

**COLUMBUS COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MINUTES

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 111 West Smith Street, Whiteville, NC at 7:30 P.M., December 3, 2001, for the regularly scheduled Board 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., Attorney

Billy Joe Farmer  
County Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

Chairman Britt called the meeting to order and Commissioner Ed Worley, Aging Director, gave the invocation.

**APPOINTMENTS -GOVERNING BODY CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN**

James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, presided as Acting Chairman to transact the appointments of Chairman and Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Acting Chairman Hill briefed the Board on the procedure for selecting officers and then opened the floor for nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Dutton nominated Commissioner McKenzie for Chairman and Commissioner Wilson for Vice Chairman.

There being no further nominations, a motion was made by Commissioner

Norris to close the nominations.

The vote was unanimous to appoint Commissioner McKenzie to serve as Chairman and Commissioner Wilson to serve as Vice Chairman.

Acting Chairman Hill announced that Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie was appointed as Chairman and Commissioner C.E. Wilson as Vice Chairman by acclamation.

Chairman McKenzie and Vice Chairman Wilson are authorized to sign all instruments on behalf of Columbus County. A Resolution is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

**RESUMED BOARD MEETING - CHAIRMAN MCKENZIE PRESIDING**

Immediately, after reorganization of the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner McKenzie assumed the duties as Chairman and the following business was transacted.

**AWARD - PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED TO PAST CHAIRMAN**

**SPRUELL R. BRITT**

Chairman McKenzie presented past Chairman, the following "Plaque of Appreciation."

**PRESENTED TO**

**SPRUELL R. BRITT**

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**THIS THE 3RD DAY OF DECEMBER 2001**

**IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION OF YOUR DEVOTED LEADERSHIP**

**AS CHAIRMAN TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**12-4-2000 - 12-3-2001**

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**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

Chairman McKenzie made the following comments:

1. We have a Finance Committee in place which consists of Commissioners

Dutton, Wilson and McKenzie;

2. We have a Personnel Committee in place which consists of Commissioners Jacobs, Memory and McKenzie;
3. In the upcoming year, he would like a report from each department head made to the Board of County Commissioners; and
4. The Economic Development Commission Director is requested to make a report to the Board every two (2) months regarding Economic Development activities within the County.

#### **BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to approve the Board Minutes for November 19, 2001, as recorded.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

##### **Tax Releases:**

Release the Property Value in the name of Joncar LLC. Release a portion of the property value and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Cartrette, J.A. Construction Co. Amount \$2,299.20, Value \$287,400.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-00358, Bill # 99267.

Release the Property Value in the name of Arnold, Charles. Release value of mobile home that is double listed in the name of Tom & Tammy Arnold. Amount \$267.32, Value \$17,970.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-01136, Bill # 80024.

Release the Property Value in the name of Arnold, Charles. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home is double listed in the name of Tom & Tammy Arnold. Amount \$316.18, Value \$17,180.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-01136, Bill # 80017.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bridgers, Mary H. Release requested because interest was not stopped on garnishment. Amount \$1.40, Value \$0.00, Year 2000,

Account # 13-03924, Bill # 82808.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Howard M. Release requested because interest was not stopped on garnishment. Amount \$3.83, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-03468, Bill # 83292.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jackson, Doris. Release requested because interest was not stopped on garnishment. Amount \$1.83, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-02253, Bill # 97915.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williamson, Wayland & Odell. Release requested because interest was not stopped on garnishment. Amount \$2.75, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-45028, Bill # 20011.

Release the Property Value in the name of Long, Yolonda F. Release requested because interest was not stopped on garnishment. Amount \$1.54, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-11387, Bill # 1347.

Release the Property Value in the name of Quattlebaum, Ericka. Release the value of a mobile home and the Yam City Fire fee. Home was repossessed in 1997. Amount \$202.06, Value \$11,670.00, Year 1998, Account # 06-18222, Bill # 64438.

Release the Property Value in the name of Quattlebaum, Ericka. Release the value of a mobile home and the Yam City fee. Home was repossessed in 1997. Amount \$195.93, Value \$10,970.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-18222, Bill # 26747.

Release the Property Value in the name of Quattlebaum, Ericka. Release the value of a mobile home and the Yam City fee. Home was repossessed in 1997. Amount \$218.08, Value \$10,319.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-18222, Bill # 8255.

