

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

January 7, 2002 Meeting

7:30 P.M.

The Honorable Board of Commissioners met in their said office 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina on the above stated date and time for the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on the first Monday of the month.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**  
 Gene Wilson, **Vice-Chairman**  
 Spruell R. Britt  
 David L. Dutton, Jr.  
 Sammie Jacobs  
 Bill Memory  
 Lynwood Norris

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney  
 Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator  
 June B. Hall, Acting Clerk

Chairman McKenzie call to meeting to order and Ed Worley, Aging Director, delivered the invocation. Chairman McKenzie requested everyone to stand and pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and so followed.

**BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Memory and seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to approve the Board Minutes for December 3, 2001 and December 6, 2001, as recorded.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs and seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve these items as follows:

**Tax Refunds (as submitted to Administration from the Tax Office):**

Request a refund in the name of Brown, Charles H. Sr., P.O. Box 1484, Whiteville, NC 28472. Refund user fee. No trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-09158, Bill # 83179.

Request a refund in the name of Cinder Singletary, 856 Toon Rd., Whiteville,, NC 28472. Refund user fee that is double listed in the name of Wendell Theodore Singletary. Amount \$27.50, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # , Bill # .

Request a refund in the name of Yates, Glenn, 909 Braswell Rd., Chadbourn,, NC 28431. Refund user fee on house that does not have a trash can. Amount \$75.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-45920, Bill # 21927.

The above information is based on recommendations from the Tax Administrator's Office.

**Tax Releases (as submitted to Administration from the Tax Office):**

Release the Property Value in the name of Joncar LLC. Release a portion of the property value and the Brunswick Fire fee (22.05) and the Columbus Rescue fee (6.30). Land should be in the land use program. Amount \$274.05, Value \$31,500.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-05906, Bill # 99264.

Release the Property Value in the name of Clewis, Willard P. Sr.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Old Dock fire fee. Home was repossessed 1999. Amount \$421.00, Value \$37,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-03581, Bill # 86104.

Release the Property Value in the name of Clewis, Willard P. Sr.. Release the value of a mobile home, the Old Dock fire fee (29.60) and the Columbus Rescue fee (7.40). Home was repossessed in 1999. Amount \$490.60, Value \$37,000.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-03581, Bill # 86264.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coleman, Danny R.. Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. Boat was sold in 1999. Amount \$4.73, Value \$591.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-03750, Bill # 86467.

Release the Property Value in the name of Howard, John Thomas. Release requested because interest was not stopped on garnishment. Amount \$1.65, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-12487, Bill # 16086.

Release the Property Value in the name of Kelly, Joseph E.. Release the value of two out buildings and the Whiteville Rescue fee. These buildings were torn down in 2000. Amount \$20.80, Value \$2,600.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-49500, Bill # 99852.

Release the Property Value in the name of McCulloch, David Franklin. Release the value of a camper and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Camper was sold July, 2000. Amount \$19.03, Value \$2,380.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-55360, Bill # 2946.

Release the Property Value in the name of McLelland, Anthony J.. Release the value of a mobile home that burned in 1998. Amount \$305.72, Value \$29,600.00, Year 1999, Account # 16-10582, Bill # 20939.

Release the Property Value in the name of McLelland, Anthony J.. Release value of mobile home that burned in 1998. Amount \$338.12, Value \$29,600.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-10522, Bill # 2239.

Release the Property Value in the name of McLelland, Anthony J.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home burned in 1998. Amount \$401.80, Value \$29,600.00, Year 2001, Account # 16-10523, Bill # 2804.

Release the Property Value in the name of Waddell, Smithie (Heirs). Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Property is double listed to the Town of Fair Bluff. Amount \$12.80, Value \$1,600.00, Year 2001, Account # 10-18100, Bill # 17893.

