

**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 7:30 P.M., October 15, 2001 to hold their regularly scheduled meeting, it being the third Monday.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

Sammie Jacobs, Vice Chairman

David L. Dutton, Jr.

Amon E. McKenzie

Bill Memory

Lynwood Norris

C.E. Wilson

James E. Hill, Jr.  
County Attorney

Billy Joe Farmer  
County Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

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

**BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the Board Minutes for October 1, 2001, as recorded.

**TAX REFUNDS AND RELEASES**

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the tax refunds and releases as follows:

**Tax Refunds:**

Request a refund in the name of Gowens, Clarissia, P.O. Box 608, Bladenboro, NC 28320. Paid on a mobile home that was traded on a new home. The new home is listed. Amount \$143.54, Value \$2,570.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-09720, Bill # 93542.

Request a refund in the name of Gowens, Clarissia, P.O. Box 608, Bladenboro, NC 28320. Paid tax and Columbus Rescue fee on a mobile home that was traded on a new home. The new home is listed. Amount \$186.76, Value \$2,575.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-09720, Bill # 93845.

**Tax Releases:**

Release the Property Value in the name of Lynn, Nicole, LLC. Release a portion of the property value, the Roseland Fire fee (38.16) the Columbus Rescue fee (12.72). Property should be in the Land Use Program. Amount \$546.96, Value \$63,600.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-03656, Bill # 2058.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ray, Veneda S. Release the deferred tax and the Roseland Fire fee. Property was transferred in error. Amount \$43.68, Value \$5,600.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-34101, Bill # 49355.

Release the Property Value in the name of Milligan Brothers, LLC. Release the value of a mobile home, the Yam City Fire fee (10.90) and the Columbus Rescue fee (2.18). Home is double listed in the name of Allene Cox Dorman. Amount \$263.10, Value \$10,900.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-01049, Bill # 4560.

Release the Property Value in the name of McCoy, Annella. Release a portion of the property value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Customer failed to receive the Senior Citizens Exemption. Amount \$286.60, Value \$15,200.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-17080, Bill # 2879.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lynn, Nicole, LLC. Release a portion of the property value, the Klondyke Fire fee (24.71) and the Columbus Rescue fee (7.06). The property should be in the Land Use Program. Amount \$307.11, Value \$35,300.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-03615, Bill # 2063.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lynn, Nicole, LLC. Release a portion of

the property value, the Klondyke Fire fee (11.97) and the Columbus Rescue fee (3.42). Property should be in the Land Use Program. Amount \$148.77, Value \$17,100.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-03615, Bill # 2062.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lynn, Nicole, LLC. Release a portion of the property value, the Klondyke Fire fee (28.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (8.00). Property should be in the Land Use Program. Amount \$348.00, Value \$40,000.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-03615, Bill # 2061.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ray, Veneda S. Release the deferred tax and the Roseland Fire fee. Property was transferred in error. Amount \$42.28, Value \$5,406.00, Year 1999, Account # 13-34101, Bill # 49356.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lynn, Nicole, LLC. Release a portion of the property value, the Klondyke Fire fee (15.12) and the Columbus Rescue fee (4.32). Property should be in the Land Use Program. Amount \$187.92, Value \$21,600.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-03615, Bill # 2059.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Elbert. Release the value of a double wide home, the St. James Fire fee (29.76) and the Columbus Rescue fee (9.92). Home was repossessed May 1999. Amount \$591.56, Value \$49,600.00, Year 2001, Account # 14-06071, Bill # 93956.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lynn, Nicole, LLC. Release a portion of the property value, the Roseland Fire fee (3.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.00). Property should be in the Land Use Program. Amount \$43.00, Value \$5,000.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-03656, Bill # 2057.

Release the Property Value in the name of Long, James. Release a portion of the mobile home value, the Old Dock Fire fee (7.65) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.91). Home was priced as a 1998 but the year model is 1989. Amount \$215.45, Value \$9,560.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-02015, Bill # 1625.