Release the Property Value in the name of Quattlebaum, Ericka. Release the value of a mobile home and the Yam City fee. Home was repossessed in 1997. Amount \$263.60, Value \$9,960.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-18222, Bill # 8984.

Release the Property Value in the name of Richards, Marcus. Release value of mobile home that was repossessed in 1998. Amount \$400.94, Value \$43,300.00, Year 1999, Account # 03-19824, Bill # 27407.

Release the Property Value in the name of Richards, Marcus. Release the value of a mobile home that was repossessed in 1998. Amount \$436.76, Value \$43,300.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-19824, Bill # 8932.

Release the Property Value in the name of Richards, Marcus. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was repossessed in 1998. Amount \$511.40, Value \$43,300.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-19824, Bill # 9690.

Release the Property Value in the name of Strickland, J. Henry. Release the value of a mobile home and the Williams Fire fee (10.50) and the Columbus Rescue fee (3.50). Home is double listed in the name of Julie C. Strickland. Amount \$150.50, Value \$17,500.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-29780, Bill # 15351.

Release the Property Value in the name of Walker, Ezelle. Release the value of a mobile home, the Brunswick Fire fee (3.30) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (.94). Home is double listed in the same name with a different account number. Amount \$210.17, Value \$4,721.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-03551, Bill # 17996.

Release the Property Value in the name of Byerly, Dean R. Release requested because interest was not stopped on garnishment. Amount \$7.64, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-02388, Bill # 84473.

Release the User Fee in the name of Boykin, Bernice. Did not have trash can for a full year. Amount \$27.50, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-03860, Bill # 82687.

Release the User Fee in the name of Powers, Elizabeth. No can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-33348, Bill # 8377.

Release the User Fee in the name of Powers, Elizabeth. Release one of two user fees. They only have one trash can. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-72557, Bill # 8373.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jordan, Jack. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-16029, Bill # 99613.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ivey, Roy. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-12663, Bill # 31953.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hall, Pearl & Grover. House is vacant. Amount \$75.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-17153, Bill # 94996.

**Budget Amendments:**

Increase	10-348-1695 NCDOT-Administration Transportation	\$ 2,471
Expend	10-613-4810 Central Services	2,471
Increase	35-348-0000 Scrap Tire Disposal Fee	\$ 20,000
Expend	35-580-1500 M/R Buildings & Grounds	20,000

**APPOINTMENT - COUNTY ATTORNEY TO BE CONSIDERED FOLLOWING  
CLOSED SESSION**

The Board concurred to consider the appointment of the County Attorney following Closed Session.

**BONDS (SURETY) - EXAMINATION AND APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to approve the Surety Bonds for 2002 on the following employees as listed:

Gayle Godwin, Finance Officer	-	\$100,000
Jimmy Ferguson, Sheriff	-	50,000
Richard Gore	-	25,000
Shirley Settlemyre, Deputy Tax Collector	-	25,000
Brenda Strickland, HUD Director	-	25,000
Linwood Cartrette, Coroner	-	15,000
William Hannah, Assistant Coroner	-	15,000
Kandance Whitehead, Register of Deeds	-	10,000

**PAYROLL - APPROVAL FOR DISTRIBUTION OF DECEMBER PAY CHECKS  
AND SALARY BONUSES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Memory and passed unanimously to approve the distribution of the December payroll checks and salary bonuses (that were approved in the 2001-2002 Budget Ordinance) on December

21, 2001.

**RESOLUTION - BOARD MEETING CANCELLATION**

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

**NOTICE and RESOLUTION to CANCEL MEETING**  
**of the BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**of COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

The **Board of County Commissioners** of Columbus County, North Carolina, unanimously approved on the 3rd day of December 2001, to adopt the following **Resolution**.

**W I T N E S S E T H :**

**WHEREAS**, the **Board of County Commissioners** of Columbus County, North Carolina, has presently scheduled meetings at 7:30 P.M. the first and third Mondays of each month; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Board of County Commissioners** of Columbus County, North Carolina is desirous of canceling the meeting scheduled for the third Monday in December, only.

