipality." They want to change to read "all areas of Columbus County not serviced by another service provider, except within the corporate boundaries of any municipality." (Mr. Whitehurst recommended this change is needed.)
3. Page 9, Section X (b). Present provides for the furnishing of access origination points at seven (7) different locations. They want to provide only one (1) at Southeastern Community College which is presently in place. (Mr. Whitehurst recommended this change is valid.)
4. Page 10, Section X (c). Present paragraph stipulates that Time Warner shall provide one (1) free cable drop at various locations. They want the paragraph to read "upon written request of the County Administrator." (Mr. Whitehurst recommends this request.)
5. Page 11, Section (e). Requires the company to send out questionnaires to the subscriber at least once per year. They want to stipulate that the questionnaires must pertain to cable issues. (Mr. Whitehurst recommends this request.)

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to direct James E. Hill, County Attorney, to amend the Agreement with TIME WARNER Cable as John E. Whitehurst, Interim County Administrator,

recommended and send to Ms. Pat Smith for TIME WARNER Cable's approval.

FORESTRY SERVICE - REQUEST FOR 2001-2002 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Bob Houseman, District Forester, and Jamie Ward, Columbus County Forester Ranger, addressed the Board regarding the twenty percent (20%) reduction in the Columbus County Forest Service Appropriation from Columbus County and stated they need an additional appropriation of \$14,347.00 in order to continue the present services being provided for Columbus County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to table the request from the Forestry Service until the next Board Meeting to allow time for the State to balance their budget to see how it will affect Columbus County.

ADAMS COMPANY - RE-AWARD CONTRACT 00-89

Floyd Adams, representing the Adams Company, requested the Board to approve the re-award of Contract 00-89 for the Columbus County CHAF Program to Mr. Lloyd Wilson in the amount of \$28,380.00 due to the unsatisfactory work of Mr. Jimmy Neally.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Memory and passed unanimously to withdraw Contract 00-89 from Mr. Jimmy Neally due to unsatisfactory work and award Contract 00-89 to Mr. Lloyd Wilson in the amount of \$28,380.00.

ADAMS COMPANY - REPLACEMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Memory and passed unanimously to approve 2000 Columbus County CHAF R-2 Replacement as follows:

Unit No.	Owner	Cost	Unit Type
00-10	William Huggins 8492 Old 74 Evergreen, NC 28438	\$29,095	Single-wide
00-552	Ester Parker 710 Clark Street Chadborn, NC 28431	\$31,095	Single-wide

Unit No.	Owner	Cost	Unit Type
00-469	Preston Smith 91 W. Bruce Street Fair Bluff, NC 28439	\$29,095	Single-wide

ADAMS COMPANY - CONTRACT

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the Crisis Housing Assistance Funds Grant Agreement and Funding Approval as follows:

**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CRIME CONTROL
AND PUBLIC SAFETY CRISIS HOUSING ASSISTANCE FUNDS
GRANT AGREEMENT**

Upon execution of this grant agreement, the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety (DCC&PS) agrees to provide to the recipient grant assistance under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), as amended, authorized by the DCC&PS funding approval, the North Carolina Community Development Block Grant administrative rules, applicable laws and all other requirements of DCC&PS now or hereafter in effect. The grant agreement is effective on the date the grant agreement and funding approval are signed by the recipient. The grant agreement consists of the approved application, including the certifications, maps, schedules and other submissions in the application, any subsequent amendments to the approved application and funding approval and the following general terms and conditions:

1. **Definitions.** Except to the extent modified or supplemented by the agreement, any term defined in the North Carolina Community Development Block Grant Administrative Rules, 4 NCAC 19L, shall have the same meaning when used herein.
 - (a) Agreement means this grant agreement, as described above, and any amendments or supplements thereto.
 - (b) Recipient means the entity designated as a recipient for grant assistance in the grant agreement and funding approval.
 - (c) Certifications mean the certifications submitted with the grant application

pursuant to the requirements of Paragraph (e) of Rule .0407 of the North Carolina Community Development Block Grant Administrative Rules, 4 NCAC 19L.

(d) Assistance provided under this agreement means the grant funds provided under this agreement.

(e) Program means the community development program, project, or other activities, including the administration thereof, for which assistance is being provided under this Agreement.

