

## COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, October 7, 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 the purpose of holding a Public Hearing and their regular scheduled meeting on the first Monday.

### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**  
C.E. "Gene" Wilson, **Vice Chairman**  
Spruell R. Britt  
David L. Dutton, Jr.  
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**

### COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Sammie Jacobs

### PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:00 P.M., Chairman McKenzie called the Public Hearing to order. He stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive views and comments regarding the proposed closing of a 0.69 section of State Road 1821 beginning at State Road and continuing south. Chairman McKenzie asked if anyone in the audience had any comments or questions regarding this matter.

Thomas Wright, Wright Corporation, addressed the Board with the following information

1. This road has become a dumping ground for trash;
2. Many slugs have been recovered resulting from gunfire thought to have derived from hunters in the area;
3. We are presently constructing a new pharmaceutical building which will employ fourteen (14) employees;
4. In addition to Wright Chemical, the only people that should be allowed access to this area is CP&L and we will allow them access ;
5. In the Acme area, we have six hundred (600) acres of land;
6. We are presently developing a commercial and business site in the eastern end of the County;
7. We are planning a December 17, 2002 celebration and would like for everyone to attend that will; **and**
8. I am asking the Board of County Commissioners to please approve closing this road for aesthetic and security purposes.

At 7:05 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried.

### REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:30 P.M., Chairman McKenzie called the Regular Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Wilson. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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Bill Memory  
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**CLOSING STATE ROAD 1821**

Commissioner Memory made a motion to adopt the following Resolution to close State Road 1821, per Thomas Wright's request, seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried.

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, it has been brought to the attention of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County that State Road 1821 is not serving any useful purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, Columbus County has investigated illegal dumping and has discovered empty shell casings along State Road 1821; and

**WHEREAS**, State Road 1821 is bounded on both sides by land owned by Wright Corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, Wright Corporation has heretofore met with this Board and requested that a 0.69 mile section of State Road 1821 beginning at State Road 1878 and continuing south be closed for the purposes of security and aesthetics; and

**WHEREAS**, a representative of the North Carolina Department of Transportation has also previously met with this Board and advised the Board that the Department of Transportation did not have any objections to the closing of said section of State Road 1821; and

**WHEREAS**, Columbus County has posted and held all applicable public notices and hearings required by the State of North Carolina.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, acting pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 153A-241, hereby declares a 0.69 mile section of State Road 1821 beginning at State Road 1878 and continuing south, be closed and discontinued as a public thoroughfare.

**ADOPTED this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2002.**

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

**ATTESTED BY:**  
**June B. Hall, Clerk to Board**

**BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL**

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the September 16, 2002 Minutes with one (1) correction requested by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried. **The correction is as follows:**

**APPOINTMENT to CHADBOURN'S PLANNING and ZONING BOARD**  
.....Commissioner Norris Wilson made a substitute motion to table this item until next meeting to get more information, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The substitute motion so carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**Tax Releases (as submitted to Administration from the Tax Office):  
October 7, 2002**

Release the Property Value in the name of Long, Winston F.. Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. Customer sold the boat in 1996. Amount \$3.56, Value \$405.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-03349, Bill # 79805.

Release the Property Value in the name of Herring, Hilton. Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. The boat is listed in Brunswick County. Amount \$2.73, Value \$310.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-01358, Bill # 74091.

Release the Property Value in the name of J O W Properties. Release the business personal property fee and the Columbus Rescue fee. Property in double listed in the name of J O W Properties LLC (ETAL). Amount \$118.40, Value \$14,800.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-04935, Bill # 76121.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jenkins, Climinal. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee for the Town of Cerro Gordo. The mobile home is outside the town limits. Amount \$24.49, Value \$11,130.00, Year 2002, Account # 16-09113, Bill # 4546.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lee, Billy Jr.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Evergreen fire fee. The Home burned in 1997. Amount \$183.16, Value \$7,280.00, Year 1998, Account # 12-14604, Bill # 30104.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lee, Billy Jr.. Release the value of a mobile home that burned in 1997. Amount \$153.59, Value \$7,010.00, Year 1999, Account # 12-14604, Bill # 18951.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lee, Billy Jr.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Evergreen Fire fee. The home burned in 1997. Amount \$202.35, Value \$6,610.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-14604, Bill # 184.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lee, Billy Jr.. Release the value of a mobile home, the Evergreen Fire fee (25.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.33). The home burned in 1997. Amount \$248.36, Value \$6,631.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-14604, Bill # 687.

Release the Property Value in the name of New Tabor Warehouse. Release the business personal property value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Business was sold in 2001. Amount \$123.40, Value \$14,023.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-00714, Bill # 53386.

Release the Property Value in the name of Long, Lula N.. Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Customer failed to receive the senior citizens exemption. Amount \$258.44, Value \$10,180.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-14483, Bill # 79634.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hall, Abern. Release the value of a mobile home and the Acme Delco fee (16.61) and the Columbus Rescue (2.77). Home is double listed in the same name on a different bill number. Amount \$317.80, Value \$13,840.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-02350, Bill # 51924.

Release the Property Value in the name of McPherson, David L.. Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Williams Fire fee (21.00) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee (7.00). The property should have been in the land use program. Amount \$301.00, Value \$35,000.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-18240, Bill # 81672.

Release the Property Value in the name of Martin, Jason. Release the value of a double wide home, the Brunswick Fire fee (36.05) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (10.30). The home is double listed in the same name with a different bill number. Amount \$625.05, Value \$51,500.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-03558, Bill # 80455.

Release the Property Value in the name of Meares, Dorothy W.. Release a portion of the out building value and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee. Building was billed with incorrect value. Amount \$3.60, Value \$450.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-27380, Bill # 63364.

Release the Property Value in the name of Miley, Harmon L.. Release a portion of the boat value

and a portion of the Hallsboro Fire fee. Boat billed with incorrect value. Amount \$16.78, Value \$1,999.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-17288, Bill # 82378.

Release the Property Value in the name of Munn, James D.. Release the value of a boat and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Boat is listed in South Carolina. Amount \$37.40, Value \$4,250.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-00046, Bill # 83377.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nance, Mary M.. Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Cerro Gordo Fire fee (28.10) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee(5.62) Property should have been in the land use program. Amount \$252.90, Value \$28,100.00, Year 2002, Account # 16-03115, Bill # 83634.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nance, Mary M.. Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Cerro Gordo fire fee (19.60) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee (3.92). Property should have been in the land use program. Amount \$176.40, Value \$19,600.00, Year 2002, Account # 16-03115, Bill # 83635.