Release the Property Value in the name of Young, Ernest (Jr.) Heirs. Release the value of a double wide home and the Hallsboro Fire fee. Home was repossessed in 1999. Amount \$392.54, Value \$34,400.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-18103, Bill # 20951.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Elbert. Release the value of a double wide home and the St. James Fire fee. Home was repossessed in May 1999. Amount \$511.88, Value \$49,600.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-06071, Bill # 93655.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bryant, Tommy R. Release the value of a mobile home, the Evergreen Fire fee (25.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (3.15). Home was repossessed in 1999. Amount \$328.51, Value \$15,740.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-04719, Bill # 83795.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bryant, Tommy R. Release the value of a mobile home and the Evergreen Fire fee. Home was repossessed in 1999. Amount \$279.57, Value \$16,360.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-04719, Bill # 83726.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bullock, David W. Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. Boat was junked years ago. Amount \$24.20, Value \$2,750.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-00569, Bill # 84151.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lynn, Nicole, LLC. Release a portion of the land value, the Klondyke Fire fee (23.45) and the Columbus Rescue fee (6.70). Property should be in the Land Use Program. Amount \$291.45, Value \$33,500.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-03615, Bill # 2060.

Release the Property Value in the name of Vereen, Murline Scott. Release the value of a single wide home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was traded for a double wide. New home has been listed. Amount \$230.12, Value \$8,140.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-40386, Bill # 17675.

Release the Property Value in the name of Collins, Rhonda. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Rhonda Kay Collins. Amount \$241.82, Value \$23,310.00, Year 1996, Account # 06-05739, Bill # 41769.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ray, Veneda S. Release the deferred tax and the Roseland Fire fee. Property was transferred in error. Amount \$42.28, Value \$5,406.00, Year 1998, Account # 13-34101, Bill # 49357.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ward, Donald. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was repossessed in 1999. Amount

\$429.80, Value \$33,100.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-04712, Bill # 18448.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ward, Donald. Release value of mobile home that was repossessed in 1999. Amount \$363.32, Value \$33,100.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-04712, Bill # 17461.

Release the Property Value in the name of Vereen, Murline Scott. Release the value of a single wide home that was traded for a double wide. New home has been listed. Amount \$191.77, Value \$8,430.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-40386, Bill # 16716.

Release the Property Value in the name of Vereen, Murline Scott. Release the value of a single wide home that was traded for a double wide. New home has been listed. Amount \$168.42, Value \$8,950.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-40386, Bill # 34966.

Release the Property Value in the name of Vereen, Murline Scott. Release the value of a single wide home that was traded for a double wide. New home has been listed. Amount \$173.70, Value \$9,640.00, Year 1998, Account # 06-40386, Bill # 72459.

Release the Property Value in the name of Vereen, Murline Scott. Release the value of a single wide home that was traded for a double wide. New home has been listed. Amount \$180.20, Value \$10,490.00, Year 1997, Account # 06-40386, Bill # 81537.

Release the Property Value in the name of Register, Paul. Release the value of a mobile home, the Brunswick Fire fee (15.45) and the Columbus Rescue fee (4.41). Home was traded on a double wide and the new home is listed. Amount \$376.21, Value \$22,070.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-04726, Bill # 9527.

Release the Property Value in the name of Van Dooren, Sarah P. Release a portion of the deferred tax and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Error in deferred billing. Amount \$71.50, Value \$10,000.00, Year 1998, Account # 01-98413, Bill # 32394.

Release the Property Value in the name of Van Dooren, Sarah P. Release a portion of the deferred tax and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Error in deferred billing. Amount \$71.50, Value \$10,000.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-98413, Bill # 32393.

Release the Property Value in the name of Van Dorren, Sarah P. Release a portion of the deferred tax and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Error in deferred billing. Amount \$74.00, Value \$10,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-98413, Bill # 32392.

Release the Property Value in the name of Van Dorren, Sarah P. Release a portion of the deferred tax and the Whiteville Recue fee. Error in deferred billing. Amount \$80.00, Value \$10,000.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-98413, Bill # 32391.

Release the Property Value in the name of Roseboro, Silas. Release the value of a single wide home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home was traded for double wide home and it has been listed. Amount \$196.12, Value \$3,536.00, Year 2001, Account # 14-12665, Bill # 10325.

Release the Property Value in the name of Roseboro, Silas. Release the value of a single wide home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home was traded for a double wide and it has been listed. Amount \$154.35, Value \$3,606.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-12665, Bill # 9504.