**BE IT THEREFORE, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY**, North Carolina, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-40, shall cancel the regular meeting of the said Board scheduled for December 17, 2001 and the same is hereby canceled, and the next regularly scheduled meeting of the said Board shall be in the Columbus County Commissioners' Chambers, Courthouse Annex, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, on Monday, January 7, 2002 at 7:30 P.M.

**BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED** by the **Board of County Commissioners** that a copy of this **Resolution** and **Notice** shall be placed on the Courthouse Bulletin Board, as well as mailed to all of the news media who has requested notice.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**/s/ Amon E. McKenzie, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

**RESOLUTION - "IN MEMORIAM OF DEMPSEY B. HERRING"**

A motion was made by Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner Norris to adopt the Resolution "**In Memoriam of Dempsey B. Herring**" as adopted by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

**RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners has learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. Dempsey B. Herring, Columbus County Manager; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Dempsey B. Herring did give untiring public service to his County, State and Nation during his lifetime.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that his name be entered on the rolls of those who have gone from our midst in this Association year so that he may be remembered at the next Annual Conference thereof; and

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the family of Dempsey B. Herring with the expressed sympathy of the members of this Association.

Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2001, in Raleigh, North Carolina.

/s/ David R. Plyler, President

/s/ C. Ronald Aycock, Executive Director

ATTEST:

(NCACC SEAL)

**COURTHOUSE ANNEX - APPROVAL TO RENAME DEMPSEY B. HERRING**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING**

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to rename the Courthouse Annex Building, 112 W. Smith Street, the Dempsey B. Herring Administrative Building, in honor of the late Mr. Herring for his accomplishments in Columbus County.



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - UPDATE FROM PHYLLIS OWENS, DIRECTOR**

Phyllis Owens, Economic Development Commission Director, updated the Board on Economic Development activities for the past year as follows:

**Review of Activities for the Past Year****for****Columbus County Economic Development Commission****December 2000- December 2001**

1. Master Plan for Phase II was completed.
2. Southeastern Regional Park (SERP) became the third State Certified site.
3. Sumitomo expanded by 24,000 sf, added 80 jobs for a total of 125. Layoffs have left them at 45 jobs.
4. Southeastern Materials completed the Tabor Shell Building and held its grand opening on July 20, 2001.
5. CP&L started construction of the substation to serve the park. Substation construction completed and facility is now providing dedicated power to the SERP industries.
6. Kroy Building Products purchased Owens-Corning facility January 2001. Announcement expected in early 2002. Expansion plan underway.
7. InterKordSA completed construction and held its grand opening July 30, 2001.
8. Whiteville Plywood was awarded CDBG for \$1.5 million to retain 87 jobs. Renovations underway and nearing completion.
9. Handled a number of new clients during the year and visited the majority of the existing industries. Five of the existing industries have been talking about expansion.
10. Working on Haworth's expansion and need for a gas line. Kroy Building Products needs gas for its expansion. Final cost estimates for lines just received. Meeting with principal players set for December 5.
11. Penn Ventilation is planning an expansion.
12. Top Tobacco has completed a major expansion and is working toward expanding more. Southeastern Materials has spoken of an expansion. Filtec-Precise has talked

about expanding.

13. Wright Corporation's sewer project is moving ahead. We are working on an EDA grant to go with three other grants already in place. This will open up new industrial property, as well as aid Wright.
14. Hosted Commerce delegation in August for tour of Columbus County.
15. Prepared and mailed marketing packets to 100 consultants around the world.
16. Natural gas line to Tabor Industrial Park from Southeast Regional Park expected to be completed in December 2001.
17. Working on new sites for Power Merchants. Opportunity on three (3) projects if right site can be found and owners will agree to sell.
18. Several projects lost as a result of economic downturns following the September 11 terrorist attack.
19. Columbus County was named a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community meaning additional assistance will be provided to the county through the NC Department of Commerce and other state departments. Added incentives available, no matching funds on CDBG and other initiatives not yet announced. Work to begin in January 2002 on the strategic assessment and strategic plan.
20. Rural Internet Access Authority grant application submitted and should be funded. Additional \$10,000 grant will follow award of initial grant. Working with SCC on the community assessment required as part of the grant.
21. Tabor Industrial Park Certified Site work nearing completion. Will complete the notebooks next week but Commerce is unlikely to visit until January 2002.
22. Golden Leaf grant application work will begin in January 2002 for August 2002 submission. Job creation must be a result of the program developed.
23. Beginning regional effort on recruitment of Biotech companies. FTCC and NC Biotechnology Center are spearheading the effort.
24. Three new project submissions made this week following a very slow period.