Release the Property Value in the name of New Tabor Warehouse. Release the business personal property value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Property is double listed in the name of Virginia Clemmons. Amount \$123.40, Value \$14,023.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-27071, Bill # 83908.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lee, Billy Jr.. Release the value of a mobile home, the Evergreen Fire fee (25.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.29). The home burned in 1997. Amount \$258.55, Value \$6,426.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-14604, Bill # 78582.

Release the Property Value in the name of Donovan, Betty. Release the value of a boat and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Ms. Donovan has never owned a boat. Amount \$14.96, Value \$1,700.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-20981, Bill # 66293.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dixon, Harold L.. Property is listed in Bladen County. Amount \$9.80, Value \$2,800.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-12180, Bill # 40285.

Release the Property Value in the name of Amentt, Joseph. Release the property value, the Acme Delco fee (2.40) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.40). Property is double listed in the name of Debra B. Mills. Amount \$18.40, Value \$2,000.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-00363, Bill # 57245.

Release the Property Value in the name of Batten, Lacy. Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyle fee (6.56) and the Columbus County Rescue fee (1.87). Mobile home is double listed in the name of Eugene Batten. Amount \$258.52, Value \$9,370.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-01596, Bill # 58566.

Release the Property Value in the name of Benton, Paul. Release the value of a mobile home, the Yam City fire fee (6.05) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.21). The mobile home is double listed in the name of Cathleen Farrell. Amount \$236.87, Value \$6,048.00, Year 2002, Account # 07-00424, Bill # 59152.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brewington, Ronnie. Release the value of a mobile home that has never been in Columbus County. Amount \$146.26, Value \$6,050.00, Year 1999, Account # 08-01740, Bill # 1940.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brewington, Ronnie. Release the value of a mobile home that has never been in Columbus County. Amount \$171.79, Value \$5,909.00, Year 2000, Account # 08-01740, Bill # 82795.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brewington, Ronnie. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. The mobile home has never been in Columbus County. Amount \$217.03, Value \$5,913.00, Year 2001, Account # 08-01740, Bill # 82830.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brewington, Ronnie. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. The mobile home has never been in Columbus County. Amount \$227.26, Value \$5,712.00, Year 2002, Account # 08-01740, Bill # 60352.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hayes, Terry. Release the value of a double wide for the town of Cerro Gordo. Home is not inside the town limits. Amount \$91.61, Value \$45,803.00, Year 2002, Account # 16-07923, Bill # 4523.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dixon, Harold L.. Release the property value for the Town of Sandyfield. Property is located in Bladen County. Amount \$9.80, Value \$2,800.00, Year 1999, Account # 15-12180, Bill # 44522.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hall, Abern. Release the value of a mobile home for the town of Sandyfield. Home is double listed in the same name with a different bill number. Amount \$58.12, Value \$13,840.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-02350, Bill # 51925.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dunlap, Nancy P.. Release the property value and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Property is double listed in the name of Aaron F. Hester. Amount \$747.60, Value \$71,700.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-22111, Bill # 66764.

Release the Property Value in the name of Edge, William C.. Release the value of a jet ski and the Columbus Rescue fee. The jet ski was stolen in 1999. Amount \$20.06, Value \$2,280.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-03118, Bill # 66926.

Release the Property Value in the name of Edwards, Byron. Release a portion of the boat value and a portion of the Hallsboro Fire fee. Boat was billed with incorrect value. Amount \$16.73, Value \$1,939.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-04118, Bill # 67018.

Release the Property Value in the name of Faulk, Timothy. Release a portion of the mobile value and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee. Mobile home billed with incorrect value. Amount \$10.41, Value \$1,300.00, Year 2002, Account # 07-04623, Bill # 68151.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gaines, Tommie. Release the value of a house and the Whiteville Rescue fee. The house was condemned by the city in 2000. Amount \$189.40, Value \$12,800.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-30160, Bill # 69791.

Release the Property Value in the name of George, Laurantta. Release the property value and the Hallsboro Fire fee (9.30) and the Columbus Rescue fee (3.10). Customers failed to receive the senior citizen's exemption. Amount \$310.30, Value \$15,500.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-10590, Bill # 70239.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Phillip. Release the value of a double wide home and the Columbus Rescue fee. The home is double listed in the same name on a different bill number. Amount \$557.80, Value \$47,600.00, Year 2002, Account # 08-05906, Bill # 71845.

Release the Property Value in the name of Grainger, Clint. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. The mobile home burned in 2001. Amount \$107.80, Value \$2,600.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-03047, Bill # 71949.

Release the Property Value in the name of Britt, Marsha. Release the value of a boat for the Town of Cerro Gordo. This boat is not located inside the town limits. Amount \$5.15, Value \$2,575.00, Year 2002, Account # 16-03832, Bill # 4428.

Release the Property Value in the name of Stanley, Keith W.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus County Rescue fee. Home was destroyed by hurricane Bertha. Amount \$221.35, Value \$5,040.00, Year 2002, Account # 08-18043, Bill # 92644.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Anthony. Release the value of a single wide home and the Columbus County Rescue fee. Single wide was traded for a double wide and it is listed. Amount \$207.00, Value \$15,000.00, Year 2002, Account # 08-16660, Bill # 90650.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Roy Lee. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home is double listed in the name of Jesse O. Smith. Amount \$380.20, Value \$25,400.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-22880, Bill # 91349.

Release the Property Value in the name of Spivey, William. Release the value of a mobile home that

is double listed in the name of William O'Neil Spivey. Amount \$139.99, Value \$5,230.00, Year 1997, Account # 01-88041, Bill # 67572.

Release the Property Value in the name of Spivey, William. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of William O'Neil Spivey. Amount \$138.15, Value \$4,990.00, Year 1998, Account # 01-88041, Bill # 69270.

Release the Property Value in the name of Spivey, William. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of William O'Neil Spivey. Amount \$136.54, Value \$4,780.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-88041, Bill # 31736.

Release the Property Value in the name of Spivey, William. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of William O'Neil Spivey. Amount \$160.88, Value \$4,530.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-88041, Bill # 13351.

