

**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., October 1, 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

Billy Joe Farmer  
County Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

Chairman Britt called the Board Meeting to order and Commissioner Jacobs gave the invocation. Also, everyone in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS - SBI PROBE**

Chairman Britt announced that Commissioner Lynwood Norris was cleared in the State Bureau of Investigation regarding work performed on River Road after Hurricanes Floyd and Irene. Chairman Britt stated that since this investigation was requested by the Board of County Commissioners he feels that the outcome of the SBI Investigation be publicly announced in a Board Meeting.

**BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to approve the Board Minutes for September 4 and 17, 2001, as recorded.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda Items as follows:

**Tax Refunds:**

Request a refund in the name of Blanks, Allen & Nancy, 294 Mitchell Rd., Delco, NC 28436. Paid on a double wide home and the Acme Delco fee that is double listed in the name of Brenda Lee Blanks. Amount \$302.12, Value \$24,800.00, Year 1997, Account # 15-02460, Bill # 35840.

Request a refund in the name of Blanks, Allen & Nancy, 294 Mitchell Rd., Delco, NC 28436. Paid on a double wide home and the Acme Delco fee that is double listed in the name of Brenda Lee Blanks. Amount \$302.12, Value \$24,800.00, Year 1998, Account # 15-02460, Bill # 39864.

Request a refund in the name of Blanks, Allen & Nancy, 294 Mitchell Rd., Delco, NC 28436. Paid on a double wide home and the Acme Delco Fee that is double listed in the name of Brenda Lee Blanks. Amount \$302.12, Value \$24,800.00, Year 1999, Account # 15-02460, Bill # 1357.

Request a refund in the name of Blanks, Allen & Nancy, 294 Mitchell Rd., Delco, NC 28436. Paid on a double wide home and the Acme Delco fee that is double listed in the name of Brenda Lee Blanks. Amount \$333.32, Value \$24,800.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-02460, Bill # 82192.

Request a refund in the name of Sumpter, Lloyd E., 187 Oak St., Randolph, MA 02368. Refund value of a house and the Klondyke Fire fee. House burned in the 80's. Check should be payable to Annie Robinson. Amount \$216.28, Value \$15,200.00, Year 1997, Account # 01-91460, Bill # 65414.

Request a refund in the name of Sumpter, Lloyd E., 187 Oak St., Randolph, MA

02368. Refund value of house and Klondyke Fire Fee. House burned in the 80's. Check should be payable to Annie Robinson. Amount \$216.28, Value \$15,200.00, Year 1998, Account # 01-91460, Bill # 70744.

Request a refund in the name of Sumpter, Lloyd E., 187 Oak St., Randolph, MA.

02368. Refund the value of a house and the Klondyke Fire fee. House burned in the 80's. Check should be payable to Annie Robinson. Amount \$216.28, Value \$15,200.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-91460, Bill # 33216.

Request a refund in the name of Sumpter, Lloyd E., 187 Oak St., Randolph, MA

02368. Refund the value of a house and the Klondyke Fire fee. House burned in the 80's. Check should be payable to Annie Robinson. Amount \$245.09, Value \$15,200.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-91460, Bill # 14885.

Request a refund in the name of Turner, Louise P., 1420 N. J.K. Powell Blvd., Whiteville, NC 28472. Refund the value of a house and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home burned years ago. Amount \$212.97, Value \$15,800.00, Year 1997, Account # 01-97120, Bill # 66650.

Request a refund in the name of Turner, Louise P., 1420 J.K. Powell Blvd., Whiteville, NC 28472. Refund the value of a house and the Whiteville Rescue Fee. House burned years ago. Amount \$212.97, Value \$15,800.00, Year 1998, Account # 01-97120, Bill # 72090.

Request a refund in the name of Turner, Louise P., 1420 N. J.K. Powell Blvd., Whiteville, NC 28472. Refund the value of a house and the Whiteville Rescue Fee. House burned years ago. Amount \$212.97, Value \$15,800.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-97120, Bill # 34592.

Request a refund in the name of Turner, Louise P., 1420 N. J.K. Blvd., Whiteville, NC 28472. Refund the value of a house and the Whiteville Rescue Fee. House burned years ago. Amount \$241.92, Value \$15,800.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-97120, Bill # 16330.