Release the Property Value in the name of Exterior Systems Inc.. Release a portion of the business personal value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Equipment is double listed in Atlanta Georgia. Amount \$14,400.24, Value \$1,800,030.00, Year 2001, Account # 10-00584, Bill # 90142.

Release the Property Value in the name of Moore, John O.. Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. Boat was sold years ago. Amount \$3.77, Value \$428.00, Year 2001, Account # 16-03428, Bill # 5141.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ward, Kenneth R.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was sold two years ago to someone in South Carolina. Amount \$217.03, Value \$5,913.00, Year 2001, Account # 02-01910, Bill # 18699.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ward, Kenneth R.. Release the value of a mobile home that was sold two years ago to someone in South Carolina. Amount \$171.79, Value \$5,908.00, Year 2000, Account # 02-01910, Bill # 17694.

Release the Property Value in the name of Joncar LLC. Release a portion of the property value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Property should be in the land use program. Amount \$764.80, Value \$95,600.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-00358, Bill # 99270.

Release the Property Value in the name of Timmerman, Woodrow W. Jr.. Release the value of a camper and the Columbus Rescue fee. Camper was traded for a new one and the new one is listed. Amount \$26.55, Value \$3,319.00, Year 2001, Account # 08-19260, Bill # 16736.

Release the Property Value in the name of Thompson B.S. Mrs.. Release the value of a house and the Whiteville Rescue fee. House is double listed in the name of Jean Wilson Stephens. Amount \$310.40, Value \$38,800.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-93140, Bill # 16304.

Release the Property Value in the name of Shelley, Kevin D.. Release a portion of the property value and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home billed with incorrect square footage. Amount \$199.20, Value \$24,900.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-81944, Bill # 11653.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rattley, Willie R.. Release requested because interest was not stopped on garnishment. Amount \$4.90, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-34054, Bill # 8400.

Release the Property Value in the name of Mosbey, Hilda W.. Release the value of a boat and the Williams Fire fee. Boat is double listed in the name of Shane Alan Moore Amount \$34.72, Value \$3,670.00, Year 2001, Account # 07-12227, Bill # 5332.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gerald, Ethel O.. House used for storage. No trash can. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 06-13775, Bill # 49570.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gowans, Owen & Violet. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 16-05620, Bill # 93839.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gerald, Ethel O.. House used for storage. No trash can here. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-13775, Bill # 92357.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gerald, Ethel O.. House used for storage. No trash can here. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-13775, Bill # 92635.

Release the User Fee in the name of Godwin, Ronnie D.. House was destroyed by hurricane. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-08614, Bill # 93016.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gerald, Ethel O.. House used for storage. No trash can here. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-13775, Bill # 11353.

Release the User Fee in the name of Graves, Thomas S.. User fee double listed in the name of Shane and Julie Graves. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 16-05778, Bill # 94365.

Release the User Fee in the name of Harris, C. Elwyn. House is vacant. No trash can here. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-17962, Bill # 95686.

Release the User Fee in the name of Harris, George B.. House is vacant. No trash can here. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 08-08282, Bill # 95702.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hill, Dewey L.: No trash can at this address. Amount \$75.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-40320, Bill # 96696.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gaskins, J.C.. Release one of two user fees. They only have one trash can. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-13520, Bill # 92348.

Release the User Fee in the name of Batten, Robert F.. House vacant. No trash can here. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-01640, Bill # 81105.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hayes, Joe & Josephine. Failed to receive full senior citizens exemption. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-10760, Bill # 95910.

Release the User Fee in the name of Fowler, Ralph D.. Release user fee. Using a commercial hauler. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-08064, Bill # 91546.

Release the User Fee in the name of Fowler, Ralph D.. Release user fee. Using a commercial hauler. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-08061, Bill # 91543.

Release the User Fee in the name of Floyd, C. Neil & Virginia. Release a portion of ten user fees. Did not have (10) trash cans for a full year. Use's a commercial hauler. Amount \$825.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 11-09060, Bill # 90922.