2. Obligations of the Recipient. The recipient shall perform the program as specified in the application approved by DCC&PS. The recipient shall comply with the certifications pursuant to Paragraph (e) of Rule .0407 of the North Carolina Community Development Block Grant Administrative Rules, 4 NCAC 19L. The recipient shall also comply with all other lawful requirements of DCC&PS, all applicable requirements of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina and any other applicable laws and Executive Orders currently or hereafter in force.

3. Obligations of Recipient with Recipient to Certain Third Party Relationships.

DCC&PS shall hold the recipient responsible for complying with the provisions of this agreement even when the recipient designates a third party or parties to undertake all or any part of the program. The recipient shall comply with all lawful requirements of DCC&PS necessary to insure that the program is carried out in accordance with the recipient's certifications including the certification of assumption of environmental responsibilities under Rule .1004 of the North Carolina Community Development Block Grant Administrative Rules, 4 NCAC 19L.

4. Conflict of Interest. None of the following or their immediate family members, during the tenure of the subject person or for one year thereafter, shall have any direct or indirect financial interest in any contract, subcontract or the proceeds thereof for work to be performed in connection with the program assisted under this agreement: employees or agents of the recipient who exercise any function or responsibility with respect to the program, and officials of the recipient, including members of the

governing body. The same prohibition shall be incorporated in all such contracts or subcontracts.

The assistance provided under this agreement shall not be used in the payment of any bonus or commission for the purpose of obtaining DCC&PS approval of the application for such assistance, or DCC&PS approval of applications for additional assistance, or any other approval or concurrence of DCC&PS required under this agreement, or the North Carolina Community Development Block Grant Administrative Rules, with respect thereto; provided, however, that reasonable fees or bona fide technical, consultant, managerial or other such services, other than actual solicitation, are not prohibited if otherwise eligible as program costs.

5. Reimbursement to DCC&PS for Improper Expenditures. The recipient will reimburse DCC&PS for any amount of grant assistance improperly expended.
6. Access to Records. The recipient shall provide any duly authorized representative of DCC&PS, the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Comptroller General at all reasonable times access to and the right to inspect, copy, monitor, and examine all of the books, papers, records, and other documents relating to the grant for a period of three years following the completion of all closeout procedures.
7. Method of Payment. Payments on requisitions will be made only by electronic funds transfer.
8. Fair Housing. For each grant year that a grant is active, a recipient must describe the actions it will take in the areas of enforcement, education and removal of barriers and impediments to affirmatively further fair housing.
9. Equal Employment and Procurement Opportunity. A recipient must describe the actions it will take annually while the grant is open in the areas of enforcement, education and removal of barriers and impediments that affirmatively further equal access in employment and procurement. This includes a description of steps to be taken in the areas of advertisement, compliance and complaint tracking.
10. Section 504 and ADA. Recipients must complete the Section 504 Survey and

Transition Plan. This plan will not satisfy all the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, but it will meet the minimum requirements for the grant assisted project.

Upon execution of this agreement by DCC&PS and the recipient, the recipient hereby accepts the assistance on the terms of this grant agreement effective on the date indicated below, and further certifies that the official signing this document has been duly authorized by the recipient's governing body to execute this Grant Agreement.

Secretary of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety

Date: July 11, 2001

By: David E. Kelly, Director,

North Carolina Redevelopment Center

County of Columbus

Date: August 6, 2001

By: Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

FUNDING APPROVAL

Crisis Housing Assistance Fund

1. Name & Address of Recipient:

Columbus County
Administrative Building
111 Washington Street
Whiteville, NC 28472

2. Grand Number: 00-D-113

Date Awarded/ Amended:

July 11, 2001

3. Approved Projects:

Project Number	Project Name	Approved Amount
B-1	Aid to Local Governments	\$238,740.00
R-1	Repair	\$11,001,757.00
R-2	Replacement	\$13,360,000.00
S-1	SARF - Homeowners	\$594,000.00

TOTAL CHAF FUNDING APPROVED	\$25,194,497.00
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4. Amendments:

The original approved amount of the grant award of each project is the minimum authorized. The amount of funds approved may be increased by the NC Department of Crime Control & Public Safety (DCC&PS) upon approval of program amendments. This

Funding Approval shall operate as the authorization for the initial grant award and for any increases authorized by the DCC&PS through the amendment process.

