

## **COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Monday, June 24, 2002**

**7:00 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, for a Public Hearing on the 2002-2003 Proposed Operating Budget and the continuation of the regular scheduled meeting on June 17, 2002, which was recessed.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

At 7:00 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie opened the Public Hearing. He stated the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear comments from anyone regarding the Columbus County 2002-2003 Proposed Operating Budget. The comments were as follows.

1. **Ricky Williamson (Chadbourn):** I would like to know if there has been any money put in this Budget for raises for the County employees. Billy Joe Farmer, Columbus County Administrator, replied with a no, but we have made provision in this Budget, based on the State's actions, if they should allot us with the necessary money, we will be passing the money onto the employees.
2. **Steve Smith:** I am here to speak to the Board on behalf of the local small businesses and the local entrepreneurs. I would like to encourage you, in your deliberation process of preparing the Budget, to support local businesses in contracting and outsourcing as much as your can to private businesses and to limit liabilities when it comes to small businesses.

Chairman Amon E. McKenzie thanked all the department heads for their contribution in the preparation process of this Budget. He asked each department head to be as conservative in their spending in this Budget year and the next Budget year due to the money flow being tight. He returned thanks to everyone for their assistance in the preparation of the Columbus County 2002-2003 proposed Operating Budget.

### **PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED**

At 7:10 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion for the Public Hearing to be closed, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

#### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

#### **APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Billy Joe Farmer, **County Administrator**  
 James E. Hill, Jr., **County Attorney**  
 Darren L. Currie, **Assistant County Administrator**  
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

### **REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

At 7:10 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the regular meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Sammie Jacobs. Everyone in attendance stood and pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

### **RECOGNITION of JACKIE ROSEBORO'S ATTRIBUTES**

Chairman Amon E. McKenzie stated he had attended two (2) school graduations on two (2) different dates and at each occasion Jackie Roseboro had a daughter to be recognized as the Valedictorian of her class. He stated Ms. Roseboro was doing an excellent job with her family in addition to her performance on the job.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM**

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Item, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

**Budget Amendments:**

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	64-520-0400	Professional Services	\$26,138
	64-520-5700	Miscellaneous Expense	\$481
	64-520-7100	Land	\$133,444
	10-900-2000	Transfer to Debt Service	(\$160,063)
	10-900-6000	Transfer to Capital Projects	\$160,063
<b>Revenue</b>	64-397-0000	Advance - General Fund	\$160,0963
<b>Expenditure</b>	50-410-4110	Administrative Salaries	\$3,460.00
	50-410-4150	Travel	(\$1,741.00)
	50-410-4160	Indirect Cost	\$2,660.00
	50-410-4170	Accounting and Auditing	(\$2,927.00)
	50-410-4190	Sundry	(\$1,859.00)
	50-410-4400	Maintenance of Equipment	(\$1,263.00)
	50-410-4510	Insurance of Bond	(\$97.00)
	50-410-4540	Employee Benefits	\$2,330.00
	50-410-7540	Property Betterments	(\$415.00)
	50-410-4715	Housing Assistance Payments	\$13,701.00
	50-410-4716	HAP Portables	\$11,321.00
<b>Revenue</b>	50-300-2826	APP of Operating Reserve	\$13,269.00
	50-300-3680	HAP Portable - Admin	\$148.00
	50-300-3690	HAP Portable	\$11,753.00
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-613-7010	Purchase of Services - CCPC	\$18,500
<b>Revenue</b>	10-348-2300	Reimbursement of Purchase of Services	\$18,500
<b>Expenditure</b>	30-725-0600	Insurance - Fixed Cost Employees	\$44,325
	30-725-5400	Insurance - Claim Liability	\$53,675.00
<b>Revenue</b>	30-397-0000	Contribution - General Fund	\$98,000
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-900-3000	Transfer to Internal Service Fund	\$98,000
	10-399-0000	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$98,000
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-410-5400	Governing Body - Insurance	\$120,000
	10-660-5400	Non-Departmental - Insurance	(\$120,000)
<b>Revenue</b>		<b>No Change</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-680-9700	CSC - Fines and Forfeitures	\$30,000
	10-680-9800	ABC Profit Distributions	\$9,000