Release the Property Value in the name of Spivey, William. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home is double listed in the name of William O'Neil Spivey. Amount \$204.96, Value \$4,541.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-88041, Bill # 14239.

Release the Property Value in the name of Small, Daniel. Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke Fire fee (11.24) and the Columbus County Rescue fee (3.21). Customer got permit for the mobile home but never purchased the home. Amount \$330.60, Value \$16,050.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-02505, Bill # 90539.

Release the Property Value in the name of Stanley, Keith W.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was destroyed by hurricane Bertha. Amount \$211.26, Value \$5,256.00, Year 2001, Account # 08-18043, Bill # 14485.

Release the Property Value in the name of Spivey, William. Release the value of a mobile home, the Whiteville Rescue fee (.88), and the Columbus County Rescue fee (.88). Home is double listed in the name of William O'Neil Spivey. Amount \$216.62, Value \$4,392.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-88041, Bill # 92395.

Release the Property Value in the name of Todd, Crystal D.. Release the value of a double wide home, the Brunswick Fire fee (16.07) and the Whiteville rescue fee (4.59). The home was repossessed in 2000. Amount \$384.73, Value \$22,960.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-02328, Bill # 16803.

Release the Property Value in the name of Todd, Crystal D.. Release the value of a double wide home, the Brunswick Fire fee (14.83) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (4.24). Home was repossessed in 2000. Amount \$379.79, Value \$21,190.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-02328, Bill # 94945.

Release the Property Value in the name of Wallace, Richard B.. Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Cerro Gordo Fire fee (2.70), and the Columbus County Rescue fee (.54). Property was billed with incorrect rate. Amount \$24.30, Value \$2,700.00, Year 2002, Account # 16-16800, Bill # 96304.

Release the Property Value in the name of Watts, Opal H.. Release property value, the Roseland Fire fee (6.39) and the Columbus Rescue fee (2.13). Customer failed to receive the senior citizens exemption. Amount \$268.59, Value \$10,650.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-33040, Bill # 97527.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williams, William E.. Release the value of a double wide home, the Williams Fire fee (28.08) and the Columbus Rescue fee (9.36). The home was repossessed in 1999. Amount \$579.48, Value \$46,800.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-03748, Bill # 98838.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williamson, Geneva. Release the Evergreen Fire fee, and the user fee. Customer failed to receive the full senior citizens exemption. Amount \$202.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-30280, Bill # 99017.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nobles, Steven. Release the value of a mobile home and the Hallsboro fire fee (4.03) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.34). Home was repossessed in 2000.

Amount \$240.57, Value \$6,720.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-18593, Bill # 84218.

Release the Property Value in the name of Glinski, Ronald. Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue fee. The property is double listed in the name of William Stout. Amount \$431.20, Value \$53,900.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-14137, Bill # 70530.

Release the Property Value in the name of Stanley, Keith W.. Release the value of a mobile home that was destroyed by hurricane Bertha. Amount \$139.14, Value \$5,120.00, Year 1999, Account # 08-18043, Bill # 31973.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ray, Charles. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of George Allen Green Jr. Amount \$298.52, Value \$24,100.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-30591, Bill # 8439.

Release the Property Value in the name of Parnell, Buck. Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. The boat was moved outside the county in 2000. Amount \$9.33, Value \$1,060.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-03629, Bill # 7107.

Release the Property Value in the name of Parnell, Buck. Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. The boat was moved outside the county in 2000. Amount \$8.66, Value \$983.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-03629, Bill # 85033.

Release the Property Value in the name of Stanley, Keith W.. Release the value of a mobile home that was destroyed by hurricane Bertha. Amount \$166.88, Value \$5,287.00, Year 2000, Account # 08-18043, Bill # 13589.

Release the Property Value in the name of Small, Daniel. Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke Fire fee (12.11) and the Columbus County Rescue fee (3.46). Customer got permit for the mobile home but never purchased the home. Amount \$330.56, Value \$17,300.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-02505, Bill # 12486.

Release the Property Value in the name of Porter, Levie. Release the property value and the Columbus County Rescue fee. Property is double listed in the name of Chris & Rhonda Barnhill. Amount \$40.00, Value \$5,000.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-23860, Bill # 85929.

Release the Property Value in the name of Powell, Dorothy B.. Release the value of a house, the Hallsboro Fire fee (19.38) and the Columbus County Rescue fee (6.46). House was condemned in 2001. Amount \$454.78, Value \$32,300.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-20910, Bill # 86401.

Release the Property Value in the name of Powell, Wilbur. Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Cerro Gordo Fire fee (1.60) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee (.32). Property was billed with incorrect rate. Amount \$14.40, Value \$1,600.00, Year 2002, Account # 16-12481, Bill # 86343.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ray, Charles. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of George Allen Green Jr. Amount \$267.50, Value \$24,100.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-30591, Bill # 26920.

Release the Property Value in the name of Pierce, Thomas C.. Release the value of a double wide, the Klondyke Fire fee (25.90) and the Columbus County Rescue fee (7.40). Customer purchased permit for home but never bought the home. Amount \$498.90, Value \$37,000.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-32636, Bill # 85620.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ray, Charles. Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire fee (14.46) and the Columbus Rescue fee (4.82). Home is double listed in the name of George Allen Green Jr. Amount \$372.26, Value \$24,100.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-30591, Bill # 9175.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ray, Charles. Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire fee (14.46) and the Columbus Rescue fee (4.82). Home is double listed in the name of George Allen Green Jr. Amount \$384.26, Value \$24,100.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-30591, Bill # 87189.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sauls, Margaret L.. Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Klondyke Fire fee (15.96), and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee (4.56). Property should have been in the land use program. Amount \$198.36, Value \$22,800.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-02825, Bill # 88838.

Release the Property Value in the name of Register, Lori. Release the balance of the user fee on a double wide that was repossessed in 2000. Amount \$3.27, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-75761, Bill # 8773.

Release the Property Value in the name of Register, Lori. Release the value of a double wide and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was repossessed in 2000. Amount \$402.60, Value \$29,700.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-75761, Bill # 9519.

Release the Property Value in the name of Register, Lori. Release the value of a double wide and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was repossessed in 2000. Amount \$414.60, Value \$29,700.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-75761, Bill # 87540.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rising, Marcus. Release the value of a mobile home, the Evergreen Fire fee (25.00) and the Columbus County Rescue fee (1.28). Home is double listed in the name of Horace Fields. Amount \$258.19, Value \$6,384.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-00234, Bill # 87858.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sauls, Margaret. Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Cerro Gordo Fire fee (23.70), and the Columbus Rescue fee (4.74). Property should have been in the land use program. Amount \$213.30, Value \$23,700.00, Year 2002, Account # 16-03621, Bill # 88840.