**Tax Releases:**

Release the Property Value in the name of Butler, Eddie C. Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. Boat burned in 1997. Amount \$5.95, Value \$675.00,

Year 2001, Account # 13-06035, Bill # 84468.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lavender, Erskine. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home is double listed in the name of Alma Toon. Amount \$317.08, Value \$19,010.00, Year 2001, Account # 04-02625, Bill # 566.

Release the Property Value in the name of KLC, Inc. Release the equipment value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Equipment was listed by mistake. Amount \$294.35, Value \$36,794.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-02261, Bill # 165.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hilburn, Jerry M. Release the value of a double wide and the Williams Fire fee (20.46) and the Columbus Rescue fee (6.82). Home was turned back in and replaced for a single wide. Amount \$458.26, Value \$34,100.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-02251, Bill # 96641.

Release the Property Value in the name of Henburg, Mary. Release the value of a mobile home and the Cerro Gordo Fire fee (1.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.20). Customer failed to receive the senior citizens exemption. Amount \$84.00, Value \$1,000.00, Year 2001, Account # 16-08080, Bill # 96251.

Release the Property Value in the name of Henburg, Mary. Release the value of a mobile home for the Town of Cerro Gordo. Customer failed to get the senior citizens exemption. Amount \$2.00, Value \$1,000.00, Year 2001, Account # 16-08080, Bill # 25931.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hawkins, Persell. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Leola & Persell Hawkins. Amount \$250.83, Value \$19,730.00, Year 1998, Account # 06-18024, Bill # 52512.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hardin, Jenny S. Release the property value and the Roseland Fire fee (11.58) and the Columbus Rescue fee (3.86). Property is double listed in the name of Sarah Lea S. Ward and Ray & Judith Ward. Amount \$165.98, Value \$19,300.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-17870, Bill # 95400.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Bernadine C. Release is being requested because interest was not stopped during garnishment. Amount \$4.93, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-06058, Bill # 93580.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gore, Josephus. Release the value of a

boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. Boat has been junked. Amount \$4.06, Value \$461.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-33371, Bill # 93497.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gaskins, Gloria. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Harold Gaskins. Amount \$420.20, Value \$31,900.00, Year 2001, Account # 07-05020, Bill # 92346.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fletcher, Kendall. Release a portion of the property value and the Hallsboro Fire fee (12.00) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (4.00). Failed to get the senior citizens exemption. Amount \$172.00, Value \$20,000.00, Year 2001, Account # 11-09020, Bill # 90854.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lee, James F. Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. Boat was sold to Elbert Buck years ago. Amount \$13.40, Value \$1,523.00, Year 2001, Account # 07-01639, Bill # 714.

Release the Property Value in the name of Edwards, Joseph. Release the value of farm equipment and the Roseland Fire fee (7.44) and the Columbus Rescue fee (2.48). Equipment was sold four years ago. Amount \$117.28, Value \$12,397.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-11620, Bill # 89436.

Release the Property Value in the name of American Express Business Finance Co. Release the business personal value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Property is double listed in the name of P. Thomas, Inc. Amount \$101.64, Value \$11,550.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-03109, Bill # 79768.

Release the Property Value in the name of Braxton, James (Heirs). Release the value of a mobile home and the Brunswick Fire fee (2.73) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (.78). Customer failed to receive the senior citizens exemption. Amount \$33.93, Value \$3,900.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-01860, Bill # 82797.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bowen, Lee Claire, Jr. Release the value of a mobile home and the Bolton Fire fee. Home was junked years ago. Amount \$27.39, Value \$2,895.00, Year 2001, Account # 04-00357, Bill # 82595.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bowen, Lee Claire, Jr. Release the value of a mobile home and the Bolton Fire fee. Home was junked years ago. Amount \$23.25,

Value \$2,980.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-00357, Bill # 82557.

Release the Property Value in the name of Blanks, Allen & Nancy. Release the value of a double wide and the Acme Delco fee (29.76) and the Columbus Rescue fee (4.96). Home is double listed in the name of Brenda Lee Blanks. Amount \$393.16, Value \$24,800.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-02460, Bill # 82219.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bellamy, Genora. Release being requested because interest was not stopped on garnishment. Amount \$2.96, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-01813, Bill # 81381.

Release the Property Value in the name of Babson, George R. Release the value of a double wide home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was repossessed in 1997. Amount \$404.20, Value \$29,900.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-00344, Bill # 30175.