<b>Revenue</b>	10-346-0000	CSC - Fines and Forfeitures	\$30,000
	10-346-5000	ABC Profit Distribution - Schools	\$9,000
<b>Expenditure</b>	34-670-1300	Utilities	\$1,500
	35-670-1500	M/R Grounds	\$3,000
	34-670-3200	Office Supplies	\$500
<b>Revenue</b>	34-397-0100	Transfer from Project Account	\$5,000
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-630-7400	Capital Outlay	\$53,195
<b>Revenue</b>	10-340-000	Leased Proceeds	\$53,195
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-630-0200	Salaries and Wages	(\$8,000)
	10-630-0700	Retirement	(\$476.00)
	10-630-8200	Interest Lease - Polaris	(\$546.00)
<b>Revenue</b>	10-348-3100	State Aid to Libraries	(\$9,022)

### RETIREMENT INSURANCE

At the May 15, 2002 County Commissioners Budgetary Workshop, general consensus was reached by the Board to approve the concept of Billy Joe Farmer, Columbus County Administrator, to collect information regarding a proposed change in the hospitalization/retirement insurance and bring the findings to the Board for approval. The proposed change would be as listed below.

### HOSPITALIZATION/RETIREMENT INSURANCE

James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, informed the Board a change in the hospital insurance policy had been proposed for a one (1) time budgetary move for the 2002-2003 Budget Year. Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, explained the change would only be a one (1) time change and would be null and void after this budget year. The proposed change would only be implemented if it would benefit Columbus County. The proposed change is as follows:

- This is a one (1) time budgetary move **only**;
- This change will be implemented **only** if it benefits Columbus County financially;
- If the employee complies with all the normal retirement protocols as established by the North Carolina State Retirement System;
- The employee does not meet all the required criteria as established by Columbus County for receiving paid medical insurance coverage after retirement;
- The employee would be provided up to eighteen (18) months of health insurance coverage or up to Medicare eligibility, whichever the situation may be, but **only** a maximum of eighteen (18) months; **and**
- After the eighteen (18) months of paid health insurance coverage expires, Columbus County has a provision for allowing an employee who retired on disability to stay on the health insurance **at their expense**.

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator requested consensus from the Board to approve this concept and allow him to proceed in gathering the factual information to this end. It was the general consensus of the Board to approve Billy Joe Farmer, Columbus County Administrator, to proceed in collecting the information regarding this matter and present it back to the Board for approval.

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve this change, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

**CHAF PROGRAM UPDATE**

Gerald Holleman, State Liaison for the CHAF Program, presented the following information to the Board regarding the proposed takings of funds by the State

1. Programs that have been deobligated:
  - a. Infrastructure Funds;
  - b. Rental Housing Development Funds
  - c. Housing Counseling and Local Services Counseling;
  - d. Homeowner and Rental SAR;
  - e. Building Inspector Funding; **and**
  - f. Repair and Replacement Program.
2. Repair and Replacement Program is still in place.
3. We will continue to repair and replace as quickly as possible.
4. The State has already taken one hundred fifty million (\$150,000,000) dollars from this program and I have heard they have taken another one hundred million (\$100,000,000) dollars.
5. All bills will be honored through June 30, 2002.
6. The State is taking ten (10%) percent of the total money allocated from Columbus County.

Floyd Adams, The Adams Company, Incorporated, presented the following information to the Board.

1. There is a potential 2.5 million dollars to be taken away from Columbus County in the CHAF Program.
2. One hundred twenty-six (126) people will be affected in the Repair and Replacement program.
3. Twenty-six (26) houses are under construction.
4. One hundred seventeen (117) families will not be receiving anything in the Replacement Program.
5. One hundred four (104) families in the Replacement Program would not get anything.
6. In the SARF money, our question is if the contract has been signed, do we proceed or does it stop?

Commissioner Memory asked Floyd Adams what the liability for Columbus County will be in the situations where these houses were not completed due to lack of funds? Mr. Adams responded and stated he did not know.

Mr. Floyd Adams informed the Board the Senate had passed taking the additional one hundred million (\$100,000,000) dollars from the CHAF Program but the House had not yet passed this.

It was the general consensus of the Board to send a Resolution to our Senator and Representatives to request this money be left in the CHAF Program and what kind of situation this would leave Columbus County in.

**APPOINTMENT to NURSING/ADULT CARE HOME JOINT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COLUMBUS COUNTY)**

Commissioner Gene Wilson recommended appointing Betty Sue McPherson to this committee in the vacant position with term expiring 06/30/2003. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to appoint, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

**UPDATE on SOLID WASTE SITUATION**

Chuck Stanley, Columbus County Solid Waste Officer, presented the Board with the following information:

1. Waste Management wants to charge thirty-five and 00/100 (\$35.00) dollars Tipping Fee per ton for recyclables from RSI.;

2. Columbus County turned all recyclable over to Waste Management at no charge;
3. Presently, they want to charge;
4. RSI is pickup up recyclables;
5. RSI is taking recyclables straight to the Transfer Station; **and**
6. Waste Management has taken over our bailer at no cost.