Release the Property Value in the name of Small, Daniel. Release the value of a mobile home and the Klondyke Fire fee. Customer purchased permit for home but never purchased to home. Amount \$281.26, Value \$17,980.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-02505, Bill # 11619.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ray, Charles. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of George Allen Green Jr. Amount \$267.50, Value \$24,100.00, Year 1998, Account # 06-30591, Bill # 64607.

Release the Property Value in the name of Simmons, Harry. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home burned in 2001. Amount \$16.36, Value \$2,045.00, Year 2002, Account # 07-14480, Bill # 90079.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hammond, Alice W.. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-10626, Bill # 72849.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hall, Margaret. The house is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-04215, Bill # 72723.

Release the User Fee in the name of Grigsby, Candice. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$118.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-03134, Bill # 72539.

Release the User Fee in the name of Green, Peggy I.. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-25380, Bill # 72286.

Release the User Fee in the name of Graham, Collins. No trash can here. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-16080, Bill # 71641.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gibbons, Sylvia. No trash can here. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 07-04921, Bill # 70406.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gause, James. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$73.75, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-08940, Bill # 70079.



Release the User Fee in the name of Gause, James. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$73.75, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-04303, Bill # 70078.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hammonds, Derrel. House is vacant. Amount \$87.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-17440, Bill # 72966.

Release the User Fee in the name of George, Barnell. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$29.50, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 14-04105, Bill # 70157.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gause, James A.. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$73.75, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-03059, Bill # 70081.

Release the User Fee in the name of Harper, Donald A.. No trash can at this address. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-00445, Bill # 73266.

Release the User Fee in the name of Harrelson, Carl. Release one of two user fee. They have one trash can only. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 07-08080, Bill # 73313.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hazelwood, Margaret. House vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-41723, Bill # 73833.

Release the User Fee in the name of Heiser, John. This is vacant land. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 04-05438, Bill # 73947.

Release the User Fee in the name of Henry, John. No trash can at this address. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-12781, Bill # 74042.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hill, Luther T.. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 05-02960, Bill # 74555.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hudson, Shirley. This property does not exist. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 15-19166, Bill # 37285.

Release the User Fee in the name of Johnson, Jodi L.. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-01218, Bill # 76917.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gause, James A.. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$73.75, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-05911, Bill # 70082.

Release the User Fee in the name of Best, Proctor. This is vacant land. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-01620, Bill # 59321.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jolly, Mike L.. No trash can at this address. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-13688, Bill # 77098.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jolly, Sybil M.. House is vacant. Amount \$87.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-21883, Bill # 77106.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ivey, Bonnie B.. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 05-03100, Bill # 76066.

Release the User Fee in the name of Carroll, Thomas E.. Old store is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-08980, Bill # 62829.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Richard K.. Mobile homes are not livable. Amount \$330.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 14-17340, Bill # 18848.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jones, Brenda F.. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value

\$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-02244, Bill # 77153.

Release the User Fee in the name of Barber, C.D.. No trash can here. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-01360, Bill # 58002.

Release the User Fee in the name of Benson, Essie C.. This is a vacant lot. Amount \$87.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 08-01060, Bill # 59051.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bird, Gladys B.. House vacant and trash can picked up. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-05651, Bill # 59407.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bullard, Percy. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 08-01967, Bill # 61647.

Release the User Fee in the name of Baldwin, Ernest J.. House is vacant. Amount \$87.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 08-00507, Bill # 57815.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bullard, Virginia. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 08-00956, Bill # 61666.

Release the User Fee in the name of Caldwell, Ddorothy. Release a portion of the user fee. They did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-03033, Bill # 62358.

Release the User Fee in the name of Carroll, Rhonda. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for the full year. Amount \$103.25, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-08866, Bill # 62799.

Release the User Fee in the name of Branch, J.C.. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-02280, Bill # 60297.

Release the User Fee in the name of Carroll, Thomas E.. Release all user fees. No trash cans at this address. Amount \$354.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-05739, Bill # 62826.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gaines, Tommie. House unlivable. No trash can here. Amount \$75.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-30160, Bill # 92118.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cartrette, Roger D.. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-03850, Bill # 63250.

Release the User Fee in the name of Council, J.B.. Business is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-06900, Bill # 64658.

Release the User Fee in the name of Creech, Wayne. Release one of two user fees. They have one can only. Amount \$87.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-18183, Bill # 65014.

Release the User Fee in the name of Dennis, Pauline. House vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 13-10370, Bill # 45562.

Release the User Fee in the name of Dennis, Virginia. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 05-01680, Bill # 66007.

Release the User Fee in the name of Dorsey, Walton. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-10557, Bill # 66342.

Release the User Fee in the name of Dowless, Joseph. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 04-03523, Bill # 66403.

Release the User Fee in the name of Fields, Ossie. Release a portion of the user fee. Didi not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$59.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-26420, Bill # 68251.

Release the User Fee in the name of Foley, Carolyn. Release a portion of the user fee. They did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$59.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 16-01850, Bill # 68726.

Release the User Fee in the name of Freeman, Jason. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$44.25, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 04-03602, Bill # 69474.

Release the User Fee in the name of Carroll, Royce. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-15145, Bill # 62820.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wade, Betty. There is no trash can at this address. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 05-00552, Bill # 96071.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stephens, Jean. Customer billed with five (5) user fees. They only have two (2) trash cans. Amount \$261.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-01032, Bill # 92898.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stewart, Loula. Both houses are unlivable. No trash cans here. Amount \$354.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-90203, Bill # 93177.

Release the User Fee in the name of Strickland, Jeanette. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 07-17260, Bill # 93532.

Release the User Fee in the name of Suggs, Genevieve. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$59.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-24736, Bill # 93823.

Release the User Fee in the name of Teichman, Mary A.. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-86092, Bill # 94312.

Release the User Fee in the name of Thomas, Larry. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$73.75, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-03021, Bill # 94387.

Release the User Fee in the name of Thompson, Ernest. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-27420, Bill # 94521.

Release the User Fee in the name of Thurman, Laconya. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-05542, Bill # 94824.