Release the Property Value in the name of Babson, George R. Release value of double wide home that was repossessed in 1997. Amount \$340.28, Value \$29,900.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-00344, Bill # 80189.

Release the Property Value in the name of Babson, George R. Release the value of a double wide home that was repossessed in 1997. Amount \$307.81, Value \$29,900.00, Year 1999, Account # 12-00344, Bill # 99418.

Release the Property Value in the name of Babson, George R. Release value of double wide that was repossessed in 1997. Amount \$332.13, Value \$33,400.00, Year 1998, Account # 12-00344, Bill # 30000.

Release the Property Value in the name of Worley, William Grey, Jr. Release the property value and the Cole Service fee (16.90) and the Columbus Rescue fee (3.38). Property is double listed in the same name with a different bill number. Amount \$152.10, Value \$16,900.00, Year 2001, Account # 16-05728, Bill # 21555.

Release the Property Value in the name of American Express Business Finance Co. Release the business personal value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Property is double listed in the name of Pittman Veterinary Clinic. Amount \$42.72, Value \$4,855.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-03241, Bill # 79767.

Release the Property Value in the name of Figueroa, Louis. Release the value of a

double wide and the Acme Delco fee (15.96) and Columbus Rescue fee (2.66). Home was traded for a new double wide and listed. Amount \$122.36, Value \$13,300.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-13740, Bill # 90612.

Release the Property Value in the name of Wards Redtop Store. Release the business personal property value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Business closed August, 2000. Amount \$7.23, Value \$822.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-00215, Bill # 19041.

Release the Property Value in the name of Maiden, Wilburn. Release is being requested because interest was not stopped during garnishment. Amount \$3.82, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-05432, Bill # 1590.

Release the Property Value in the name of Worley, Dorothy L. Release a portion of the property value and the Cole Service fee (5.20) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.04). Property is double listed in the name of William Grey Worley, Jr. Amount \$46.80, Value \$5,200.00, Year 2001, Account # 16-18160, Bill # 21470.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ward, Derry T. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was listed twice thru error. Amount \$468.51, Value \$15,740.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-26274, Bill # 18442.

Release the Property Value in the name of Turner, Louise P. Release the value of a house and the Whiteville Rescue fee that burned prior to 1990. Amount \$291.40, Value \$15,800.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-97120, Bill # 17280.

Release the Property Value in the name of Turner, Donald J. Release the value of a boat and the Acme Delco fee (13.92) and the Columbus Rescue fee (2.32). Boat was sold in 1999. Amount \$106.72, Value \$11,600.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-36619, Bill # 17248.

Release the Property Value in the name of Tompkins, Mickey R. Release the value of a mobile home and the Roseland Fire fee (18.84) and the Columbus Rescue fee (6.28). Home is double listed in the name of John Houston Brown. Amount \$435.04, Value \$31,400.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-05710, Bill # 16954.

Release the Property Value in the name of Stanley, Robert C. Release the property value and the North Whiteville fee (5.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.14). Property double listed in the name of Jackie Gore Stanley. Amount \$50.60, Value \$5,700.00, Year

2001, Account # 01-88703, Bill # 14551.

Release the Property Value in the name of Stanley, Robert C. Release the property value and the North Whiteville fee (5.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.14). Property double listed in the name of Jackie Gore Stanley. Amount \$47.18, Value \$5,700.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-88703, Bill # 13661.

Release the Property Value in the name of Stanley, Robert C. Release the property value and the North Whiteville fee (5.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.14). Property is double listed in the name of Jackie Gore Stanley. Amount \$45.76, Value \$5,700.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-88703, Bill # 32039.

Release the Property Value in the name of Simmons, M.B. (Heirs). Release the farm equipment value and the Williams Fire fee (2.49) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.83). Equipment is double listed in the name of Bruce Simmons. Amount \$35.66, Value \$4,146.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-26600, Bill # 12099.

Release the Property Value in the name of Simmons, Judy. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was repossessed prior to 1996. Amount \$584.94, Value \$28,970.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-21564, Bill # 12077.

Release the Property Value in the name of Simmons, Judy. Release value of mobile home that was repossessed prior to 1996. Amount \$363.15, Value \$30,070.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-21564, Bill # 11228.