**AGING - APPROVAL FOR ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL FUNDING**

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to allow the Department of Aging to accept Home Care Community Block Grant funding from the Cape Fear Council of Governments in the amount of \$4,508.00 with the County providing a 10% match, equating to \$501.00, to be absorbed by the Department of Aging.

**AGING - APPROVAL FOR ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL FUNDING**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Memory and passed unanimously to allow the Department of Aging to accept Title III-D funding from the Cape Fear Council of Governments in the amount of \$112.00 with the County providing a 15% match, equating to \$20.00, to be absorbed by the Department of Aging.

**AGING - BOLTON SENIOR CENTER OPENING TABLED**

Ed Worley, Aging Director, requested the Board to supplement the Department of Aging funds in the amount of \$6,920.12 that is needed from March 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002 to open the Bolton Senior Center. This would provide for a part-time position from 1:15 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., from Monday through Friday.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to table the request until the February 4, 2001 Board Meeting.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES - HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN ADOPTED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to adopt the Columbus County Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented by John H. Moore, Jr., Emergency Services Director. A copy of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is on file in the offices of the Emergency Services Director and the Clerk to the Board.

**ADAMS COMPANY - CHAF DEMO BID GROUP #4 APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the Columbus County CHAF Demolition Bid Group #4 as requested by Floyd Adams, representing the Adams Company, as listed.

Unit	Contractor	Bid Price
00-038	Larry Hinson	\$1,890.00
00-137	Cleo Buffkin	\$2,950.00
00-264	Larry Hinson	\$1,849.00
00-273	Larry Hinson	\$1,849.00
00-318	Larry Hinson	\$3,150.00
00-341	Prince Development	\$2,290.00
00-403	Larry Hinson	\$1,180.00

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to approve the CHAF R-1 Replacements as requested by Floyd Adams, representing the Adams Company, as listed.

Unit No.	Owner	Cost	Unit Type
00-02	Carline Allen 6368 Old Lake Road Bolton, NC	\$68,624	Double-wide/Land
00-61	Frances Blackburn 2096 Cedar Branch Road Chadbourn, NC	\$64,523	Single-wide/Land
00-101	Patsy Sellers 4170 Princess Ann Road Chadbourn, NC	\$45,295	Single-wide/Land
00-178	Lillie Dixon 280 Garland Cox Road Tabor City, NC	\$44,095	Single-wide/Land
00-201	Earlie Gaskins 504 S. Canal Street Whiteville, NC	\$44,095	Single-wide/Land
00-349	Veronica Mason 49 Jack's Drive Chadbourn, NC	\$47,295	Single-wide/Land
00-487	Mary Spears 960 Red Bug Road Hallsboro, NC	\$46,975	Single-wide/Land
00-38	Clara Sellers 2730 Clarendon- Chadbourn Road Chadbourn, NC	\$15,000	Land Purchase

**ADAMS COMPANY - CHAF BID GROUP #9 APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to approve the CHAF Bid Group #9 Awards, as requested by Floyd Adams, representing the Adams Company, as listed.

Unit	Contractor	Bid Price
00-023	Hooks Plumbing	\$18,825.00
00-182	Richard Moore	\$19,100.00
00-224	Hooks Plumbing	\$23,075.00
00-334	Robert Strickland	\$7,819.00
00-411	Richard Moore	\$12,225.00
00-434	Joseph Locklear	\$19,550.00
00-437	W.D. King	\$6,455.26
00-479	W.D. King	\$13,256.74
00-493	Hooks Plumbing	\$18,795.00

**ADAMS COMPANY - ADDITIONAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to include the following legal firms to provide legal assistance for title opinions for the Columbus County CHAF Program.

William Davis, III

Legal Services of North Carolina

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to approve the CHAF R-1 Replacements, as requested by Floyd Adams, representing Floyd Adams, as listed.