It was the general consensus of the Board this matter should be between Waste Management and RSI. Chuck Stanley, Columbus County Solid Waste Office, stated he wanted the Board to be well informed of this situation due to a possible situation that might arise from this.

Chuck Stanley, Columbus County Solid Waste Officer, stated we had a total of five (5) Columbus County employees to show up for the scheduled cleanup. Out of the five (5), there were two (2) Commissioners which were Gene Wilson and Lynwood Norris.

Commissioner Wilson informed Chuck Stanley the grass was not being cut at the Convenience Centers and the Commissioners has approved the purchasing of hand-pushed lawn mowers for this purpose. Chuck Stanley stated he would handle this situation.

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION and ENTER into a COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT III AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING**

At 7:39 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a Columbus County Water and Sewer District III authority Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

**ADJOURN COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT III AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING and RESUME REGULAR SESSION**

At 7:41 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Authority Board Meeting and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

**APPROVAL/ADOPTION of the COLUMBUS COUNTY 2002-2003 BUDGET ORDINANCE**

Billy Joe Farmer, Columbus County Administrator, presented the Columbus County 2002-2003 Budget Ordinance for approval and adoption to the Board. Chairman McKenzie thanked all the staff who had participated in preparing this information. Commissioner Memory made a motion to adopt and approve the Columbus County 2002-2003 Budget Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried.

**BUDGET ORDINANCE 2002-2003  
COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina.

**SECTION I: BUDGET ADOPTION 2002-2003**

There is hereby adopted the following Operating Budget for the County of Columbus for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003; the same being adopted by fund and activity within each fund as listed:

GENERAL

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Current Year Ad Valorem Taxes	\$17,7116.908
Prior Year Ad Valorem Taxes	\$1,100,000
Refunds	(\$6,000)
Releases	(\$150,000)

Penalty and Interest	\$275,000
Excise Tax - RD	\$110,000
Marriage License	\$16,000
Interest on Investments	\$300,000
Rent	\$62,360
Miscellaneous - General Fund	\$206,640
General - Local Fees	\$1,000
Miscellaneous Revenue - Library	\$40,000
Elections	\$2,000
Miscellaneous - Cooperative Extension	\$6,000
Miscellaneous - Airport Rent: Tie Downs	\$6,000
Airport - Aviation Fuel Sales	\$60,000
Columbus County Interagency Transportation	\$34,221
Recreation Reimbursement - Chadbourn	\$13,267
Recreation Reimbursement - Tabor City	\$14,966
Intangible Taxes	\$400,000
Local 1 Cent Sales Tax	\$2,660,000
½ Cent Sales Tax	\$1,280,000
Second ½ Cent Sales Tax	\$725,000
½ Cent Sales Tax - County Schools	\$393,000
Second ½ Cent Sales Tax - County Schools	\$780,000
½ Cent Sales Tax - City Schools	\$151,000
Second ½ Cent Sales Tax - City Schools	\$300,400
CSC Fines & Forfeitures	\$200,000
ABC Profit Distributions	\$25,000
5 Cent ABC Tax	\$14,000
NC - CCPS State Aid - Emergency	\$10,000
NCCCPS CHAF Admin.	\$150,000
NC Dept. of Comm. Incentives	\$50,000
State Aid - Veteran Services of America	\$2,000
State Aid - Soil Conservation	\$42,669
State Aid - DWI	\$5,000
Food and Lodging - State Grant	\$750
General - State Grant	\$43,450
General - Medicaid	\$7,800
Childhood Lead Poisoning	\$10,500
Wise Woman State Grant	\$20,328
Family Planning - Medicaid	\$79,887
Family Planning Grant	\$88,708
Immunization Action Plan	\$18,560
Maternal Health Grant	\$119,030
Child Health State	\$66,780
Child Services Coordinator	\$46,415