Release the Property Value in the name of Pruitt, Sherman. Release a portion of the mobile home value and the Cole Service fee. Home was priced with incorrect value. Amount \$76.04, Value \$8,430.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-01841, Bill # 8187.

Release the Property Value in the name of Mills, Tylon V., Heirs. Release the value of an old house and the Bolton Fire fee (5.70) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.90). The house is no longer on this property. Amount \$246.70, Value \$9,500.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-27020, Bill # 4694.

Release the Property Value in the name of Simmons, Judy. Release the value of a mobile home that was repossessed prior to 1996. Amount \$210.09, Value \$14,400.00, Year 1999, Account # 03-21564, Bill # 29659.



Release the Property Value in the name of Pruitt, Sherman. Release a portion of the mobile home value and the Cole Service fee. Home was priced with incorrect value. Amount \$93.68, Value \$12,410.00, Year 1999, Account # 16-01841, Bill # 26677.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nobles, Jerry N. Release the value of a mobile home and the Klondyke Fire fee (2.52) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.72). Customer failed to get senior citizens exemption. Amount \$196.32, Value \$3,600.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-30166, Bill # 6161.

Release the Property Value in the name of Pruitt, Sherman. Release a portion of the mobile home value and the Cole Service fee. Home was priced with incorrect value. Amount \$80.69, Value \$8,150.00, Year 2001, Account # 16-01841, Bill # 8913.

Release the Property Value in the name of Robinson, Annie. Release the value of the house and the Klondyke Fire fee (12.11) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (3.46). House was torn down in the 80's. Amount \$315.51, Value \$17,300.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-05922, Bill # 9944.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sasser, Sidney J. Release the value of a boat and the Hallsboro Fire fee (.74) and the Columbus Rescue fee (25.). Boat was sold six years ago when Mr. Sasser died. Amount \$11.65, Value \$1,231.00, Year 2001, Account # 11-23640, Bill # 10767.

Release the Property Value in the name of Simmons, Judy. Release the value of a mobile home that was repossessed prior to 1996. Amount \$219.03, Value \$15,570.00, Year 1998, Account # 03-21564, Bill # 29316.

Release the Property Value in the name of Simmons, Judy. Release the value of a mobile home that was repossessed prior to 1996. Amount \$242.28, Value \$17,060.00, Year 1997, Account # 03-21564, Bill # 29317.

Release the Property Value in the name of Simmons, Judy. Release the value of a mobile home that was repossessed prior to 1996. Amount \$235.53, Value \$17,310.00, Year 1996, Account # 03-21564, Bill # 29318.

Release the Property Value in the name of Simmons, Judy. Release the value of a mobile home and the Old Dock fee. Home was listed twice in error. Home was also

repossessed prior to 1996. Amount \$265.56, Value \$19,420.00, Year 1998, Account # 03-21564, Bill # 29863.

Release the Property Value in the name of Patrick, Eric Oneal. Release value of mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Heather Patrick. Amount \$203.61, Value \$4,826.00, Year 2001, Account # 04-12751, Bill # 7147.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hardee, Dixie R. Customer is using a commercial hauler. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-13420, Bill # 94989.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hardee, Dixie Ray. Customer is using a commercial hauler. Amount \$110.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 07-13420, Bill # 95319.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hayes, Donald R. Billed with two trash cans. They only have one and have not had it for a full year. Amount \$200.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-02431, Bill # 95854.

Release the User Fee in the name of Haynes, Carton. Did not have trash can for a full year. Amount \$110.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-11350, Bill # 95996.

Release the User Fee in the name of Herring, Diane P. No trash can at this location. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 16-04431, Bill # 96310.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jackamo, J. Meryle. Did not have trash can for a full year. Amount \$110.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 05-02704, Bill # 98316.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jacobs, Alvin M. Customer is using a commercial hauler. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 08-09703, Bill # 98433.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jernigan, Gary. Charged with two user fees. Customer only has one trash can. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 11-14461, Bill # 98894.

Release the User Fee in the name of Johnson, Delma R. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-00901, Bill # 99002.

Release the User Fee in the name of Justice, Robin J. Did not have trash can for a full

year. Amount \$115.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-21067, Bill # 99698.