Release the Property Value in the name of Vereen, Murline Scott. Release the value of a single wide home that was traded for a double wide. New home has been listed. Amount \$160.52, Value \$10,740.00, Year 1996, Account # 06-40386, Bill # 81536.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ray, Veneda S. Release the deferred tax and the Roseland Fire fee. Property was transferred in error. Amount \$42.28, Value \$5,406.00, Year 1997, Account # 13-34101, Bill # 49358.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Ruby G. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-07308, Bill # 93391.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Elbert R. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-09060, Bill # 93314.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Darlene. Trash can was picked up in 2000. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 07-01208, Bill # 93248.

Release the User Fee in the name of Fowler, William Coley. Customer is using a commercial hauler. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 10-05740, Bill # 91628.

Release the User Fee in the name of Curiale, Anthony K. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have trash can for a full year. Amount \$55.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 10-03131, Bill # 87697.

Release the User Fee in the name of Connor, H.W. & Mary. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 10-02820, Bill # 86853.

Release the User Fee in the name of Coe, Joseph T. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$123.75, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-01445, Bill # 86365.

Release the User Fee in the name of Blackwell, Robert Scott. Release a portion of the user fee. Property inside the city limits. Amount \$90.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 16-01223, Bill # 32363.

Release the User Fee in the name of Brown, Sheila. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have trash can for a full year. Amount \$27.50, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-03998, Bill # 83596.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bradley, Washington T. Old house is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-00710, Bill # 82744.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Ruby G. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 07-07308, Bill # 93690.

Release the User Fee in the name of Spivey, Larry D. Release one of two user fees. There is only one trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-26180, Bill # 14160.

Release the User Fee in the name of Coe, Joseph T. No trash can at this address. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-01445, Bill # 86205.

Release the User Fee in the name of Henry, John Leon. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 11-12781, Bill # 96273.

Release the User Fee in the name of High, Jerry T. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 14-06717, Bill # 96543.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hines, Marcus. Did not have trash can for a full year. Amount \$123.75, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-05852, Bill # 96862.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lennon, April. No trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-05833, Bill # 838.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lowery, Barbara A. No trash can at this address.

Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-24511, Bill # 1959.

Release the User Fee in the name of McClary, David O. Did not have trash can for a full year. Amount \$123.75, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-16800, Bill # 2793.

Release the User Fee in the name of Parrett, Nathaniel. No trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-28701, Bill # 7115.

Release the User Fee in the name of Richardson, Michael R. Release one of two user fees. There is only one trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-19880, Bill # 9739.

Release the User Fee in the name of Strickland, J.G. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have trash can for a full year. Amount \$55.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-38448, Bill # 15350.

Release the User Fee in the name of Taylor, Peggy. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have trash can for a full year. Amount \$82.50, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-00154, Bill # 16074.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wright, Ethel Marie. Release one of two user fees. There is only one trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 02-09445, Bill # 21704.

Release the User Fee in the name of Batten, Arthur Thomas. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-00680, Bill # 80991.

Release the User Fee in the name of Rackley, Renee. No trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 11-00641, Bill # 9030.

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION - COLUMBUS COUNTY DIXIE 14 ALL-STARS BASEBALL**

Chairman Britt presented a Certificate of Recognition and Congratulations to the Columbus County Dixie Boys 14 All-Stars Baseball Team who were runner-ups in the World Series. The Certificate was adopted by the Board of Commissioners on September 17, 2001 and is recorded in the Board Minutes, Book 26, Page 580.

**PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK**

The Board concurred to Proclaim the week of October 14 through October 20, as



National Business Women's Week and Chairman Britt presented Greta Albritton, representing the Columbus County Local Organization Federation of Business and Professional Women, with the following Proclamation.

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Local Organization of the North Carolina Federation of Business and Professional Women, an organization whose objective is to elevate the standards of women in business and in the professions; and

**WHEREAS**, members shall be joined by the other organizations throughout the state and the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, our City, County, State and Nation benefit from the contributions of business and professional women in the industrial, scientific, educational and vocational sectors of the economy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, does hereby proclaim the week of October 14 through October 20, 2001 as

**NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK**

in the County of Columbus and commend its observance to our citizens.

**WITNESS**, my hand and the official seal of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, this 15th day of October 2001.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**By: Spruell R. Britt, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

**TRANSPORTATION - PROPERTY APPROVED FOR TRANSIT FACILITY**

Charles Patton, Transportation Director, presented the Board with a drawing done by Ballard Architects showing the Transit Facility would easily fit on the county property adjacent to the Animal Shelter and requested permission to build the Columbus County Transit Facility on the county property.