5. Conditions: REVISED CONDITIONS:

- All approved CHAF projects must be under a signed written contract to perform approved rehabilitation, replacement, or construction of infrastructure within 36 months from the above date and every such written contract must provide for the completion of the approved project within 48 months from the date the contract is signed.
- A bi-weekly status report on each approved CHAF project should be submitted to the DCC&PS, Redevelopment Center (the content and dates for submission shall be determined by the Redevelopment Center).
- CHAF grantees shall insure that all repair, replacement and buyout recipients who reside in FEMA/State temporary housing receive priority when implementing projects (assurance to include the date of each proposed completion).
- All funds are subject to all conditions of the grant, as amended.

6. Signature of Authorized Official

/s/ David E. Kelly, Director

NC Rural Development Center July 2001

7. Signature of Authorized Local Official

/s/ Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

August 6, 2001

ADAMS COMPANY - APPROVAL FOR FIRE DISTRICTS TO BID ON DEMOLITION IN THEIR AREAS

The Board concurred to direct Floyd Adams, to contact the local fire departments within the district where homes are to be demolished which are included in the CHAF Replacement Program and allow the fire departments to bid on the demolition of the homes.

APPOINTMENT - WHITEVILLE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to reappoint Wayne Overcash to serve on the Whiteville Planning & Zoning Board, as an extraterritorial member, for a five (5) year term, expiring August 1, 2006.

BEAVER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM - APPROVAL TO AMEND THE 2001-2002**BUDGET FOR BEAVER MANAGEMENT**

The Board was informed that the Administration Office has been in touch with Mr. Carl Betsell, representing the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission, and he advised if Columbus County wants to continue participating in the Beaver Management Assistance Program (BMAP), we must fund the cost share amount of \$4,000.00. This amount was decreased by 20% causing a reduction of \$800.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously for Columbus County to continue participating in the Beaver Management Assistance Program (BMAP) and approve amending the budget as follows:

Appropriate 10-660-9999 Non-Departmental Contingency (\$800.00)

Expend 10-690-7200 Beaver Control \$800.00

SOCIAL SERVICES - MEDICAID TRANSPORTATION BID AWARD

Larry Moore, Social Services Director, advised the Board that two (2) bids were received regarding Medicaid Transportation and it was advertised twice. The bids received are as follows:

Columbus County Transportation \$.925/mile (will fluctuate with gas prices)
704 North Thompson Street, Suite 6
Whiteville, NC 28472

L & D Transportation Service \$.93/mile
Post Office Box 286
Chadbourn, NC 28431

Mr. Moore recommended the Board award the bid to L & D Transportation Service due to the stability of the bid at \$.93 per mile.

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to approve awarding the bid for Medicaid Transportation to L & D Transportation Service at \$.93 per mile.

SHERIFF - APPROVAL FOR TRAVEL FOR DRUG UNIT

Jimmy Ferguson, Sheriff, addressed the Board regarding the Finance Committee rejecting the travel request for the Narcotic Detectives to attend the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Workshop to be held at Wrightsville Beach, NC beginning

November 11, 2001 at an estimated cost of nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) and requested the Board's approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the travel request from the Sheriff's Department for the Narcotic Detectives to attend the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Workshop.

SHERIFF - DECLARE VEHICLES SURPLUS

Jimmy Ferguson, Sheriff, requested the Board to declare the following vehicles surplus and request the vehicles be sold at public auction at Linwood Cartrette's Body Shop, U.S. Highway 701 South of Whiteville as these vehicles are not in running condition and parts have been used to repair other vehicles.

Model	Make	VIN Number
1991	Ford Crown Victoria - 4 door	2FACP72FXMX176635
1987	Chevrolet Caprice - 4 door	1G1BL516XHX223366
1992	Chevrolet Caprice - 4 door	1G1BL5378NR139164

A motion was made by Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to declare the above listed vehicles surplus and allow Sheriff Jimmy Ferguson to sell at Linwood Cartrette's Body Shop as is.

SHERIFF - REQUEST TO SUBMIT BIDS ON 5 VEHICLES TABLED

Sheriff Jimmy Ferguson requested the Board to approve submitting bids on four (4) police interceptors and one (1) Explorer. The lease-purchase of these vehicles were included in the adopted 2001-2002 Adopted Sheriff's Budget.