Child Services Coordinator - Medicaid	\$88,701
Child Health - Medicaid	\$41,592
Home Health - State	\$36,300
Home Health - Medicaid	\$900,000
Home Health - Medicare	\$2,158,808
NC Medical Society - HH	\$8,000
Home Health - Local	\$180,000
DMA - Health Check	\$33,873
Health Promotion	\$59,641
Comp Breast Screening - State	\$53,276
Health Promotion - Medicaid	\$30,000
Children's Spec Health - State	\$4,144
Maternal Health Medicaid	\$284,701
WIC - State	\$278,710
Dental - Medicaid Reimbursement	\$358,612
Comm. Disease - State	\$48,097
Comm. Disease - Medicaid	\$14,000
Tuberculosis - State	\$1,700
Environmental Health	\$6,000
Aid to Social Services Administration	\$196,923
10.561 Food Stamp Administration	\$369,521
93.558 Work First Block Grant	\$500,929
93.563 IV-D	\$380,446
93.568 Energy Administration	\$39,321
93.568 Crisis Intervention	\$54,191
93.596 Child Care Dev-Adm	\$84,081
93.645 Permanency Planning	\$15,707
93.658 IV-E Administration	\$541,232
93.667 Social Services Block Grant	\$236,954
93.674 Independent Living	\$22,700
93.767 N.C. Health choice	\$54,469
93.778 Medicaid Administration	\$920,162
CP&L Energy	\$9,419

NC DOT - Work First/Empl Trans	\$12,167
NCDOT - Interagency Transportation	\$178,448
State Aid to DSS Administration	\$77,481
Food Stamp Fraud Recovery	\$15,669
State Aid- Foster Care I'VE	\$124,927
State Aid- Foster Care - State	\$15,000
Day Care	\$2,078,452
Incentive & IVD	\$177,688
NC Partnership for Children	\$30,000
Emergency Food Administration	\$5,500
State Aid - Library	\$116,718
NC DOT Rural Operating	\$27,103
CCIT Gasoline Reimbursement Trans.	\$40,989
Concealed Weapon Fees	\$5,500
Arrest Fees	\$58,450
Facilities Fees	\$120,000
Children's Spec Health Serv - FE	\$150
Dental - Donations/Ins. Payment	\$49,000
Environmental Health Fees	\$60,000
Family Planning Fees	\$9,800
Health Promotion Fees	\$37,000
Child Health Fees	\$1,695
Comm. Disease - Local	\$1,100
Maternal Health - Local	\$1,100
Building Permits	\$125,000
Fire Inspection Fees	\$15,000
Register of Deeds' Fees	\$243,000
Sheriff's Department Commission	\$1,500
Jail Fees - Clerk of Court	\$91,300
Animal Control Fines/Fees	\$10,000
Cable Franchise Fees	\$35,000
Occupancy Tax	\$94,635
Tax - Rental Vehicles	\$6,000



Inventory Tax	\$1,180,000
Senior Citizen Tax Exemption	\$75,000
Sales Tax (Food Stamp Loss)	\$73,000
Gasoline Tax Refund	\$30,000
5% Commission on Tax Coll-Riegelwood	\$2,300
1 ½ Coll Fee - Towns Veh	\$4,300
Transfer from Aging	\$256,250
Transfer from Water Dist. I	\$50,000
Transfer from Water Dist. II	\$25,000
Transfer from Water Dist. III	\$25,000
Transfer from Water Dist. IV	\$17,500
Transfer from Solid Waste	\$1,330,465
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$263,900

TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE: \$42,708,936

**EXPENDITURES:**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Governing Body	\$223,039
County Administration	\$241,793
Personnel	\$42,155
Elections	\$306,183
Finance	\$259,223
Tax Administration	\$697,136
Professional Services	\$105,335
Register of Deeds	\$406,823
Economic Development	\$480,584
Travel and Tourism	\$94,635
Courthouse and Grounds	\$149,597
Judges Chambers	\$4,630
Social Services Building	\$376,425
Admin Building/Grounds	\$30,765
Senior Center Building	\$23,455
Miller Building	\$287,025
Public Buildings - All Others	\$337,050
Farm Services Building	\$194,461
Sheriffs Department	\$2,605,789
District Court	\$13,525
Law Enforcement Center	\$1,456,811

Fire Marshal	\$90,807
Emergency Services	\$791,548
Inspections	\$143,476
Wise Woman	\$20,328
Environmental Health	\$300,876
Childhood Lead Poisoning	\$10,500
DMA Health Check	\$33,873
Immunization Action 93.268	\$18,560
Comp Breast Screening	\$53,726
Comm. Disease - AIDS & T B	\$83,267