Release the User Fee in the name of Caines, Orian (Heirs). House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 07-01300, Bill # 84774.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jones, Calandra. Did not have trash can for a full year. Amount \$110.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-04059, Bill # 99306.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hardee, Dixie R. Customer is using a commercial hauler. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 07-13420, Bill # 13915.

Release the User Fee in the name of Green, Clempson. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 16-05940, Bill # 94428.

Release the User Fee in the name of Fowler, David J. Did not have trash can for a full year. Amount \$41.25, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-10867, Bill # 91356.

Release the User Fee in the name of Evans, Billy Dalè. No trash can at this location. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-06500, Bill # 90028.

Release the User Fee in the name of Baldwin, Ernestine T. No trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 14-00600, Bill # 80355.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cichero, Joseph C. Duplex is inside the city limits. Charged with county rate. Amount \$180.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 11-05920, Bill # 86023.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bullock, John A. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-07620, Bill # 84194.

Release the User Fee in the name of Brown, Matthew S. Did not have trash can for a full year. Amount \$55.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 05-00885, Bill # 83509.

Release the User Fee in the name of Britt, Catherine. Trash can picked up in 2000. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-08746, Bill # 82933.

Release the User Fee in the name of Boone, Delbert O. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 11-03180, Bill # 82341.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lewis, Linda & Barbara. Did not have trash can for a full year. Amount \$55.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 14-09220, Bill # 1244.

Release the User Fee in the name of Simmons, Talmadge, Jr. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-25180, Bill # 12188.

Release the User Fee in the name of Dennis, Virginia A. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 05-01680, Bill # 88400.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wright, Harvey. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-00959, Bill # 21709.

Release the User Fee in the name of Anderson, William E. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 11-00360, Bill # 79875.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wright, Harvey. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-00959, Bill # 20634.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wright, Harvey. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-00959, Bill # 38821.

Release the User Fee in the name of Watts, Ernest D. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 02-03147, Bill # 19222.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, John Colon. Store is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-27099, Bill # 18657.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wall, Rosanne. Did not have trash can for a full year. Amount \$55.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 02-00003, Bill # 18100.

Release the User Fee in the name of Tyler, Carolyn. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-30980, Bill # 17323.

Release the User Fee in the name of Thomas, Clarabel C. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-92740, Bill # 16229.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stevens, S.E. Did not have trash can for a full year. Amount \$55.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 07-16664, Bill # 14962.

Release the User Fee in the name of Soles, Vincent, Jr. Mobile home used for storage. No trash can here. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-87349, Bill # 13660.

Release the User Fee in the name of Norris, Kimberly. Did not have trash can for a full year. Amount \$110.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-04542, Bill # 6442.

Release the User Fee in the name of Robbins, William L. Charged with two user fees. Only has one trash can. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-76719, Bill # 9887.

Release the User Fee in the name of McKenzie, Ellis, (Heirs). House is vacant. Amount \$16.53, Value \$0.00, Year 1991, Account # 05-04160, Bill # 7519.

Release the User Fee in the name of Moore, Cardie B. Old houses are vacant. Amount \$330.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 04-11816, Bill # 5046.

Release the User Fee in the name of McKenzie, Mary D. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-26065, Bill # 3291.

Release the User Fee in the name of McKenzie, Henry E. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 05-04182, Bill # 3276.

Release the User Fee in the name of McKenzie, Henry E. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 05-04182, Bill # 2689.

Release the User Fee in the name of McKenzie, Henry E. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 05-04182, Bill # 21378.

Release the User Fee in the name of McKenzie, Henry E. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 05-04182, Bill # 59317.

Release the User Fee in the name of McKenzie, Ellis, (Heirs). House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1997, Account # 05-04160, Bill # 54440.

Release the User Fee in the name of McKenzie, Ellis, (Heirs). House is vacant. Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1996, Account # 05-04160, Bill # 56287.

Release the User Fee in the name of McKenzie, Ellis, (Heirs). House is vacant. Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1995, Account # 05-04160, Bill # 11087.

Release the User Fee in the name of McKenzie, Ellis, (Heirs). House is vacant. Amount \$30.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1993, Account # 05-04160, Bill # 80614.

Release the User Fee in the name of McKenzie, Ellis, (Heirs). House is vacant. Amount \$30.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1992, Account # 05-04160, Bill # 86097.