John E. Whitehurst, Interim County Administrator, advised the Board that all department heads were requested to cut all capital outlay items within their budget and these vehicles were not omitted but left in the lease-purchase line item.

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Memory and passed unanimously to table the request from Sheriff Ferguson regarding the vehicle bids until such time the State has balanced their budget to see how it will affect Columbus County.

PROCLAMATION - LITERACY MONTH IN COLUMBUS COUNTY

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, illiteracy is a serious world problem, hampering at least 810 million people - one-third of the human race - in their attempt to gain an adequate modern standard of living; and

WHEREAS, citizens of our own county suffer this handicap, along with more than 960,000 other North Carolinians, which prevents their full participation in our civic, social and economic life; and

WHEREAS, we desire that all citizens of this area have the basic education necessary for a productive and satisfying life; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Literacy Council, a voluntary group, is engaged in the training of tutors to teach adults on an Each One Teach One basis to read and write; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Literacy Council, as a member of Laubach Literacy's National Affiliation Advance, through which they cooperate with fellow members in 50 states and three provinces of Canada, is engaged in teaching the under-educated of our area; and

WHEREAS, many of these public-spirited citizens support the self-help teaching programs of Laubach Literacy International in eight developing nations; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Literacy Council is participating in commemorating the life of one who, between 1930 and 1970, developed this system of easy-to-read lessons in 103 countries and 313 different languages, and expanded the international programming of Laubach Literacy in the face of booming world population; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to encourage all citizens to involve themselves in this important effort as tutors or learners, leaders or donors, and it is desired to commend the Columbus County Literacy Council for voluntary efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of

Commissioners, does hereby proclaim that September be designated as "*Literacy Month*" in Columbus County.

ADOPTED this 6th day of August 2001.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

ATTESTED BY:

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

ORDINANCE (FIRE PREVENTION) - TABLED UNTIL REVIEWED BY COUNTY ATTORNEY

John Saylor, Fire Marshal, requested the Board to approve updating the Columbus County Fire Prevention Ordinance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to table the request until James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, and John E. Whitehurst, Interim County Administrator, can review the Ordinance and present to the Board for approval.

FIRE MARSHAL - REQUEST & APPROVAL TO TRANSFER THE TITLE OF A VEHICLE TO THE NAKINA FIRE DEPARTMENT

John Saylor, Fire Marshal, requested permission to transfer the title of a 1962 Ford Truck, VIN #F95PU205895, from Columbus County to the Nakina Fire Department for the sum of \$1.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to transfer the title of the above mentioned vehicle from Columbus County to the Nakina Fire Department for the sum of \$1.00.

FIRE MARSHAL - REQUEST & APPROVAL FOR VEHICLES TO BE DECLARED SURPLUS

John Saylor, Fire Marshal, requested the following vehicles be declared surplus and given to the Columbus County Schools System to be used in the vocational education program.

1979 Ford Truck

- VIN # F82BVEK2258

1989 Crown Victoria Sedan - VIN # 2FABP72GKX16190

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to approve declare the above listed vehicles as surplus and award to the Columbus County Schools system to be used in the vocational education program.

ANIMAL CONTROL - REQUEST DENIED TO AWARD BID FOR VEHICLE

Rossie Hayes, Animal Control Director, reported to the Board he has received two (2) lease-purchase bids for a Ford 2002F-Series LD as follows and requested the bid be awarded to the lowest bidder:

Quality Ford	-	\$ 5,627.53 (3 annual payments)
Fair Bluff Motors	-	\$ 5,629.29 (3 annual payments)

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to table the request for awarding the bid for the Ford 2002F-Series LD and advertise for informal bids from all available vehicle dealerships.

ADMINISTRATION - APPROVAL OF NEW COUNTY RECORDS RETENTION AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULE

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to approve the new County Records Retention and Disposition Schedule that was issued in May 2001 by the Local Records Unit of the Government Records Branch of Archives, as requested by Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board.

**COUNTY MANAGEMENT RECORDS RETENTION
AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULE**

The records retention and disposition schedule and retention periods governing the records listed herein are hereby approved. In accordance with the provisions of Chapters 121 and 132 of the *General Statutes of North Carolina*, it is agreed that the records do not and will not have further use or value for official business, research, or reference purposes after the respective retention periods specified herein and are authorized to be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the agency or official having custody of them without further reference to or approval of either party to this agreement. It is further agreed that these records may not be destroyed prior to the time periods stated; however, for sufficient reason they may be

retained for longer periods. This schedule is to remain in effect from the date of approval until it is reviewed and updated.