NC Medical Society - HH	\$8,000
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Health Promotion	\$126,641
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Child Services Coordination	\$135,117
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Child Health Care	\$110,067
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Cooperative Health	\$688,743
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Family Planning	\$178,395
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Maternal Health	\$404,832
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Home Health	\$3,275,108
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Mobile Dental Van Grant	\$407,612
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Children's Spec Health Service	\$4,291
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WIC	\$278,710
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Animal Control	\$130,989
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Coroner & Medical Examiner	\$49,435
Cooperative Extension	\$357,818
Soil Conservation	\$133,652
Veterans Services Officer	\$84,610
Social Services Administration	\$5,049,782
Public Assistance Program	\$8,789,213
Interagency Transp Grant #9918	\$279,842
Recreation	\$316,197
Library	\$983,125
Airport	\$117,140
Non-Departmental	\$1,142,000
Education	\$8,252,299
Special Appropriations	\$924,103
Miscellaneous	\$17,980
Interfund Transfers	\$579,835

**TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:**

**\$42,708,936**

**B. LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND**

**REVENUE:**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
LLEBG-US Department of Justice	\$42,154

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Transfer from Special Alcohol	\$4,684
<b>TOTAL LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND:</b>	<b>\$46,838</b>

**EXPENDITURES:**

Local Law Enforcement Block Grant

\$46,838

**C. AGING FUND****REVENUES:**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Miscellaneous	\$320,110
Misc. Income – USDA/CONG	\$26,170
Misc. Income – USDA/ HDM	\$10,062
Donations	\$0
Gifts/Donations MHRNF	\$200
Gifts/Donations - Nutrition	\$15,330
Gifts/Donations HDM	\$5,100
Gifts/Donations - Transportation	\$700
Lease Purchase Proceeds	\$0
Federal Grant – CMF	\$102,189
Federal Grant – SCDF	\$5,227
Federal Grant - TCSC	\$5,227
Federal Grant - MHRF	\$9,848
Federal Grant - Nutrition	\$92,625
Federal Grant - HDM	\$60,047
Federal Grant - Transportation	\$38,170
Federal Grant - SCBH	\$5,227
Federal Grant - FBSC	\$5,227
Federal Grant – Level III CHO	\$110,274
Federal Grant – East Columbus	\$5,227
Federal Grant – Bolton SC	\$5,227
Long-Term Screening	\$1,507,323
Personal Care	\$1,785,767
Title III-B	\$122,988
County Appropriations	\$53,955

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$256,250
<b>TOTAL AGING FUND:</b>	<b>\$4,548,470</b>

**EXPENDITURES:**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Bolton Senior Center	\$18,245
Personal Care Services	\$1,454,285
Bug Hill Senior Center	\$40,240
Chore Title IIB; Title XX	\$537,095
Community Alternative Program	\$1,827,360
Information/Case Assistance	\$117,270
Tabor City Senior Center	\$42,915
Whiteville Senior Center	\$43,645
Nutrition	\$208,070
Minor Home Repairs	\$11,400
Transportation	\$61,080
Home Delivered Meals	\$108,635
Fair Bluff Senior Center	\$40,570
East Columbus Senior Center	\$37,660
<b>TOTAL AGING FUND:</b>	<b>\$4,548,470</b>

**D. DEBT SERVICE FUND****REVENUES:**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Contribution- School Bldg. Capital Funds	\$372,250
Contribution - Hospital	\$983,062
Contribution- Schools ½ cent Sales Tax	\$774,400
Contribution - General Fund	\$480,880
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND:</b>	<b>\$2,610,592</b>

**EXPENDITURES:**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Principal on Bonds	\$1,220,000
Interest on Bonds	\$407,030
Principal on Bonds- Hospital	\$460,146

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Interest- Hospital	\$522,916
Service Charge on Postage	\$500
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND:</b>	<b>\$2,610,592</b>

**E. INTERNAL SERVICE FUND**

**REVENUES:**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
CONTRIBUTION- GENERAL FUND	\$15,000

**EXPENDITURES:**

Total Internal Service Fund \$15,000

**F. COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT IV.**

**REVENUES:**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Water signup fees	\$17,500

**EXPENDITURES:**

Water District IV \$17,500

**G. COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT I**

**REVENUES:**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Refunds	\$0
Interest Earned	\$500
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$1,200
Water Sales	\$317,130
Water Tap on Fees	\$11,000
Water Deposits	\$0
Penalties	\$9,500
Reconnect Fees	\$2,500
Transfer from General Fund	\$0
<b>TOTAL COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT I:</b>	<b>\$341,830</b>

**EXPENDITURES:**

Columbus County Water District I:  
**TOTAL** **\$341,830**

**H. COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT II.**

**REVENUES:**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Refunds	\$0
Interest Earned	\$10,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$500
Water Sales	\$425,000
Water Tap on Fees	\$10,000
Water Deposits	\$0
Penalties	\$5,000
Reconnect Fees	\$2,000
Retained Earnings Appropriated	\$55,568
Transfer from General Fund	\$0
<b>TOTAL COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT I:</b>	<b>\$508,068</b>