Release the User Fee in the name of Tyler, Russell. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 08-19425, Bill # 95509.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Margaret. Customer billed with two user fees. There is only one trash can here. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-29220, Bill # 96942.

Release the User Fee in the name of W & W Electric. Customer's are using a commercial hauler. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 02-09490, Bill # 95891.

Release the User Fee in the name of Smith, Iola. Old house has been torn down. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-85231, Bill # 90968.

Release the User Fee in the name of Walker, Doretha. Customer use's a commercial hauler. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-25723, Bill # 96164.

Release the User Fee in the name of Anderson, Ola B.. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-00320, Bill # 57337.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Richard K.. Mobile homes are not livable. Amount \$410.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-17340, Bill # 17840.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Richard K.. Mobile homes are not livable. Amount \$354.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 14-17340, Bill # 97042.

Release the User Fee in the name of Webb, Catrena. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 04-00748, Bill # 97675.

Release the User Fee in the name of White, Elaine. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 02-04481, Bill # 98032.

Release the User Fee in the name of Whittington, Vernon. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 02-06163, Bill # 98345.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wimbush, Harold. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have a trash can for the full year. Amount \$118.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-03308, Bill # 99508.

Release the User Fee in the name of Worley, Emory. Customer's are using a commercial hauler. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 02-09063, Bill # 99704.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bowles, Barbara. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$103.25, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-01813, Bill # 60168.

Release the User Fee in the name of Varnum, Esau. Customer billed with two user fees. They only have one trash can. Amount \$87.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 10-17493, Bill # 95745.

Release the User Fee in the name of Pierce, Dorothy H.. Customers are using a comercial hauler. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-19600, Bill # 85545.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lennon, Louise. Trash can was picked up in 2001. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-52540, Bill # 78883.

Release the User Fee in the name of Little, Benjamin. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-24025, Bill # 79243.

Release the User Fee in the name of Long, Haynes. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-16840, Bill # 79533.

Release the User Fee in the name of McNair, Jerline. House is vacant. Amount \$87.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 10-10868, Bill # 81500.

Release the User Fee in the name of McPherson, Tommy A.. Old store is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-05132, Bill # 81901.

Release the User Fee in the name of Manning, Charlie. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-58942, Bill # 2307.

Release the User Fee in the name of Manning, Charlie. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-58942, Bill # 80243.

Release the User Fee in the name of Mincey, Bobby. House is vacant. Amount \$87.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 10-12403, Bill # 82636.

Release the User Fee in the name of Nance, Almata. House is vacant. Amount \$87.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-28560, Bill # 83517.

Release the User Fee in the name of Newman, Hubert H.. Release user fee. Failed to receive full senior citizens exemption. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-65380, Bill # 83931.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stephens, Charles. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-29323, Bill # 92840.

Release the User Fee in the name of Pierce, Dorothy. Customers are using a commercial hauler. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-19600, Bill # 85544.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stanley, J.A.. Trash can picked up in 2001. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-28940, Bill # 92599.

Release the User Fee in the name of Pittman, Lola. There is no trash can at this address. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-00235, Bill # 85719.

Release the User Fee in the name of Pittman, Robert. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$118.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-70520, Bill # 85721.

Release the User Fee in the name of Reel, Ruth. House is vacant. Amount \$87.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 10-04132, Bill # 87433.

Release the User Fee in the name of Sellers, Glen. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-80515, Bill # 89220.

Release the User Fee in the name of Scott, Fannie. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-01860, Bill # 88997.

Release the User Fee in the name of Simpson, Calvin. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-34025, Bill # 90272.

Release the User Fee in the name of Sing, Ronald. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 07-05106, Bill # 90302.

Release the User Fee in the name of Smith, Cathy. Trash can was picked up in 2001. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-04548, Bill # 90710.

Release the User Fee in the name of Smith, David. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-84720, Bill # 90773.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jones, Ruth S.. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$118.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-22155, Bill # 77391.

Release the User Fee in the name of Peoples, Willie S.. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-23354, Bill # 85268.

**Tax Refunds (as submitted to Administration from the Tax Office):  
October 7, 2002**

Request a refund in the name of Smith, Roy Lee, 463 Huntington St., New Haven, Conn. 06511. Refund value of mobile home that is double listed in the name of Jesse Smith. Amount \$276.53, Value \$25,400.00, Year 1998, Account # 03-22880, Bill # 68327.

Request a refund in the name of Smith, Roy Lee, 463 Hunnington St., New Haven, Conn. 06511. Refund value of mobile home that is double listed in the name of Jesse Smith. Amount \$276.53, Value \$25,400.00, Year 1999, Account # 03-22880, Bill # 30782.

Request a refund in the name of Smith, Roy Lee, 463 Hunnington St., New Haven, Conn. 06511. Refund value of mobile home that is double listed in the name of Jesse Smith. Amount \$467.88, Value \$25,400.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-22880, Bill # 12377.

Request a refund in the name of Smith, Roy Lee, 463 Hunnington St., New Haven, Conn. 06511. Refund the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home is double listed in the name of Jesse Smith. Amount \$368.20, Value \$25,400.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-22880, Bill #

13271.

Request a refund in the name of Tippet, Patsy S., 1637 Capitol View Dr., Holts Summit, MO. 65043. Refund a portion of the user fee. Ms. Tippet passed away and trash can was picked up. Make check payable to her son, James A. Tippet. Amount \$59.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-95500, Bill # 94887.

Request a refund in the name of Smith, Anthony, P.O. Box 423, Lake Waccamaw,, NC 28450. Refund value of old house that was torn down and replaced with double wide. Amount \$183.00, Value \$15,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 08-16660, Bill # 11721.

Request a refund in the name of Smith, Anthony, P.O. Box 423, Lake Waccamaw,, NC 28450. Refund the value of the old house that was torn down and replaced with a double wide home. Amount \$192.00, Value \$15,000.00, Year 2001, Account # 08-16660, Bill # 12591.