Release the User Fee in the name of Smith, Valerie. Did not have trash can for a full year. Amount \$15.26, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-86076, Bill # 12445.

**Budget Amendments:**

Increase	10-599-7400	Animal Control-Capital Outlay	\$14,979
Decrease	10-410-0200	Governing Body - Salaries	(\$ 7,999)
Decrease	10-410-0500	Governing Body - FICA	(\$ 600)
Decrease	10-410-0600	Governing Body - Insurance	(\$ 555)
Decrease	10-599-8100	Animal Control - Principal on Lease	(\$ 5,825)
Decrease	10-336-0000	CCT Transportation Match Fund	(\$2,500)
Increase	10-613-7050	Transit Building Fund (Miscellaneous)	\$ 2,500
Appropriate	10-399-0000	Fund Balance	\$18,612
Expend	10-620-6500	Recreation - Smart Start Grant	\$18,612
Appropriate	10-399-0000	Fund Balance	\$ 2,533
Expend	10-690-9550	Farmers Market	\$ 2,533

**PROCLAMATION - DECLARE OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE****AWARENESS MONTH**

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

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH****PROCLAMATION (2001)**

**WHEREAS,** violence against women and children continues to become more prevalent as a social problem due to the imbalance of power due to gender and age.

**WHEREAS,** the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people but cross all economic, racial and societal barriers; and supported by societal indifference.

**WHEREAS,** the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse.

**WHEREAS,** the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting women and children and society as a whole.

**WHEREAS,** it is battered women themselves who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim that October, 2001, is ***DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH***

in Columbus County and call upon all citizens to join in making every home a safe home and to support Families First in working toward the elimination of personal and institutional violence against women.

**ADOPTED**, this the 1st day of October, 2001.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**/s/ SPRUELL R. BRITT, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

**/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board**

**ANIMAL CONTROL - APPROVAL FOR VEHICLE AWARD**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed to award the Animal Control vehicle bid to the lowest bidder, Quality Motor Company, Incorporated in the amount of \$14,536.50. Five (5) bids were received and recorded in the September 4, 2001 Board Minutes, Book 26, Page 548.

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

**Noes:** None.

**Abstained:** Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie.

**CONTRACT - COLUMBUS COUNTY FLOOD RELIEF PROGRAM**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to approve the following Contract.

**Contract for Consulting Services  
with Columbus County  
Whiteville, North Carolina**

**AGREEMENT** effective the 1st day of October, 2001 by and between Clarence H. Williams and County of Columbus, a body politic and corporate of the State of North Carolina.

**WHEREAS**, the Client wishes to contract for the services of Clarence H. Williams in connection with the housing replacement program, and Clarence H. Williams wishes to provide such services on the terms and conditions hereafter set forth.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing, the mutual covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of

which is acknowledged by each party to the other, the parties hereto and hereby agree as follows:

### **1. SERVICES TO BE RENDERED**

Clarence H. Williams, to serve in the capacity of Housing Coordinator and render the following services:

- A. Perform all duties and responsibilities in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina and all applicable Federal, and local laws pertaining to the housing program.
- B. All other duties pertaining to the housing replacement program as assigned.

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

The Housing Coordinator will serve the Client and, as such, will report to the County Administrator. The Housing Coordinator shall be considered an independent contractor, acting as a consultant and not subject to the employment rules and regulations of Columbus County.

### **3. REPORTING/CONSULTATIONS/TIME**

The Housing Coordinator shall report to and/or confer with the County Administrator and the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners when requested. The Housing Coordinator shall work 40 hours per week or such time necessary to complete the services referred to in paragraph # 1. The Housing Coordinator is under the direct supervision of the County Administrator who shall monitor, evaluate, and supervise this position including the County's vehicle.

### **4. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

The County will provide within approved budgeted funds adequate office space, office furniture, a car for transportation, and other administrative and logistical support necessary for the Housing Coordinator to carry out his functions as authorized by the County Administrator.

### **5. TERMS**

This contract shall be for a period of two years. This paragraph is subject to the contract termination provisions of Section 9 below.



## 6. INABILITY TO SERVE

In the event that the person's name in paragraph #1 hereof, Clarence H. Williams is unable for any reason to serve or continue serving for the Client during the terms of this Agreement, then this Agreement shall automatically terminate with no further obligation on the part of either party.