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

and passed unanimously to permit the construction of the Columbus County Transit Facility on county property adjacent to the Animal Control Shelter.

**TRANSPORTATION - RESOLUTION APPROVING FY 2002 TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

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

**COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION**

**Applicant Seeking Permission to Apply for  
Community Transportation Program Funding,  
Enter Into Agreement With The North Carolina Department Of Transportation  
And to Provide the Necessary Assurances.**

A motion was made by Commissioner David L. Dutton, Jr. and seconded by Commissioner C.E. Wilson for the adoption of the following Resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

**WHEREAS**, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as the agency responsible for administering federal and state public transportation funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will apply for a grant from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and receives funds from the North Carolina General Assembly to provide assistance for rural public transportation projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of these transportation funds is to provide grant monies to local agencies for the provision of rural public transportation services consistent with the policy requirements for planning, community and agency involvement, service design, service alternatives, training and conference participation, reporting and other requirements (drug and alcohol testing policy and program, disadvantaged business enterprise program, and fully allocated costs analysis);

**WHEREAS**, Columbus County hereby assures and certifies that it will comply with

the federal and state Statutes, regulations, executive orders, Section 5333 (b) Warranty, and all administrative requirements which relates to the applications made to and grants received from the Federal Transit Administration, as well as the provisions of Section 1001 of Title 18, U. S. C.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to submit a grant application for federal and state funding, make the necessary assurances and certifications and be empowered to enter into an agreement with the NCDOT to provide rural public transportation services.

I, Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners duly held on the 15th day of October 2001.

/s/ Spruell R. Britt

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Subscribed and sworn to me October 15, 2001

/s/ June B. Hall

1162 Martin Gourd Road, Clarkton, NC 28433

My Commissioner Expires: 09-25-2003

**APPOINTMENT - INTERAGENCY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Memory and passed unanimously to appoint Commissioner C.E. Wilson to serve on the Interagency Transportation Advisory Board to replace Dempsey B. Herring.

**APPOINTMENT - CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY BOARD**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to appoint Amy Curiale, Columbus County Health Department Representative, to serve on the Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board to replace Phillip Tarte.

**SHERIFF - PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED**

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

and passed unanimously to schedule a Public Hearing for the 2001 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant for November 5, 2001 at 8:00 A.M.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - PARTICIPATION IN THE RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Memory and passed unanimously to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding to allow Columbus County to participate in the Rural Transportation Planning Organization as follows:

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR  
COOPERATIVE, COMPREHENSIVE AND CONTINUING TRANSPORTATION  
PLANNING  
AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING  
ORGANIZATION  
FOR**

The **County of Brunswick** and the following municipalities therein: Bald Head Island, Boiling Spring Lakes, Bolivia, Calabash, Carolina Shores, Caswell Beach, Holden Beach, Northwest, Oak Island, Ocean Isle Beach, St. James, Sandy Creek, Shallotte, Southport, Sunset Beach, Varnumtown; the **County of Columbus** and the following municipalities therein: Boardman, Bolton, Brunswick, Cerro Gordo, Chadbourn, Fair Bluff, Lake Waccamaw, Sandyfield, Tabor City, Whiteville; the **County of New Hanover** and the following municipalities therein: Carolina Beach and Kure Beach; the **County of Pender** and the following municipalities therein: Atkinson, Burgaw, St. Helena, Surf City, Topsail Beach, Wallace, Watha; and the **North Carolina Department of Transportation**.

**WITNESSETH**

**Whereas**, section 135 of Title 23, United States Code, declares that it is in the national interest to encourage and promote the development of transportation systems embracing various modes of transportation in a manner that will serve all areas of the State efficiently and effectively; and,

**Whereas**, North Carolina General Statute 136-18 was amended by the North Carolina General Assembly by ratification of Senate Bill 1195 on July 6, 2000, and this same bill was signed by the Governor on July 14, 2000, and subsequently Chaptered, and which Chaptered statute provides for the establishment of Rural Transportation Planning Organizations

(RPOs), similar in concept to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), which provide transportation planning in North Carolina's urban areas; and,

**Whereas**, the establishment of a Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO), similar in concept to the urban Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organizations (MPOs) ) would provide rural areas the opportunity to work in partnership with the North Carolina Department of Transportation toward development of sound, short and long-range transportation planning for rural areas; and,

**Whereas**, the establishment of a Rural Transportation Planning Organization for the four county Region O area would assist the North Carolina Department of Transportation in complying with the provisions of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA 21), enacted June 9, 1998, relative to the participation of local officials and the public in the transportation planning process; and,

**Whereas**, it is the desire of these local governments and agencies to establish a continuing, comprehensive, cooperative transportation planning process with the establishment of a Rural Transportation Planning Organization for the four-county Region O Planning Area.