Release the User Fee in the name of Edmund, Charles E.. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-06693, Bill # 89311.

Release the User Fee in the name of Dew, Danny. Trash can never delivered to this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-03357, Bill # 88429.

Release the User Fee in the name of Dew, Audra Faye. No house on this parcel of land. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-05941, Bill # 88417.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cribb, Mitchell & Gail. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-05960, Bill # 87545.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cribb, Mitchell & Gail. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-05960, Bill # 87356.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cook, Linda N.. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-09943, Bill # 86940.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jacobs, Anthony Sr.. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-07927, Bill # 98008.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bullock C.B. Jr.. House vacant. No trash can. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-02247, Bill # 84129.

Release the User Fee in the name of Pigford, Hattie (Etal). House is vacant. No trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 08-14969, Bill # 7702.

Release the User Fee in the name of Batten, Charles E.. Release one of two user fee. They only have one trash can. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-01542, Bill # 81001.

Release the User Fee in the name of Christmas, Earl. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$151.25, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-50097, Bill # 86014.

Release the User Fee in the name of Smith, Belle D.. House is vacant and trash can picked up in 2000. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 08-16720, Bill # 12619.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wright Chemical Co.. Customer using a commercial hauler. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-40206, Bill # 21691.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wright Chemical Co.. Customer's are using a commercial hauler. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-40200, Bill # 21682.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wright, Albert C. Jr.. No trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-44443, Bill # 21652.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williams, Wade L.. No trash can at this address. House used for storage. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-33713, Bill # 20621.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williams, Curtis. House is vacant. No trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 11-29927, Bill # 20280.

Release the User Fee in the name of White, Wilmer. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-33220, Bill # 20001.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Isaac G.. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value

\$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-26930, Bill # 18615.

Release the User Fee in the name of Thompson, Ralph G.. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-94540, Bill # 16542.

Release the User Fee in the name of Teleky, Steven R.. No trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-25123, Bill # 16191.

Release the User Fee in the name of Strickland, Rose B.. No trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-03516, Bill # 15501.

Release the User Fee in the name of Strickland, Lennue. No trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 16-14820, Bill # 15413.

Release the User Fee in the name of Nealey, Billy W.. No trash can at this address. It was picked up prior to 2001. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-21360, Bill # 5784.

Release the User Fee in the name of Spaulding, Kenneth W.. House vacant. No trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 14-15141, Bill # 13889.

Release the User Fee in the name of Kelly, Joseph E.. Release one of two user fees. Only one trash can at this address. Amount \$75.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-49500, Bill # 99850.

Release the User Fee in the name of Royals, Shelby Jean. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-04046, Bill # 10431.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jacobs, Anthony Sr.. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 14-07927, Bill # 16842.

Release the User Fee in the name of Odom, Gary & Vivian. No trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-31442, Bill # 6750.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bailey, John & Barbara. No trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-00476, Bill # 80238.

Release the User Fee in the name of Nance, Gary Ray. House is unlivable. No trash can here. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 16-11801, Bill # 5617.

Release the User Fee in the name of Nance, Eva Lee H.. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$75.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-64520, Bill # 5609.

Release the User Fee in the name of Long, S.C. Heirs. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-17040, Bill # 1799.

Release the User Fee in the name of Long, Ronald W.. Building vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-01720, Bill # 1790.

Release the User Fee in the name of Long, James A.. House used for storage. No trash can. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-14100, Bill # 1632.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lennon, Lorenza. No trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-15561, Bill # 975.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lennon, Lorenza. No trash can at this address. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-15561, Bill # 466.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lennon, Lorenza. No trash can at this address. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 12-15561, Bill # 19230.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stanley Auto Sales. Release three user fees. Has six trash

cans but incorrectly billed with nine. Amount \$495.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-28645, Bill # 14343.

The above information is based on recommendations from the Tax Administrator's Office.