**EXPENDITURES:** Columbus County Water District II  
**TOTAL** **\$508,068**

**I. COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT III.**

**REVENUES:**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Refunds	\$0
Interest Earned	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0
Water Sales	\$273,375
Water Tap on Fees	\$5,000
Water Deposits	\$0
Penalties	\$4,000
Reconnect Fees	\$1,200
Retained Earnings Appropriated	\$118,895
Transfer from General Fund	\$0
<b>TOTAL COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT I:</b>	<b>\$402,470</b>

**EXPENDITURES:**  
 Columbus County Water District III: **\$402,470**

**J. SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND**

**REVENUES:**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Refunds	\$12,000-
Releases	\$175,000-
Interest	\$15,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Miscellaneous - Recyclable Material	\$5,000
State Aid - Tire Disposal F	\$53,300
State Aid - White Goods	\$22,000
Landfill User Fees	\$3,647,064
Solid Waste Permit Fees	\$22,000
Tipping Fees	\$547,180
Transfer - General Fund	\$0
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$984,465
<b>TOTAL SOLID WASTE:</b>	<b>\$5,109,009</b>

**EXPENDITURES:**

Solid Waste Enterprise

**TOTAL****\$5,109,009****K. H.U.D. FUND****REVENUES:**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Annual Contr Earned	\$1,570,800
<b>TOTAL H.U.D. FUND:</b>	<b>\$1,570,800</b>

**EXPENDITURES:**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Public Housing Admin Expense	\$1,570,800
<b>TOTAL H.U.D. FUND:</b>	<b>\$1,570,800</b>

**L. SPECIAL ALCOHOL/DRUG FUND****REVENUES:**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Interest	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0
Controlled Substance Tax	\$8,333
U.S. Marshal - DEA	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL ALCOHOL/DRUG FUND:</b>	<b>\$28,333</b>

**EXPENDITURES:****TOTAL SPECIAL ALCOHOL/DRUG FUND:****\$28,333**



**M. REVALUATION FUND**

**REVENUES:**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Contribution - General Fund	\$30,000
<b>TOTAL REVALUATION FUND:</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>

**EXPENDITURES:**

Revaluation Fund \$30,000

**N. EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM**

**REVENUES:**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Surcharge - E911	\$498,000
Interest	\$60,000
<b>TOTAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM:</b>	<b>\$558,000</b>

**EXPENDITURES:**

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM \$558,000

**O. COUNTY-WIDE RESCUE TAX**

**REVENUES:**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
County Rescue Tax (\$.02)	\$330,000
Refunds	\$0
Releases	\$0

**EXPENDITURES:**

COUNTY-WIDE RESCUE TAX \$330,000

**P. FIRE and RESCUE TAX**

**REVENUES/EXPENDITURES:**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	TOTAL REVENUES	TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Remittance to District)
Evergreen Special District Tax	\$18,300		
Refunds	\$50-		
Releases	\$150-		
<b>TOTAL EVERGREEN FIRE DISTRICT:</b>		<b>\$18,100</b>	<b>\$18,100</b>

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	TOTAL REVENUES	TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Remittance to District)
St. James Special District Tax	\$11,400		
Refunds	\$20-		
Releases	\$180-		
State Shared Revenue	\$0		
<b>TOTAL ST. JAMES VOLUNTEER:</b>		\$11,200	\$11,200
North Whiteville Special District Tax	\$52,200		
Refunds	\$0		
Releases	\$200-		
<b>TOTAL NORTH WHITEVILLE:</b>		\$52,000	\$52,000
Old Dock-Cypress Creek Special District Tax	\$23,300		
Refunds	\$20-		
Releases	\$280-		
State Shared Revenue	\$0		
<b>TOTAL OLD DOCK-CYPRESS CREEK:</b>		\$23,000	\$23,000
Hallsboro Fire Special District Tax	\$38,500		
Refunds	\$50-		
Releases	\$450-		
State Shared Revenue	\$0		
<b>TOTAL HALLSBORO FIRE:</b>		\$38,000	\$38,000
Roseland Fire Special District Tax	\$31,500		
Refunds	\$50-		
Releases	\$450-		
State Shared Revenue	\$0		
<b>TOTAL ROSELAND FIRE:</b>		\$31,000	\$31,000
Yam City Fire Special District Tax	\$62,000		
Refunds	\$100-		
Releases	\$900-		
State Shared Revenue	\$0		
<b>TOTAL YAM CITY FIRE:</b>		\$61,000	\$61,000
Acme-Delco Fire Special District Tax	\$170,000		
Refunds	\$300-		
Releases	\$1,700-		
State Shared Revenue	\$0		
<b>TOTAL ACME-DELCO FIRE:</b>		\$168,000	\$168,000
Klondyke Fire Special District Tax	\$78,000		
Refunds	\$2000-		
Releases	\$1,000-		