**Now, therefore**, the following memorandum of understanding is made.

**Section I.** It is hereby agreed, that the **County of Brunswick**, the **County of Columbus**, the **County of New Hanover**, the **County of Pender**, and the **North Carolina Department of Transportation** intend to establish and participate in a Rural Transportation Planning Organization created for the general purposes and responsibilities outlined below:

1. To develop long-range local and regional multi-modal transportation plans in cooperation with the area MPO and the North Carolina Department of Transportation.
2. To provide a forum for public participation in the rural transportation planning process.
3. To develop and prioritize suggestions for transportation projects, which the Rural Transportation Planning Organization believes should be included in the State Transportation Improvement Program.

4. To provide transportation-related information to local governments and other interested organizations and persons.
5. To conduct transportation related studies and surveys for local governments and other interested entities/organizations.
6. To undertake mutually agreed upon transportation related tasks to enhance transportation system development, coordination and efficiency.

**Section 2.** It is hereby further agreed that transportation plans and programs and land use policies and programs for the Rural Transportation Planning Organization will be coordinated by the Region O Council of Governments, an agency selected on behalf of participating local governments and the North Carolina Department of Transportation, to be the administrative entity and to serve as the lead local planning agency for coordinating transportation planning in the four county planning area.

**Section 3.** Establishment of Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC). A Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) is hereby established with the responsibility for serving as a forum for cooperative transportation planning decision making for the Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO). The Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) shall have the responsibility of keeping the policy boards informed of the status and requirements of the transportation planning process; to assist in the dissemination and clarification of the decisions, inclinations, and policies of the policy boards; and to help ensure meaningful public participation in the rural transportation planning process.

1. The Rural Transportation Advisory Committee will be responsible for carrying out the following:
  - A. Establishment of goals, priorities, and objectives for the Rural Transportation planning process.
  - B. Review and recommend changes to adopted Transportation Plans for the Rural Transportation Planning Organization.
  - C. Review and recommend a work program for transportation planning which defines work tasks and responsibilities for the various agencies participating in the Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO).

- D. Review and recommend transportation improvement projects which support and enhance intra-county transportation within the four county Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO).
2. The membership of the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee shall consist of the following:
    - A. One County Commissioner representing the **County of Brunswick**. One municipal elected official from each municipal local government outside of the MPO in **Brunswick County**.
    - B. One County Commissioner representing the **County of Columbus**. One municipal elected official from each local government in Columbus County.
    - C. One County Commissioner representing the **County of New Hanover**. One municipal elected official from each municipal local government outside of the MPO in New Hanover County.
    - D. One County Commissioner representing the **County of Pender**. One municipal elected official from each municipal local government in **Pender County**.
    - E. All members of the **North Carolina Board of Transportation** representing the **Department of Transportation Divisions 03 and 06**.
  3. The County Commissioner representing each County on the RTAC shall be elected every two years by the Board of County Commissioners of each County in regular session. The municipal RTAC representative shall be selected by the municipal elected board of each municipality in regular session every two years. The term of office for all seats on the RTAC is two years. Re-appointment is possible.
  4. To facilitate staggered terms and thereby promote continuity, the initial appointments of the **New Hanover** and **Brunswick** RTAC members shall be for one (1) year. All subsequent appointments shall be for two (2) years.
  5. The Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) will meet as often as it is deemed necessary appropriate and advisable. On the basis of majority vote of its membership, the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee may appoint a member of the committee to act as chairperson with the responsibility for coordination of the

committee's activities.

6. The Transportation Planner of the Region O Council of Governments will serve as staff to the RTAC.

**Section 4.** Establishment of Rural Transportation Technical Committee (RTTC). A Rural Transportation Technical Committee shall be established with the responsibility of general review, guidance, and coordination of the transportation planning process for the Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO) and the responsibility for making recommendations to the respective local, state, and federal governmental agencies and the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) regarding any necessary actions relating to the continuing transportation planning process.