### **BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-690-9514	Cape Fear- Res Con Dev	\$3,000
	10-660-9999	Contingency	(\$3,000)
<b>Expenditure</b>	70-690-0400	Professional Services	\$82,250
	70-690-1700	M/R-Vehicles	\$2,000
	70-690-3100	Automotive Supplies	\$1,000
	70-690-7400	Equipment	\$5,000
<b>Revenue</b>	70-399-0000	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$90,250
<b>Expenditure</b>	65-690-0000	C-1 Acquisition/Clearance	\$250,000
<b>Revenue</b>	65-348-2000	HMGP Proj HFPAR-4292-0065	\$250,000
<b>Expenditure</b>	35-580-0200	Salaries	\$3,580
	35-580-0500	FICA	\$274
	35-580-1100	Telephone	\$150
	35-580-1300	Utilities	\$390
	35-580-1500	M/R-Grounds	\$1,560
	35-580-7400	Capital Outlay	\$21,900
<b>Revenue</b>	35-399-0000	Retained Earnings Appropriated	\$27,854
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-506-7100	Land	\$155,000
	10-506-7200	Buildings	\$455,000
<b>Revenue</b>	10-341-0000	Loan Proceeds-Centura	\$495,000
	10-399-0000	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$115,000

### **CHAF PROGRAM UPDATE**

Floyd Adams, The Adams Company, Incorporated, presented the following update on the Columbus County CHAF Program.

### **Columbus County Summary Sheet**

**CHAF Program**

**Previous  
09-13-02**

TOTAL HOUSES				491	
<b>Houses Inspected</b>				491	
Replacement			287		286
Repair			204		205
<b>Repair Work</b>			204		
Work Write-up	0				0
Bids Complete, Not Awarded	0				0
Board Awarded, No Construction	81				95
Title Opinion NOT Requested		2			
Waiting on Title Opinion		24			
Waiting on Prom. Note/D.O.T.		10			
Waiting on Contractor		45			
Under Construction	30				28
Complete	93				82
<b>Replacement Work</b>			287		
Work Write-up	3				1
Board Awarded, No Construction	99				117
Title Opinion NOT Requested		21			
Waiting on Title Opinion		53			
N.O.E. Not Sent		5			
Waiting on Client		20			
Under Construction	79				72
Complete	106				96
<b>Not Visited</b>				0	0
<b>Legal Work</b>					
Total Titles NOT Requested			23		
Total Titles Requested			468		470
Titles Requested, Not Complete			77		81
Preliminary Title Complete			64		67
Prom Note/Deed of Trust Requested, Not Signed			61		80
Prom Note/Deed of Trust Recorded			266		242

Chairman McKenzie Floyd Adams the status of what was being done about the forty-five (45) houses that was ready for work and waiting on the contractor. Mr. Adams replied stating they were switching around jobs to accomplish the maximum number possible in the shortest length of time.

Commissioner Memory asked Floyd Adams what the other counties were doing about the June 30, 2003 Deadline that had been established. Mr. Adams replied stating the other counties had the same deadline and he did not know what they were planning to do.

**RATIFICATION of ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT (SSH) with THE ADAMS COMPANY, INCORPORATED**

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, requested the Board ratify the award of the Scattered Site Housing Administrative Contract in the amount of fifty-seven thousand five hundred and 00/100 (\$57,500.00) dollars to The Adams Company, Incorporated. The contract was awarded at the September 26, 2002 Board Meeting. A copy of this Administrative Contract will be on file in the Administration Office and in the office of The Adams Company, Incorporated.

**ADOPTION of PROGRAM POLICIES for COLUMBUS COUNTY and the PLAN to FURTHER FAIR HOUSING for the SCATTERED SITE HOUSING GRANT #02-C-0947**

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, requested the Board approve and adopt the Program Polices 2002 CDBG Program, County of Columbus, and the Plan to Further Fair Housing for the Scattered Site Housing Grant #02-C-0947. These two (2) plans are required by DCA to continue the grant. Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve and adopt, seconded by Commissioner

Britt. The motion so carried. These documents will be on file in the Administration Office and in the Office of The Adams Company, Incorporated.

**APPOINTMENT to CHADBOURN'S PLANNING and ZONING BOARD**

David Bone, Chadbourn Manager, is requested the Board appoint Charles Merritt to replace Felton Grainger who resigned from the Planning Board, and to appoint Brad Walker as the ETJ Alternate to replace Mr. Wilbur Barnhill. This was tabled at the September 16, 2002 Meeting pending additional information.

Commissioner Wilson stated he made the motion to table this item due to a telephone call he received regarding this. According to General Statute §168-360, this is strictly a Commissioner appointment. The Town of Chadbourn should have discussed this matter with me and Chairman McKenzie.

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve these appointments, seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried.

**APPOINTMENT to the COLUMBUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT of AGING ADVISORY BOARD**

Ed Worley, Aging Director, is requesting the Board accept their recommendation to appoint Marguerite Lennon for Zone I to replace Bernice Pierce who has resigned. Commissioner Norris made a motion to accept recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion so carried.

**UPDATE on the N.C. DEPARTMENT of LABOR and their INVESTIGATION of the COLUMBUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGING**

Ed Worley, Aging Director, presented the following update to the Board on the audit that was conducted by the North Carolina Department of Labor.

1. We do not owe anything;
2. We have not been fined; and
3. We are doing some polishing on some of the recommended areas.

**LETTER of SUPPORT for RURAL INTERNET ACCESS AUTHORITY GRANT**

Phyllis Owens, Economic Development Director, is requesting the Board approve a Letter of Support for the Rural Internet Access Authority Grant which will provide greater public access to the internet. The Letter of Support is as follows:

Rural Internet Access Authority  
e-Community Implementation Program  
4021 Carya Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27610

Dear Sir or Madam:

Columbus County is excited about the opportunity to provide computer access and education across the county to all interested parties through our Public Library System. With the RIAA Implementation Grant we will be able to reach out to all the citizens in the county offering high speed, internet access at their local library. Many of our citizens can not afford a home computer but this access will allow them to interface with the world at large over the internet. From our many seniors all the way to our kindergarten kids, the entire population will have access. This will spread usage, enhance computer knowledge, open the door to the entire world and allow all to participate fully in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

We are excited about this new opportunity and RIAA Implementation Grant could bring to our citizens. Providing internet access truly connects us all to the world and allows even the local entrepreneur to be a global player. The grant will also allow us to provide web sites for county departments as well as entrepreneurs and others who have a need. Our children will be able to



bridge the cultural divide and make friends with children of all countries.

The RIAA grant will enable the public at to learn how to use the internet, improve their computer skills and help prepare them for the future. We sincerely appreciate your consideration of a grant to help us with this critical technological advancement for our people.