## 7. COMPENSATION

The County of Columbus shall pay Clarence H. Williams for services rendered hereunder at the rate of \$17.32 per hour.

## 8. BOND

The Housing Coordinator shall not be required to execute a bond.

## 9. CONTRACT TERMINATION

If the County is not satisfied with the services of Clarence H. Williams, it may, at its sole option, any time after thirty work days (8 hours per day), terminate this Agreement upon seven (7) calendar days notice, without further obligation on the part of either party; or if funding is terminated.

## 10. GOVERNING LAW

This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina.

## 11. AMENDMENT

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

## 12. SEVERABILITY

If any provisions, or any portion thereof, contained in this agreement is held to be or becomes invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or portions thereof, shall be deemed severable, shall not be affected; and shall remain in full force and effect.

## 13. COUNTERPARTS

This agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

**IN WITNESS HEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on this 1<sup>st</sup>

day of October, 2001.

By: /s/ Clarence H. Williams 10-01-2001

**THE COUNTY:**

By: /s/ Spruell R. Britt, Chairman 10-01-2001

By: /s/ James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney 10-01-2001

**LANDFILL - GROUNDWATER ASSESSMENT PLAN APPROVED**

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, stated a letter has been received from North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) advising that the ground water detection monitoring wells at the closed Columbus County Landfill indicates levels of a regulated substance exceeding the water quality standards set by the State and further assessments are required. Accordingly, a quote was requested and received from the listed firms at the following amounts:

Babb and Associates	-	\$ 480.00
Law Gibb Group	-	\$1,100.00

Mr. Farmer recommended the Board accept the low bid from Babb & Associates in the amount of \$480.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to award the bid to Babb and Associates in the amount of \$480.00 to perform the Groundwater Assessment Plan at the Columbus County Landfill.

**ADAMS COMPANY - APPROVAL TO RE-AWARD CONTRACT 00-257**

Floyd Adams, representing the Adams Company, Inc., recommended that as a result of non-performance by Fredrick Hall on Contract 00-257, for the County to terminate his Contract and re-award such to Holland Construction at the same amount \$19,325.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Memory and passed unanimously to terminate Contract 00-257 with Fredrick Hall for non-performance and re-award Contract 00-257 to Holland Construction in the amount of \$19,325.00.

**ADAMS COMPANY - 2000 CHAF R-1 REPLACEMENTS**

Floyd Adams, representing the Adams Company, Inc., presented the Board with the

list of 2000 CHAF R-1 Replacements and the amounts as follows and requested the Board's approval.

Unit No.	Owner/Address	Cost	Unit Type
00-209	Hattie English 43 Railroad Street Fair Bluff, NC 28439	\$81,576	Modular
00-77	Roger Campbell 601 S. Wilkes Street Chadbourn, NC 28463	\$81,500	Modular
00-361	Fletcher McDuffie 280 Cypress Avenue Bolton, NC 28423	\$30,695	Single-wide
00-115	Cecil Brown 637 Green Swamp Road Bolton, NC 28423	\$31,855	Single-wide

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Memory and passed unanimously to approve the CHAF R-1 Replacements as listed above.

**ADAMS COMPANY - APPROVE LEGAL FIRMS FOR THE CHAF PROGRAM**

Floyd Adams, representing the Adams Company, Inc., reported he submitted seventeen (17) requests for proposals to legal firms on September 12, 2001 in an effort to complete the legal work on the CHAF project in the allotted eight-month time frame. Mr. Adams advised that only two proposals were received as follows and requested approval.

- The McGougan Law Firm  
120 Jefferson Street  
Whiteville, NC 28472  
Proposed Fee: \$425.00 per title with promissory note and deed of trust  
Committing to provide ten (10) titles per week
- Soles, Phipps, Ray & Prince  
108 Live Oak Street  
Tabor City, NC 28463  
Proposed Fee: \$425.00 per title with promissory note and deed of trust  
Committing to provide five (5) titles per week

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the proposals from The McGougan Law Firm and the Soles, Phipps, Ray and Prince for the proposed fee of \$425.00 per title with promissory note and deed of trust to enable the CHAF Project to be completed within the eight (8) month time allocation.