**REPLACEMENTS on the COLUMBUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Ed Worley, Department of Aging Director, is requesting the Board to replace the following members: **Zone II:** Margaret Hicks to replace Betty Thompson, **Zone VI:** Earl Cribb to replace Shirley Butler. Commissioner Gene Wilson appointed Margaret Hicks and Commissioner Randy Britt appointed Earl Cribb.

**PRESENTATION of the JUNE 30, 2001 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (AUDIT REPORT)**

Mr. Alan Thompson, CPA with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams and Company, P.A., presented to the Board the June 30, 2001 Financial Statements (Audit Report). He stated there were three (3) areas listed in the summarization of key items that needed close attention. These areas are as follows:

1. Fund Equity (Enterprise Fund);
2. Tax Collection Rate; and
3. Total Revenues (Solid Waste - Enterprise Fund).

Mr. Thompson stated the federally-funded projects were having a great impact. In addition, he stated the solid waste and water needed to be monitored closely and need to be self supporting.

Commissioner Britt asked if Columbus County fell in the norm statewide. The reply was we were and some counties were in worse condition and some were in better condition. Commissioner Dutton inquired if we indeed did have ten (10%) percent in Contingency monies. The reply was we did and the State does require eight (8%) percent at all times in Contingency money. Commissioner Memory inquired about the tax collection rate being low. The reply Mr. Thompson gave was the tax collection rate needed to increase and this was a most crucial area that needed great attention. A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Norris and the motion so carried.

**SURPLUS and DISPOSAL/RESALE of 911 FIXED ASSETS**

John Moore, Emergency Services Director, requested the Board to declare the original 911 fixed assets purchased in 1994 as surplus with authorization to resale or dispose of. He informed the Board he had two (2) counties that were interested in purchasing the console only and the other equipment was obsolete and would need to be junked or destroyed. A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton and seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to do so and the motion so carried.

**EVERGREEN FIRE DEPARTMENT**

William Hall Williamson, a concerned citizen of the Evergreen Community, requested permission to address the Board regarding the concerns of the citizens of the Evergreen Community relative to the purchase of a fire truck by the Evergreen Fire Department. Chairman McKenzie informed Mr. Hall the Board would agree to meet with the concerned citizens of the Evergreen Community in a mutual place he could arrange and notify the board.

**RFP BIDS**

Charles Patton, Columbus County Interagency Transportation Director, informed the Board every five (5) years, or sooner, if desired, a new transportation provider RFP has to be for bid. This is a process that is required and in many ways controlled by the North Carolina Department of Transportation. A motion was made by Commissioner Britt this be let bid, seconded by Commissioner Norris and the motion so carried.

**AGREEMENT for NEW INTERAGENCY TRANSPORTATION BUILDING**

Charles Patton, Columbus County Interagency Transportation Director, requested the Board to approve a Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Architect with Standard Form of Architect's Services. This agreement is between the Columbus County Interagency Transportation and Ballard Architects, AIA, Incorporated for the new Interagency Transportation metal building. A motion was made by Commissioner Norris and seconded by Commissioner Memory to approve this agreement, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

**ALTERNATIVE BILLING for OUT-OF-COUNTY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION**

Charles Patten, Columbus County Interagency Transportation Director, requested an amended contract from Laidlaw Transit System be approved for an alternative way of billing for out-of-county transportation. This amended contract would allow billing by the hour at the charge of twenty-four and 00/100 (\$24.00) dollars per hour. He explained this system would save the County twenty (20%) percent on the Wilmington trips and thirty (30%) percent on the Chapel Hill trips. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Memory and the motion so carried.