Sincerely yours,  
/s/ Amon McKenzie, Chairman  
Columbus County Commissioners

Commissioner Dutton made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

#### **REVIEW of TIME WARNER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, is requesting the Board's discussion of the Agreement and asking direction for final adoption. After discussion was held by the Board, Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to adopt, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried. A copy of the Time Warner Franchise Agreement will be on file in the Columbus County Administration Office.

#### **CELLULAR TELEPHONE AGREEMENT**

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, is requesting the Board's concurrence with the following cellular telephone proposal. This will save the County approximately seventeen thousand and 00/100 (\$17,000.00) dollars per year. An agreement will be reviewed by the County Attorney for presentation at a future meeting.

#### **Proposal for Columbus County**

120 Lines of Service

##### **Local Plan**

Coverage area = eastern NC (This doesn't include Fayetteville and Raleigh)  
Calls that originate in eastern NC are toll free USA  
Nationwide roaming rate = \$0.30

16,000 minutes = \$2,280.00 per month plus tax  
17,000 minutes = \$2,370.00 per month plus tax

##### **Regional Plan (12 state coverage)**

60,000 minutes = \$4,200.00 per month plus tax

All plans include - called ID, voice mail, detailed billing, call waiting, call forwarding, 3-way calling

All digital network

Contacts: Hope Enzor (910) 642-7664  
Brooks Knight (252) 883-2400

Commissioner Memory made a motion to concur with this proposal, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

#### **LOCAL OPTION ONE-HALF (½¢) CENT SALES TAX RESOLUTION**

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, is requesting the Board adopt the following Resolution levying the third one-half cent local government sales and use tax and prescribing the method of distribution of the proceeds within Columbus County and direction to staff to immediately notify the Secretary of Revenue.

#### **RESOLUTION LEVYING THE THIRD ONE-HALF CENT (½¢) LOCAL GOVERNMENT SALES AND USE TAX AND PRESCRIBING THE METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION OF THE PROCEEDS**

**WITHIN COLUMBUS COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly has authorized the Columbus County Board of Commissioners to levy a one-half percent (1/2%) local sales and use tax by enacting N.C.G.S. 105-517(b) in Section 34.14(a) of Session Law 2001-424, as amended by S.L. 2002-123, "An Act to Accelerate the Additional One-half Cent (1/2¢) Local Option Sales and Use Tax and to Make Conforming and Technical Changes;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners gave proper public notice of the Board's intent to consider this resolution, as required by Section 10 of S.L. 2002-123; and

**WHEREAS**, Columbus County has lost \$1,728,000.00 (one million, seven-hundred twenty-eight thousand dollars) in funds made available by the State of North Carolina to replace revenue lost because of legislative action: (1) to repeal sales taxes imposed on purchases made with Food Stamps; (2) to repeal property taxes imposed on inventories held by manufacturers, retailers, and wholesalers; (3) to repeal taxes on intangible personal property; and (4) to reduce taxes levied on residential property owned by low-income elderly taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners hereby finds that, particularly in light of the circumstances cited herein, the levy of "The Third One-Half Cent (1/2¢) Local Government Sales and Use Tax" is necessary to adequately finance the operations of the county and the cities and towns herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that:

(1) There is hereby imposed and levied within Columbus County the third one-half cent (1/2¢) Local Government Sales and Use Tax authorized by Section 34.14(a) of S.L. 2001-424, as amended by S.L. 2002-123, and codified as Article 44 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes of North Carolina. The tax hereby imposed and levied shall apply to the same extent and be subject to the same limitations as are set forth in said S.L. 2001-424.

(2) Collection of the tax by the North Carolina Secretary of Revenue, and liability therefore, shall begin and continue on and after the first day of December, 2002.

(3) The net proceeds of the tax levied herein shall be distributed by the Secretary of Revenue to Columbus County as prescribed by N.C.G.S. 105-520. The amount distributed to Columbus County shall be divided among the county and the municipalities herein in accordance with the method by which the one percent (1%) sales and use tax levied in Columbus County, pursuant to Article 39 of General Statutes Chapter 105, are distributed.

(4) This Resolution is effective upon its adoption, and a certified copy hereof shall be forwarded to the North Carolina Secretary of Revenue.

**Adopted** this 7th day of October, 2002.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
/s/ AMON E. MCKENZIE, CHAIRMAN

**ATTESTED BY:**  
/s/ JUNE B. HALL, CLERK TO BOARD

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve and adopt, seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried.

**RE-APPLYING for a SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT**

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, is requesting the Board's approval to re-apply for this grant by adoption of the following Resolution.

**Supplemental Grants Program**

**WHEREAS:** The 1998 Critical Needs Bond Act has authorized the making of loans and grants to

aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of wastewater treatment works, wastewater collection systems, and water supply systems and water conservation projects; and

WHEREAS: The County of Columbus has need for and intends to construct or rehabilitate a publicly owned treatment works or an alternate wastewater system, for wastewater collection systems, or for water supply and distribution systems, project described as the water line extension project; and

WHEREAS: The County of Columbus intends to request grant assistance from the Supplemental Grants Program for the project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS:**

That the County of Columbus will arrange financing for all remaining costs of this project, if approved for a grant.

That the County of Columbus, as part of financing all remaining costs of the project, will provide a local matching grant in the amount of \$38,500, if approved for a grant.

That the County of Columbus will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That Billy Joe Farmer, Administrator and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the County of Columbus with the NCREDC (Rural Center) for a grant to assist in the construction of the project described above.

That Billy Joe Farmer, Administrator and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the Rural Center may request in connection with such application or the project; to make assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the County of Columbus has substantially complied with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to the grants pertaining thereto.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2002, at Whiteville, North Carolina.

Amon E. McKenzie, Chairman  
County of Columbus

ATTEST:  
June B. Hall; County Clerk  
County of Columbus

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve and adopt, seconded by Commissioner Memory.

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, informed the Board he was in receipt of an alternate Resolution received after the Board Packets had been assembled. The only difference in the two (2) Resolutions is the matching amount. The original matching amount was thirty-eight thousand five hundred and 00/100 (\$38,500.00) dollars. The matching amount in the alternate Resolution is forty-two thousand eight hundred ten and 00/100 (\$42,810.00) dollars. This difference is due to the line being extended an additional nine hundred (900') feet making a total of one thousand five hundred (1,500') feet.