1. The RTTC shall be responsible for development, review, and recommendation for approval of the rural transportation planning work program for the RPO, the Transportation Improvement Program, and revisions to the Transportation Improvement Program.
2. Membership of the Rural Transportation Technical Committee (RTTC) shall include technical representatives from all local and state governmental agencies directly related to and concerned with the transportation planning process for the RPO planning area. Initially, the membership shall include, but may not be limited to, the following:
  - A. County Manager (or his/her designee) from each of the four counties of the RPO planning area.
  - B. The Chief Administrative Official (or his/her designee) from each municipality in the Region O, RPO planning area.
  - C. Executive Director and Transportation Planner, Region O Council of Governments.
  - D. Division Engineer serving the 3rd Division of Highways, North Carolina Department of Transportation, or his/her designated representative.
  - E. Division Engineer, 6th Division of Highways, North Carolina Department of Transportation, or his/her designated representative.
  - F. Manager, Statewide Planning Branch, Planning and Environment, North



Carolina Department of Transportation, or his/her designated representative.

G. Area Traffic Engineer, Division of Highways, Traffic Engineering Branch, North Carolina Department of Transportation.

H. The Transportation Planner for the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization, as ex-officio.

3. The Rural Transportation Technical Committee shall meet when it is deemed necessary, appropriate and advisable. The Rural Transportation Technical Committee will be staffed by the Region O Transportation Planner who will act as a Chairperson with the responsibility for coordinating the committee(s) activities. Membership of the Rural Transportation Technical Committee may be altered on the basis of a majority vote of its membership and approval of the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee of the RPO.

**Section 5.** It is further agreed that all participating agencies will assist in the Rural Transportation planning process by providing planning assistance (where possible), data, and inventories in accordance with the approved work program.

**Section 6.** Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding may terminate their participation in the continuing transportation planning process by giving 90 days written notice to the other parties to the date of termination.

**Section 7.** In witness whereof, the parties of the Memorandum of Understanding have been authorized by appropriate and proper resolutions, and/or legislative authority to sign this Memorandum of Understanding, which becomes effective as of the last day signed. The following 6 pages comprise the signature pages from each party to this Memorandum.

#### **COLUMBUS COUNTY**

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2001.

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

/s/ Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

#### **EMERGENCY SERVICES - COLUMBUS COUNTY VEHICLE USE AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to adopt the Columbus County Vehicle Use Agreement to be used as support documentation for the County's Fleet Policy as follows.

## COLUMBUS COUNTY VEHICLE USE AGREEMENT

(Circle All That Apply)

County-Owned

Leased

Personal Vehicle

This is an agreement between Columbus County and the employee named below for the assignment of a motor vehicle for business use under the following county policies.

1. All drivers must be at least 18 years of age. All drivers must possess a valid North Carolina driver's license from the state in which legal residence is established.
2. Any involvement (i.e. transportation, possession or consumption) of illegal controlled substances or contraband or use of alcohol is strictly prohibited.
3. Restraints (seat belts) will be worn while driving or occupying any vehicle on county business.
4. Employees must obey all state and local traffic laws and driving regulations of North Carolina or any other state in which they are operating the vehicle.
5. Moving violations and accidents, no matter how minor, are to be reported to your supervisor on the same day they occur and follow up report if plea found guilty .
6. Unauthorized passengers are prohibited.
7. Unauthorized use and/or parking of vehicle is prohibited.
8. The County will secure a motor vehicle record (MVR) on all employees driving on county business. The following shall apply:

Driver Qualification Requirements for all drivers on or off duty

- No more than **2 moving violation convictions in 24 months or 3 in 36 months.**
  - No more than **1 at fault accident in 24 months or 2 in 36 months.**
  - No convictions of **DUI/DWI, Reckless Driving, Vehicular Homicide or operation of a motor vehicle at the commission of a felony.**
9. All drivers of county owned vehicles must be knowledgeable of the vehicle they are operating and report any maintenance or safety problems to a supervisor .
  10. For Personal Vehicle use-Employee must have proof of automobile insurance that meet minimum applicable state requirements.