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED

**/s/ John E. Whitehurst
Chief Administrative Officer**

**/s/ Jeffery J. Crow
Division of Archives and History**

**/s/ Spruell R. Britt, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners**

**/s/ Lisbeth C. Evans, Secretary
Department of Cultural Resources**

A complete copy of the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

FINANCE - DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to approve the destruction of records in accordance with the North Carolina Division of Archives and History Records Retention and Disposition Schedule as requested by Gayle Godwin, Finance Officer, as follows:

Fiscal Year 1996-97

BANK STATEMENTS

General Fund
HUD
Public Assistance
Payroll

EXPENSE CHECK COPIES

General Fund
HUD
Public Assistance
Payroll

SUPPORTING DATA FOR EXPENSE CHECKS

General Fund
HUD
Public Assistance

DEPOSITS

Register of Deeds
Library
Department of Social Services
Finance
Department of Aging
Tax Office
Public Assistance

Health Department
 Sheriff's Department

PURCHASE ORDER COPIES

JOURNAL ENTRY SUPPORTING DATA

POSTAGE REPORTS

TIME SHEETS

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

TAX DISTRIBUTIONS

EXPENSE CHECK REGISTERS

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE DRAFTS

CO-INITIATED CHECK COPIES

SUPPORTING DATA FOR DEPOSITS

SALES TAX REPORTS

LANDFILL TIPPING FEE TRANSACTION COPIES

JURY LISTINGS

RETURNED CHECK COPIES

WHITEVILLE (CITY OF) - REQUEST TO MEET WITH COUNTY OFFICIALS

John E. Whitehurst, Interim County Administrator, presented the Board with a letter from the City of Whiteville requesting the Board to consider several items of concern the City has with the County. Mr. Whitehurst recommended the Board of County Commissioners and the City of Whiteville to schedule a meeting to discuss the matters of concern.

The Board concurred to meet with the City of Whiteville August 20, 2001 at 6:30 P.M., providing this date and time is acceptable with the City of Whiteville.

APPOINTMENTS - DEPARTMENT OF AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Commissioner David L. Dutton, Jr., appointed/reappointed the following persons to serve on the Department of Aging Advisory Council, for three (3) year terms, expiring June 30, 2004, to represent Zone VII:

Callie Davis	-	Appointed to replace Mildred Dutton
Esther Moses	-	Reappointed

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

Commissioner David L. Dutton, Jr., appointed Callie Davis to serve on the Home and Community Block Grant for the Aging Services Advisory Council for a three (3) year term, expiring June 30, 2004, to replace Mildred Dutton and to represent Zone VII.

LIBRARY - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie appointed Carol Caldwell to serve on the Library Board of Directors for a four (4) year term, expiring June 30, 2005, to replace Doris Dees and to represent Zone I.

MEETING RECESSED TO WATER & SEWER DISTRICT I AUTHORITY MEETING

At 9:25 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to recess the regular Board Meeting to act as the Columbus County Water & Sewer District Authority for Water & Sewer District I.

ADJOURN WATER & SEWER DISTRICT I WATER AUTHORITY MEETING

At 9:45 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to adjourn the Columbus County Water & Sewer District I Authority Meeting and resume regular session.

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

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

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

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) - PRESENTATION BY HOBBS, UPCHURCH & ASSOCIATES

Eddy Staley, representing Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates, provided information regarding the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) which can be adapted to locate real estate lots, homes, water lines, fire hydrants, zoning boundaries, locations of building permits and location of crime, etc. A unified system as demonstrated could be a big

advantage to most County departments.

Currently, the 911 system and the tax office have GIS computer programs in use.

Chairman Britt thanked Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates for the demonstration and stated that we will contact them for a more thorough demonstration in the future including the costs.

CLOSED SESSION

At 10:55 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to enter into a Closed Session in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes §143-318.11(a)(4).


RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 11:50 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to adjourn the Closed Session and resume Regular Session.

No official action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Immediately, thereafter, a motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to adjourn the Board Meeting.


Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:


Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