**APPROVAL OF CHAF DOCUMENTS**

Floyd Adams, Columbus County CHAF Program Administrator, requested approval of the following:

1. **2000 Columbus County CHAF R-1 Replacements fifteen (15):**

<b>UNIT NO.</b>	<b>OWNER</b>	<b>COST</b>	<b>UNIT TYPE</b>
00-348	Shirley Mason 302 Land Street Chadbourn, NC 28431	\$48,700.00	Singlewide/Land
00-297	Eric Jenkins 88 Oak Street Cerro Gordo, NC 28430	\$47,500.00	Singlewide/Land
00-99	Annie Faison 2414 Chadbourn Highway Whiteville, NC 28472	\$36,710.00	Doublewide
00-129	Marie Burroughs 682 Campground Road Whiteville, NC 28472	\$62,340.00	Modular
00-186	Margie Flowers 609 S. Wiles Street Chadbourn, NC 28431	\$62,410.00	Modular
00-273	Ruby Howell 981 Booker Lennon Road Evergreen, NC 28438	\$61,640.00	Modular
00-294	Angela Hicks 482 Otis Nixon Road Evergreen, NC 28438	\$33,220.00	Singlewide
00-341	Elsa Long 973 Ed Ward Road Clarendon, NC 28432	\$62,173.00	Modular
00-360	Bobbie McDougal 83 Vaughns Square Chadbourn, NC 28431	\$70,400.00	Modular

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00-373	Tanner McMillian 4796 Joe Brown Road Whiteville, NC 28472	\$36,710.00	Doublewide
00-389	Thomas McQueen 119 Grist Road Chadbourn, NC 28431	\$36,710.00	Doublewide
00-475	Ida Smith 14787 Sam Potts Highway Bolton, NC 28423	\$34,375.00	Singlewide
00-483	Eliza Spaulding 5075 Chauncy Town Road Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450	\$62,680.00	Modular
00-487	Mary Spears 960 Red Bug Road Hallsboro, NC 28442	\$54,590.00	Doublewide/Land
00-499	William Tyler 78 Dexter Smith Lane Evergreen, NC 28438	\$35,380.00	Singlewide

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Memory to accept the preceded. The motion so carried.

**2. Re-Award of Contract 00-182:**

On December 3, 2001, the County awarded this contract to Mr. Richard Moore in the amount of nineteen thousand one hundred and 00/100 (\$19,100.00) dollars. The homeowner has requested this contract be re-awarded to Mr. Charles Merritt. Mr. Merritt has agreed to accept the job at the same price as the as the original contract.

**3. Recommendation of Awards for Bid Group #10:**

UNIT	CONTRACTOR	BID PRICE
00-039	Tom Holland (Lowest licensed bidder)	\$49,480.00
00-072	Ray Hall (Low bidder)	\$25,050.00
00-198	Jack Register (Lowest bidder within 12% of est.)	\$22,625.00
00-420	B & P Home Repair (Low Bidder)	\$21,120.00
00-448	B & P Home Repair (Lowest bid within 12% of est.)	\$26,410.00
00-459	Hooks Plumbing (Low bidder)	\$6,265.00

**4. Recommendation of Awards for Group #11:**

UNIT	CONTRACTOR	BID PRICE
00-91	Alan James	\$15,905.00
00-125	Larry Hooks	\$8,100.009
11-150	Charles Merritt	\$6.025.00
00-164	Leon Verrett	\$8,935.00
00-207	B & P Home Repair	\$26,035.00



UNIT	CONTRACTOR	BID PRICE
00-212	Larry Hooks	\$6,225.00
00-222	Davey Locklear	\$6,825.00
00-252	Wayne Hardwick	\$35,320.00
00-299	Richard Moore	\$28,630.00
00-342	B & P Home Repair	\$3,675.00
00-380	No Award - Change to Replacement (Mobile Home)	N/A
00-561	No Award - Change to Replacement (Mobile Home)	N/A

On #2, #3 and #4, a motion was made by Commission Dutton and seconded by Commissioner Britt to accept. The motion so carried.

**ADOPTION of RESOLUTION for MOSQUITO CONTROL**

Marian Duncan, Health Department Director, requested the Board to adopt a resolution granting her permission to sign and execute all papers and documents necessary in connection with the Application For State Aid For Mosquito Control. This Resolution will be on file with the application in the Administration Office. Commissioner Memory made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Norris and the motion so carried.

**REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING for NUTRITION/DETENTION CENTER**

Gayle Godwin, Columbus County Finance Officer, requested the Board to establish a date for a Public Hearing to be held for the Proposed Installment Financing Agreement for construction of the Nutrition/Detention Center for January 22, 2002. A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and the motion so carried.

**MENTAL HEALTH REFORM TRAINING for COUNTY OFFICIALS**

Commissioner Gene Wilson as many County Commissioner that can to please attend a meeting being held on January 17, 2002, at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel, RTP, from 10:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Commissioner advised the Board there were going to be a lot of changes in this program and we needed some input into these changes.

**RECESS REGULAR MEETING to hold a COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT II AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING**

At 8:05 PM, Commissioner Lynwood Norris made a motion to recess regular session and enter into a Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Authority Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Randy Britt, and the motion so carried. The Minutes for this meeting will be listed in the designated Minute Book for District II.

**RECESS COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT II AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING and enter into COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT IV AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING**

At 8:17 P.M., Commissioner Bill Memory made a motion to recess the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Meeting and enter into the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Randy Britt, and the motion so carried. The minutes for this meeting will be in the designated Minute Book for Water District IV. At 8:19 P.M., Commisisoner Bill Memory made a motion recess the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Authority Board Meeting and resume regular session, seconded by Commissioner Randy Britt, and the motion so carried.

**RECESS COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT IV AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING and RESUME REGULAR SESSION**

**21st CENTURY COMMUNITY INITIATIVE UPDATE**

Steve Yost, North Carolina Department of Commerce Regional Manager presented the following information to the Board:

- Ten (10) counties in North Carolina have been designated to participate;
- This program will help communities and counties in the textile area;
- To assist in setting up an Economic Development Plan for the next five to ten years;
- To develop an Economic Development Strategic Plan;
- We are asking for the County Commissioners' endorsement and involvement in this plan;
- Request that the elected official of Columbus County be the lynchpin and cornerstone so this program can work proficiently;
- Columbus County is the 6th or 7th in line among the ten (10) counties designated;
- The end result of this program will be to narrow down to the most critical issues related the economy in Columbus County.

After Steve Yost concluded his presentation, he introduced Jim Daugherty, North Carolina Department of Commerce Chief Planner. Mr. Daugherty thanked the County Commissioners for invited him to speak at this meeting. He informed the Board of the following information:

- All departments within Columbus County need to mobilize;
- The process begins on January 8, 2002;
- A Reconnaissance Team will be making a tour of Columbus County and will interview approximately fifty to sixty (50-60) people;
- This is indeed a new initiative.
- Request that all divisions work together;
- The program is exactly what you make out of it;
- On February 18, 2002 a final report will be done and this will lead to the Power Point Program.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:47 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(3).

**RESUME REGULAR SESSION**

At 9:39 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn Closed Session and resume regular session.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR HIRED**

Chairman Amon E. McKenzie stated the Library Director's position was to be filled by Morris Pridgen at the annual salary of thirty-eight thousand and 00/100 (\$38,000.00) dollars with employment effective February 2, 2002, and this employment being contingent on his certification being received.

**EVERGREEN FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING ESTABLISHED**

Chairman Amon E. McKenzie announced there would be a meeting on January 14, 2002, at 7:30 P.M., in the Evergreen Elementary School Cafeteria to discuss the concerns of the citizens regarding purchase of a new fire truck. The arrangements for the meeting are to be made by the concerned citizens.

**MEETING RECESSED**

At 9:47 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Memory and seconded by

Commissioner Norris to recess the Board Meeting until Tuesday, January 8, 2002, at 7:30 P.M., at the St. James Volunteer Fire Department where the Board is scheduled to meet to hold a Public Hearing to consider extending the district.

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