Date	Employee's Signature	Social Security Number
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### **HEALTH - BUILDING RENOVATIONS APPROVED**

Marian Duncan, Health Director, requested the Board to approve the completion of the renovation to the existing Health Department Building by using carry over funds from FY 2000-2001 earned in Home Health Agency.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to approve the renovations to the Health Department Building and to transfer Home Health funds as needed from the General Fund to the Home Health Account as follows:

Appropriate 10-399-0000 Fund Balance (Home Health)	\$351,500
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Expend as follows:

10-593-0200 Salaries	\$100,000
10-593-1100 Telephone	500
10-593-2100 Equipment Rent/Lease	6,000
10-593-4500 Contracted Services - Nursing	70,000
10-593-4502 Contracted Services - Physical Therapy	20,000
10-593-4503 Contracted Services - Community Health Tech.	10,000
10-593-4600 Billable Medical Supplies	50,000
10-593-4602 Non Billable Medical Supplies	50,000
10-593-7300 Improvements	5,000
10-593-7400 Capital Outlay	10,000
10-593-8100 Principal/Lease Vehicle	40,000

### **BUDGET AMENDMENTS - HEALTH**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the following Health Department Budget Amendments.

Appropriate 10-399-0000 Fund Balance (Child Health)	\$190,047
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Expend as follows:

10-589-0200 Salaries	\$ 50,000
10-589-0500 FICA	4,000
10-589-0600 Insurance	6,500

10-589-0700 Retirement	3,000
10-589-1400 Travel	1,000
10-589-3200 Office Supplies	1,000
10-589-3300 Departmental Supplies	1,000
10-589-4600 Drugs and Supplies	48,547
10-589-7300 Improvements	70,000
10-589-7400 Capital Outlay	5,000
Appropriate 10-399-0000 Fund Balance (Dental Health)	\$ 8,320
Expend 10-595-4600 Drugs and Supplies	\$ 8,320
Appropriate 10-399-0000 Fund Balance (Children Special Health)	\$ 6,682
Expend as follows:	

10-597-0200 Salaries	\$ 2,000
10-597-0201 Longevity	100
10-597-0500 FICA	400
10-597-0600 Insurance	1,000
10-597-0700 Retirement	500
10-597-4600 Drugs and Supplies	2,682

#### **BUDGET AMENDMENTS - SOCIAL SERVICES**

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the following budget amendments.

Increase	10-348-1600 State Aid to Social Services Admin.	\$21,760
Expend	10-610-4500 Contract Services	\$21,760
Increase	10-348-1621 Crisis Intervention (Social Services)	\$81,483
Expend	10-610-6070 Crisis Intervention	\$81,483

#### **ADAMS COMPANY - APPROVAL OF 2000 COLUMBUS COUNTY CHAF R-1 REPLACEMENTS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to approve the 2000 Columbus County CHAF R-1 Replacements as requested by Floyd Adams, representing The Adams Company, as follows.

Unit No.	Owner	Cost	Unit Type
00-29	Samuel White 147220 Sam Potts Highway Bolton, NC 28423	\$66,888	Modular
00-196	Forester Gaddy 61 Live Oak Lane Bladenboro, NC 28320	\$43,095	Single-wide/Land

Unit No.	Owner	Cost	Unit Type
00-550	John McFadden 9885 Old 76 Highway Cerro Gordo, NC 28430	\$51,619	Single-wide/Land
00-441	Odis Rushing 36 North 14 <sup>th</sup> Street Bolton, NC 28423	\$31,225	Single-wide/Land
00-457	Sarah Silver 143 James Street Tabor City, NC 28463	\$66,211	Modular
00-74	Mattaline Tyler 145 Scott Circle Fair Bluff, NC 28439	\$59,446	Double-wide

**ADAMS COMPANY - CONTRACT REVISION**

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to approve the Contract revision with The Adams Company as follows:

**AGREEMENT AMENDMENT NO. 1  
FOR  
2000 CHAF and HMGP ADMINISTRATIVE AND HOUSING SERVICES  
BETWEEN  
THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS  
AND  
THE ADAMS COMPANY, INCORPORATED**

**THIS AGREEMENT AMENDMENT No. 1**, made this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2001 by and between the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County for itself and its successors and assigns, hereinafter referred to as the OWNER, and The ADAMS COMPANY, Inc., North Carolina for itself and its successors and assigns, hereinafter referred to as the CONSULTANT shall amend the original AGREEMENT dated August 4, 2000:

**WHEREAS**, the OWNER has been funded under the North Carolina 2000 Crisis Housing Assistance Fund (CHAF) Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the OWNER has been funded under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) ; and