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	TOTAL REVENUES	TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Remittance to District)
State Shared Revenue	\$0		
<b>TOTAL KLONDYKE FIRE:</b>		\$75,000	\$75,000
Cole's Service Special District Tax	\$39,000		
Refunds	\$50-		
Releases	\$950-		
State Shared Revenue	\$0		
<b>TOTAL COLES'S SERVICE:</b>		\$38,000	\$38,000
Cerro Gordo Special District Tax	\$50,100		
Refunds	\$20-		
Releases	\$980-		
State Shared Revenue	\$0		
<b>TOTAL CERRO GORDO:</b>		\$49,100	\$49,100
Williams Township Special District Tax	\$44,500		
Refunds	\$20-		
Releases	\$480-		
State Shared Revenue	\$0		
<b>TOTAL WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP:</b>		\$44,000	\$44,000
White Marsh-Welches Creek Special District Tax	\$29,000		
Refunds	\$50-		
Releases	\$450-		
State Shared Revenue	\$0		
<b>TOTAL WHITE MARSH-WELCHES CREEK:</b>		\$28,500	\$28,500
Whiteville Rescue Service Special District Tax	\$121,500		
Refunds	\$500-		
Releases	\$1,000-		
State Shared Revenue	\$0		
<b>TOTAL WHITEVILLE RESCUE SERVICE:</b>		\$120,000	\$120,000
Brunswick Fire Special District Tax	\$71,000		
Refunds	\$100-		
Releases	\$1,900-		
State Shared Revenue	\$0		
<b>TOTAL BRUNSWICK FIRE:</b>		\$69,000	\$69,000
Bolton Fire Special District Tax	\$22,200		
Refunds	\$20-		
Releases	\$180-		
State Shared Revenue	\$0		

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	TOTAL REVENUES	TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Remittance to District)
<b>TOTAL BOLTON FIRE:</b>		\$22,000	\$22,000
Buckhead Fire Special District Tax	\$8,300		
Refunds	\$10-		
Releases	\$90-		
State Shared Revenue	\$0		
<b>TOTAL BUCKHEAD FIRE:</b>		\$8,200	\$8,200

Q. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

All Capital Projects are continued.

R. TOTAL FUNDS

TOTAL REVENUES (ALL FUNDS):\$ 59,681,946

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TOTAL EXPENDITURES (ALL FUNDS):\$ 59,681,496

**SECTION II. TAX RATE LEVY**

There is hereby levied for the fiscal year 2002-2003 an ad valorem property tax on all property having a situs in Columbus County as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2002, at a rate of Seventy-eight (\$.78) Cents per one hundred (\$100.00) dollars of assessed value of such property pursuant to and in accordance with the Machinery Act of Chapter 105 of the North Carolina General Statutes and other applicable laws. The estimated revenues from the ad valorem property tax are based on an established collection during the 2002-2003 fiscal year of Ninety-five (95%) percent of the levy and the estimated taxable base of two billion, three hundred ninety million, nine hundred forty five thousand, seven hundred forty nine, and 00/100 (\$2,390,945,749.00) dollars.

Special district tax rates for purpose of providing Fire and Rescue Protection are also levied as follows:

DISTRICT	FEE
Evergreen Fire	Fee
Acme-Delco Fire	\$.12
Bolton Fire	\$.06
Brunswick Fire	\$.07
Buckhead Fire	\$.06
Cerro Gordo Fire	\$.10

DISTRICT	FEE
Cole Fire	\$ .10
Hallsboro Fire	\$ .06
Klondyke Fire	\$ .07
North Whiteville Fire	Fee
Old Dock – Cypress Creek Fire	\$ .08
Roseland Fire	\$ .06
St. James Fire	\$ .06
Tabor City Fire	\$ .10
White Marsh / Welches Creek Fire	\$ .08
Whiteville Rescue	\$.02
Williams Township Fire	\$ .06
Columbus County Rescue Tax	\$.02

### SECTION III.

Building Inspection fees are amended as reflected by Board action.