Unit No.	Owner	Cost	Unit Type
00-296	Caroline C. Hines 9737 Lot 7 Campground Road Whiteville, NC 28472	\$44,095.00	Singlewide/Land Purchase
00-318	Pearline King 490 Bowen Blanks Road Riegelwood, NC 28456	\$67,219.00	Modular

**ADAMS COMPANY - WITHDRAW AND RE-AWARD CONTRACT 00-092**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to withdraw CHAF Contract 00-092 from Dennis Bundy at a bid price of \$7,330.00, as he has not been able to start construction within the time allowed, and re-award to Zeb Jenkins, representing B & P Home Repairs, at the same bid price of \$7,330.00, as recommended by Floyd Adams, representing the Adams Company.

**ADAMS COMPANY - CHAF BID GROUP #7 APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Memory and passed unanimously to award CHAF Bid Group #7 (contract consists of five (5) houses) to Holland Construction Company in the amount of \$120,625.00, as recommended by Floyd Adams, representing the Adams Company. The contract consists of the following five (5) houses.

<b>Unit No.</b>	<b>Owner</b>
00-171	Lelia M. Delaine 1524 Spearman Road Bolton, NC
00-193	Janice Freeman 177 Park Road Bolton, NC
00-259	Pauline Graham 24101 Andrew Jackson Highway Bolton, NC
00-285	Juanita Jacobs 661 Loop Road Bolton, NC
00-301	Shirley Johnson 7038 Sam Potts Highway Bolton, NC

**BOARD OF EDUCATION (COLUMBUS COUNTY) - REFUSE TO PURCHASE 20' x 20' LOTS**

James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, advised the Board that the Columbus County Board of Education is offering to sell two (2) parcels of property to Columbus County Government in accordance with N.C.G.S. §115C-518. Each tract measures 20' x 20' with one (1) tract being just off Highway 701 at South Columbus High School and the other tract

being located behind the old Field House at Tabor City Elementary School.

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to reject the right to purchase the above-mentioned property and allow the Columbus County Board of Education to sell the lots to the North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation.

### **COLUMBUS COUNTY CRISIS HOUSING PROGRAM - UPDATE**

Clarence Williams, Local Crisis Housing Coordinator, gave the following update on the Columbus County Crisis Housing Program.

#### **CHAF Program**

<b>Total Houses</b>		<b>536</b>
<b>Houses Inspected</b>		<b>235</b>
Replacement	130	
Repair	105	
<b>Repair Work</b>		<b>105</b>
Work Write-up/Lawyer Processing	43	
Bids Complete, Not Awarded	14	
Board Awarded, No Construction	29	
Under Construction	5	
Complete	14	
<b>Replacement Work</b>		<b>130</b>
Work Write-up/Lawyer Processing	82	
Board Awarded, No Construction	3	
N.O.E. Sent, Under Construction	24	
Complete	21	
<b>Not Visited</b>		<b>301</b>
<b>Legal Work</b>		
Total Titles Requested		<b>148</b>
Titles Requested, Not Complete	41	
Preliminary Titles Complete	30	
Prom. Note/Deed of Trust requested,	18	
Not Signed		
Prom. Note/Deed of Trust Recorded	59	

Gerald Holleman, representing the N.C. Crime Control and Public Safety/N.C. Re-Development Center, Raleigh, NC, and is now working with the CHAF Program, reported that the Dream Center has applied for a grant for pre-counseling and post conferences regarding the recipients of the grant awards and what restrictions apply.

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - REQUEST FOR COUNTY VEHICLE**

Jacqueline Roseboro, Cooperative Extension Director, addressed the Board regarding State budget cuts and stated that one (1) state vehicle has been retrieved by the State, leaving Cooperative Extension with only one (1) vehicle for traveling. Ms. Roseboro asked if the County has a vehicle that is not being utilized to allow Cooperative Extension to use it.

The Board directed Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, to check into the availability of County vehicles and advise Ms. Roseboro.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:40 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Memory and passed unanimously to enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(3).

**RESUME REGULAR SESSION**

At 9:07 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to adjourn Closed Session and resume regular session.

No official action was taken.

**MEETING RECESSED**

Immediately, thereafter, a motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to recess the Board Meeting until 7:30 P.M., December 11, 2001, at the Williams Township Volunteer Fire Department where the Board is scheduled to meet to hold a Public Hearing regarding increasing the tax levy.

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