**WHEREAS**, the OWNER has already entered into an agreement with the CONSULTANT to provide administrative and technical housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the scope of work for the original AGREEMENT has significantly

changed in activities and time limitations;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the OWNER and the CONSULTANT in consideration of mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, agree as follows to amend the following sections to be as follows:

**SECTION A - PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

1. Activities contained in the NC CHAF Project are as follows:
  - a. Amount of Grant: \$25,035,757.00
  - b. Housing Relocation: 12 Homeowners
  - c. Housing Rehabilitation: 371 Units
  - d. Housing Replacement: 167 Units
2. Activities contained in the HMGP Project are as follows:
  - a. Amount of Grant: \$942,848.00
  - b. Housing Acquisition: 12 Homeowners
  - c. Clearance: 12 parcels

**SECTION D - COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES**

1. The OWNER shall compensate the CONSULTANT for basic program management services the lump sum of six hundred thirty-one thousand four hundred and no/100 dollars (\$631,400.00). Payment for program management services shall be correlated with the total grant funds expended as a percentage of the total grant award (less management fees). Amounts shall be invoiced monthly.
2. The OWNER shall compensate the CONSULTANT for technical housing services based on the following lump sum amounts for each activity completed:
  - a. Acquisition - \$500.00
  - b. Clearance - \$500.00
  - c. Relocation - \$3,500.00
  - d. Rehabilitation - \$3,000.00

A sum equal to 100% of the compensation for each unit shall be paid upon award of each unit. Amounts shall be invoiced monthly.

3. All payments due the CONSULTANT shall be paid in full on or before the tenth day of the month following the date of the bill.
4. The CONSULTANT shall complete the proposed activities within 3 years provided sufficient rehabilitation contractors are available.
5. In the event that additional construction beyond the scope of the proposed work is necessary or possible, an addendum to be agreed upon by the OWNER and CONSULTANT shall be executed establishing the amount of additional compensation.
6. Payment for any additional engineering, inspection, survey or other technical services shall be based on the existing corporate fee schedule at the time of service.

The OWNER and the CONSULTANT each binds themselves, their successors, legal representatives and assigns to the other party to this AGREEMENT AMENDMENT No. 1 and to the successors, legal representatives and assigns of such other party in respect to all covenants of this AGREEMENT AMENDMENT No. 1. Except as above, neither the OWNER nor the CONSULTANT shall assign or transfer his interest in this Agreement without written consent of the other.

THE OWNER AND THE CONSULTANT hereby agree that all other conditions and requirements of the original AGREEMENT shall be unchanged and in full effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF they have executed this Agreement on the date and year first above written.

**COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**

ATTEST:

/s/ Ida L. Smith  
Clerk to Board  
(SEAL)

OWNER:

/s/ Spruell R. Britt  
Chairman, County Commissioners

**THE ADAMS COMPANY, INC.**

ATTEST:  
Tammy H. Jones  
Notary  
(SEAL)

CONSULTANT:  
M. Floyd Adams  
President

**FIRE & RESCUE (ADR) - UPDATE ON EMS SERVICE TO RURAL AREAS**

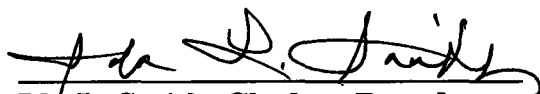
Donna Hammond, Acme-Delco-Riegelwood Rescue Chief, advised the Board that the State Office of Emergency Medical Services is changing the rules which could require a county-based, paramedic level EMS system by 2003. Ms. Hammond stated that only one squad in the County provides the highest level of pre-hospital emergency medical care which is Whiteville Rescue. Ms. Hammond also stated that counties would be given a year to meet the objectives set in those rules though deadline extensions might be possible. The new rules are expected to be implemented by January 1, 2002.

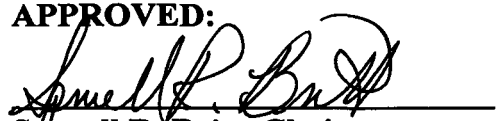
Dr. Fred Obrecht, Medical Director for the County's advanced life support squads, reported that the existing rescue squad system is diffuse and disparate and has been built on the backbone of volunteers.

The Board concurred to contact the North Carolina Legislative Delegation, representing Columbus County, and request additional time to become compliant with the new rules for Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:47 P.M.

  
Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:  
  
Spruell R. Britt, Chairman



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