**APPOINTMENT - LOWER CAPE FEAR WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY**

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appoint Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, to serve on the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority, to fill the unexpired term of Dempsey B. Herring, with term expiring January 2, 2003.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH**

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, recommended the Board establish a Transportation Committee consisting of members appointed from each region of Columbus County. The purpose of the Committee is to make an effort to capitalize on transportation opportunities and associated economic development during the time before Interstate 73/74 becomes a reality.

The Board concurred to establish a Transportation Committee and directed the Administration Staff to contact the following organizations to appoint a delegate to serve on the Committee.

- Chambers of Commerce
- Columbus County Board of Education
- Columbus County Committee of 100
- Department of Transportation
- Economic Development Commission
- Municipalities within Columbus County
- Southeastern Community College
- Tabor City Committee of 100
- Whiteville City Board of Education

Further, the Board concurred to schedule a Transportation Committee Meeting, October 15, 2001 at 7:00 P.M.

Commissioner Bill Memory stated he would like to serve on the Transportation Committee to represent the Board of Columbus County Commissioners.

The Board concurred to appoint Commissioner Memory as their delegate to serve on the Transportation Committee.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY FAIR - FIREWORK DISPLAY FEE WAIVED**

John Saylor, Fire Marshal, stated the Columbus County Fair has requested to display fireworks during the week of October 8, 2001 and requested the Board to waive the one-hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) fee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to allow the Columbus County Fair to display fireworks and to waive the fee of one-hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) fee as requested by Mr. Saylor.

**RESOLUTION - PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR THE CLOSING OF A PORTION OF FOURTH STREET LOCATED IN RANSOM TOWNSHIP**

Coburn Powell, Attorney at Law, requested the Board to adopt a Resolution scheduling a public hearing for November 19, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. regarding the closing a portion of Fourth Street located in Ransom Township.

**RESOLUTION**

The Columbus County Board of Commissioners, at its regular meeting held on October 1, 2001, unanimously adopted the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, it has been brought to the attention of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County that a portion of Fourth Street located in Ransom Township is not serving any useful purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the portion of Fourth street measuring 50 feet by 330 feet and the area in between Lots 1,2,3,4,5 & 11 of Block R and Lots 6,7,8,9,10 & 20 of Block O of the New Berlin Townsite as shown on map recorded in Map Book N-1, Page 242, Columbus County Registry, and said area running along Fourth Street from its intersection with Geneva Street Northbound to its intersection with Burnham Avenue (now Kaiser Street) with the lands on both sides of said Fourth Street owned by Delco Pentecostal Freewill Baptist Church.

**WHEREAS**, the Trustees of Delco Pentecostal Freewill Baptist Church and their attorney, J. Coburn Powell, have requested that this area of Fourth street be closed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, acting pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statute § 153A-241, hereby declares its intent to close that portion of Fourth Street located in Ransom Township mentioned above, and a public hearing on the question of closing this road is hereby called.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners that a public hearing be and it is hereby set for November 19, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. in the Columbus County Commissioners' Office, Whiteville, NC and that public notice of said hearing be

published in the News Reporter once a week for four (4) successive weeks, which publication shall be October 8, 15, 22, 29, 2001, so that all parties having any interest or affected by the proposed closing of a portion of Fourth Street of the New Berlin Townsite in Ransom Township may be present and be heard.

Unanimously adopted this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2001.

/s/ Spruell R. Britt Chairman

**ATTEST:**

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:38 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6).

**RESUME REGULAR SESSION**

At 9:15 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session.

No official action was taken.

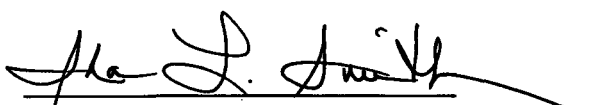
**AWARD - MILITARY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMAND**

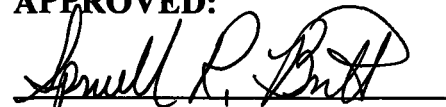
Chairman Britt presented the Board with a plaque that was received by Columbus County from the Military Traffic Management Command as follows.

PRESENTED TO:  
**COLUMBUS COUNTY**  
 "IN APPRECIATION FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING  
 EFFORTS FIGHTING THE FIRE ONBOARD THE  
 MV SSG EDWARD A. CARTER"  
 July 14, 2001

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:17 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn the Board Meeting.

  
 Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:  
  
 Spruell R. Britt, Chairman