### SECTION IV. SCHEDULE BUSINESS LICENSES

Business license fees are hereby continued for Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

### SECTION V. SOLID WASTE FEES

The Solid Waste Tipping Fees are as follows for Fiscal Year 2002-2003. The Collection and Landfill Fees are hereby continued for Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

Commercial and Residential Tipping Fee	\$ 45.00/Ton
LCID and C&D Materials Tipping Fee	\$ 35.00/Ton
Collection and Landfill Fee for County Residents	\$177.00/Annually
Landfill Fee for Municipal Residents	\$ 87.00/Annually

### SECTION VI. SALARIES

The following provision shall govern salary and wage compensation for Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

**PAY PLAN:** There is hereby continued a pay plan applicable to all County employees. The pay plan shall have a range of twenty (20) steps with each step increasing by two and one-half (2½%) percent.

Full-time and part-time salaried employees, employed on or before July 1, 2002 and with continued employment through December 31, 2002, will receive a five hundred dollar (\$500.00) bonus to be paid prior to December 25, 2002. The part-time salaried employee's' bonus will be based on the percentage of the hours employed. The bonus excludes the Columbus County Board of Commissioners.

## SECTION VII. BUDGET CONTROLS

The Board of Commissioners, in approving the proposed Budget, has utilized to the fullest extent possible its revenue sources and the County Administrator is herein directed to initiate steps to ensure that the Budget fixed herein is lived within.

## SECTION VIII. APPROPRIATIONS

The amount of the General Fund proposed for the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 is hereby appropriated to the County Administrator for the operations of the Columbus County Government and its departments and agencies for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2003. In administering the program authorized under this Ordinance, the County Administrator is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund between objects of expenditures within a department without limitations and without a report being requested, and between departments within a fund not to exceed two thousand and 00/100 (\$2,000.00) dollars. Appropriations for land and new buildings included in this Ordinance may be expended only after release by the Board of Commissioners. The Chairman of the Board and the Administrator are hereby authorized to execute the necessary agreements within funds included in the Budget Ordinance for the following purposes:

- (1) Grant agreement to Public and Non-Public Agencies;
- (2) Leases of normal and routine business equipment;
- (3) Consultant, Professional, or Maintenance Service Agreements;
- (4) Purchase of apparatus, supplies and materials where formal bids are not required by law;
- (5) Agreements for acceptance of State and Federal Grant Funds; **and**
- (6) Construction or repair work where formal bids are not required by laws.

## SECTION IX. RESTRICTED REVENUES

The Finance Officer is hereby directed to fund appropriations, which have been specified revenue prior to the funding with General Fund monies. This is to include, but not limited to Fines and Forfeiture, ABC profits and Forestry Revenues.

## SECTION X. PUBLIC PURPOSE LIMITATION

In accordance with Article V of the North Carolina Constitution which states in part, that "Power and Taxation shall be exercised....for public purposes" and/or division of the State Supreme Court, the County Administrator shall require the following before releasing public funds to other governmental agencies or private groups:

- (1) The activity in question is for a public purpose;
- (2) The activity in question is one which the County is authorized to undertake or for which the County has specific statutory authorization for giving financial aid to the agencies in question; **and**
- (3) Through appropriate means, the County retains some degree of control over the expenditures of its funds.

## SECTION XI. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2002.

**Adopted** this the 24th day of June, 2002.

Motion by Commissioner Memory, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Chairman McKenzie, Randy Britt, David L. Dutton, Jr., Sammie Jacobs, Bill Memory, Lynwood Norris and Gene Wilson.

Noes: None

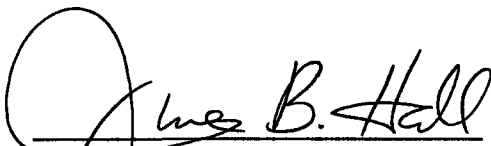
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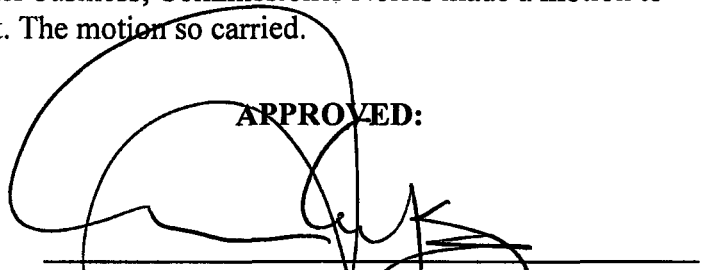
/s/ Amon E. McKenzie, Chairman  
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF

ATTESTED BY:  
/s/ June B. Hall, Clerk to Board

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:43 P.M., there being no further business, Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried.

  
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JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:  
  
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AMON E. MCKENZIE, Chairman