Commissioner Wilson withdrew his original motion and Commissioner Memory withdrew his original second. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to adopt the following alternate Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

#### **Supplemental Grants Program**

WHEREAS: The 1998 Critical Needs Bond Act has authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of wastewater treatment works, wastewater collection systems, and water supply systems and water conservation projects; and

WHEREAS: The County of Columbus has need for and intends to construct or rehabilitate a publicly owned treatment works or an alternate wastewater system, for wastewater collection systems, or for water supply and distribution systems, project described as the water line extension project; and

WHEREAS: The County of Columbus intends to request grant assistance from the Supplemental Grants Program for the project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS:**

That the County of Columbus will arrange financing for all remaining costs of this project, if approved for a grant.

That the County of Columbus, as part of financing all remaining costs of the project, will provide a local matching grant in the amount of \$42,810, if approved for a grant.

That the County of Columbus will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That Billy Joe Farmer, Administrator and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the County of Columbus with the NCREDC (Rural Center) for a grant to assist in the construction of the project described above.

That Billy Joe Farmer, Administrator and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the Rural Center may request in connection with such application or the project; to make assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the County of Columbus has substantially complied with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to the grants pertaining thereto.

Adopted this 7th day of October, 2002, at Whiteville, North Carolina.

/s/ **Amon E. McKenzie, Chairman**  
County of Columbus

**ATTEST:**  
/s/ **June B. Hall; County Clerk**  
County of Columbus

**RE-APPLYING for a SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT-BONUS POINTS**

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, is requesting the Board's approval of the following proposed ascending rate structure for the water line on 1820 that would serve approximately 25-40 houses and also allow Wright Chemical Corporation to maintain and expand their business. This rate structure will gain Columbus County approximately twenty (20) bonus points.

**Rate Structure:**

\$20.00 for the first 2,000 gallons;  
\$3.00/1,000 gallons; and  
With a \$0.25/1,000 gallons increase to the cost per thousand gallons levied for all usage over 3,000 gallons.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve and adopt, seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA ADOPTING THE AMBER ALERT WARNING SYSTEM TO INFORM CITIZENS OF MISSING OR ABDUCTED CHILDREN**

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, is requesting the Board to approve and adopt the following Resolution.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ADOPTING THE AMBER ALERT WARNING SYSTEM TO INFORM  
CITIZENS OF MISSING OR ABDUCTED CHILDREN**

**WHEREAS**, communities should implement an emergency alert plan such as AMBER (America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response) Plan to expedite the recovery of abducted children;

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the AMBER Alert is to warn the community of a child abduction and to assist in the search and safe return of the child;

**WHEREAS**, the Amber Plan, a partnership between law enforcement agencies and media officials, assists law enforcement, parents, and local communities to respond immediately to the most serious child abduction cases;

**WHEREAS**, just as in a storm emergency, when warnings are broadcast locally, under AMBER,

radio and television stations, as a public service, interrupt programming with a critical message from law enforcement regarding the description of a missing child;

**WHEREAS**, the AMBER Plan was created in 1996 in memory of 9-year old Amber Hagerman who was kidnaped and murdered in Arlington, Texas;

**WHEREAS**, in response to community concern, the Association of Radio Managers with the assistance of area law enforcement in Arlington, Texas, created the AMBER Plan;

**WHEREAS**, statistics from the Department of Justice show that 74 percent of kidnaped children who are later found murdered are killed within the first three hours of their abduction;

**WHEREAS**, since the first few hours during which a child is missing are critical, the AMBER plan helps the community respond quickly;

**WHEREAS**, since the first AMBER alert in 1997, AMBER plans have helped recover 16 children throughout the country;

**WHEREAS**, the AMBER alert has already been adopted in 15 states and dozens of communities;

**WHEREAS**, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children endorses the AMBER Plan and is promoting the use of such emergency alert plans nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Amber Plan is responsible for reuniting children with their searching parents.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that the General Assembly enact legislation to implement the AMBER Plan across North Carolina to aid in the search and safe return of abducted children.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to all North Carolina Counties to encourage their support of this effort before the North Carolina General Assembly.

This the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2002.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
/s/ AMON E. MCKENZIE, CHAIRMAN

**ATTESTED BY:**  
/s/ JUNE B. HALL, CLERK TO BOARD

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman McKenzie asked if there was anyone in the audience that had anything they would like to say.

### **Purchases (Larry Moore):**

Larry Moore, Interim Director for Social Services, stated he was presently employed as the Interim Director for the Department of Social Services. He suggested that purchases of no sizable amount should be left up to the Department Heads without involving the Commissioners. This would aid in smoother operation of the departmental functions. Purchases of large amounts should still involve the Commissioners.

### **Video Poker (Commissioner Dutton):**

Commissioner David L. Dutton, Jr. stated he would like to go on record as stating he was against video poker.

### **RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:07 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. §143-318.11, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

There was no official action taken.

### **ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION**

At 8:50 P.M., Commissioner Wilson made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried.

### **HILLCREST PROPERTY**

Commissioner Memory made a motion to follow the direction of the County Administrator in the process needed for the purchasing of the Hillcrest property, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

**ADDITIONAL WATER DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL**

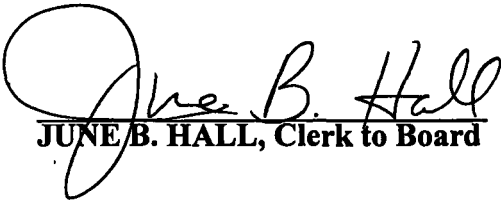
Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, informed the Board four (4) additional people were needed in the Public Utilities Department for the efficient operation needed. The following personnel are needed:

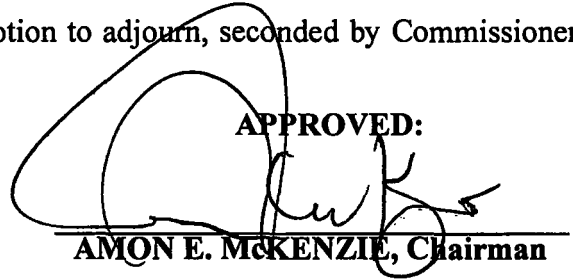
- (1) Service Man I;
- (1) Service Man II; **and**
- (2) Meter Readers.

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to create the positions as recommended of Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, in the hiring of the needed personnel, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:55 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried.

  
JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:  
  
AMON E. MCKENZIE, Chairman