

## COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, November 18, 2002

7:30 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 their regular scheduled meeting on the third Monday.

### 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**

### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:30 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the meeting to order and delivered the invocation. All in attendance stood and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

### RETIREMENT PLAQUES PRESENTATION:

On behalf of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, Chairman McKenzie presented retirement plaques to the following employees accompanied with a statement of gratitude for their services.

DEPARTMENT	NAME	EMPLOYMENT DATES
Health	Annie Doris Jackson	07-17-1980 - 05-31-2002
Inspections	Walter Batten	06-03-1985 - 10-21 2002
Parks and Recreation	Michael Cutler	10-19-1981 - 07-31-2002
Sheriff	George Dudley	09-01-1973 - 09-30-2002
Social Services	Larry Moore	04-01-1996 - 08-31-2002
	Laura Clark	07-26-1989 - 06-30-2002
	Mamie Phillips	10-01-1985 - 10-31-2002

### PRESENTATION OF APPRECIATION PLAQUES:

Chairman McKenzie presented appreciation plaques to the following employees.

DEPARTMENT	NAME
Administration	June B. Hall Darren L. Currie
CHAF Program	Clarence Williams
Finance	Gayle B. Godwin Debra Epps
Health	Marian Duncan
Social Services	Larry Moore

<b>Solid Waste</b>	Chuck Stanley
<b>Water</b>	Leroy Sellers
<b>Cooperative Extension</b>	Jacqueline Roseboro "Chairman's Award"

**"PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION" to SPRUELL RANDOLPH BRITT:**

On behalf of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, Chairman McKenzie presented the following Plaque of Appreciation to the outgoing Commissioner Spruell Randolph Britt.

***PRESENTED TO:***

***SPRUELL R. BRITT***

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***THIS THE 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2002***

***IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION***

***of YOUR DEDICATED SERVICE as a***

***COUNTY COMMISSIONER***

***12-05-1994 - 12-02-2002***

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***COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS***

Commissioner Britt thanked the Board and all the citizens of Columbus County for the plaque presented to him. He stated he had enjoyed serving in the role of County Commissioner and he would be available to help in any way he was needed.

**BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris to approve the November 4, 2002 Minutes as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion so carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

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

Request a refund in the name of Amplicon Financial, 5 Hutton Centre Dr. Ste 500, Santa Ana, CA. 92707. Refund the equipment value and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Equipment was moved to Minesota in 2001 Amount \$69.33, Value \$8,667.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-00660, Bill # 57270.

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

Release the Property Value in the name of Baldwin, Joyce. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home was junked in 1995. Amount \$107.87, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-02289, Bill # 99645.

Release the Property Value in the name of CIT Communications. Release the business personal value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Property is double listed in the same name but at a different branch. Amount \$35.82, Value \$4,477.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-03508, Bill # 63605.

Release the Property Value in the name of CIT Communications. Release the business personal value and the Columbus Rescue value. Property is double listed in the same name but at a different branch. Amount \$93.65, Value \$11,706.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-04108, Bill # 63603.

Release the Property Value in the name of CIT Communications. Release the business personal value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Property double listed in the same name but at a different branch. Amount \$48.18, Value \$6,023.00, Year 2002, Account # 08-03205, Bill # 63604.

Release the Property Value in the name of CIT Communications. Release the business personal value and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Property is double listed in the same name but with a different branch. Amount \$102.12, Value \$12,765.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-03934, Bill # 63602.

Release the Property Value in the name of CIT Communications. Release the business personal value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Property is double listed in the same name but at a different branch. Amount \$1,243.92, Value \$155,490.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-02132, Bill # 63606.

Release the Property Value in the name of Centura Bank Leasing. Release the business personal value and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Property is double listed in the name of Interim Health Care. Amount \$167.79, Value \$20,974.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-14023, Bill # 63378.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bowen, Emma. 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 # 12-02000, Bill # 60071.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cox, Joe L.. Release value of single wide home that was traded for a double wide and listed Amount \$169.42, Value \$9,080.00, Year 1999, Account # 13-09249, Bill # 6135.

Release the Property Value in the name of Baldwin, Joyce. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home was junked in 1995. Amount \$185.77, Value \$2,360.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-02289, Bill # 80402.

Release the Property Value in the name of Blackmon, Charles. Release the value of a old building and the Old Dock fire fee (.24) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.06). Building has been torn down. Amount \$179.64, Value \$300.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-01561, Bill # 59511.

Release the Property Value in the name of Baldwin, Joyce. Release the value of a mobile home that was junked in 1995. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1998, Account # 01-02289, Bill # 38218.

Release the Property Value in the name of Baldwin, Joyce. Release the value of a mobile home that was junked in 1995. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1997, Account # 01-02289, Bill # 61487.

Release the Property Value in the name of Baldwin, Joyce. Release the value of a mobile home that was junked in 1995. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1996, Account # 01-02289, Bill # 61486.

Release the Property Value in the name of Baker, Arthur. Release the value of a mobile home and the Klondyke fee (4.87) and the Cerro Gordo fire fee (1.39). Home is double listed in the same name but with a different account number. Amount \$243.61, Value \$6,960.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-00718, Bill # 57729.

Release the Property Value in the name of Baker, Arthur. Release the value of a mobile home and the Cerro Gordo Fire fee. House is double listed in the same name but with a different account number. Amount \$230.38, Value \$7,430.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-00718, Bill # 80266.

Release the Property Value in the name of Baker, Arthur. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the same name but with a different account number. Amount \$185.59, Value \$7,650.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-00718, Bill # 80277.

Release the Property Value in the name of Baker, Arthur. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the same name but with a different account number. Amount \$161.85, Value

\$8,090.00, Year 1999, Account # 13-00718, Bill # 99505.

Release the Property Value in the name of Walker, Daniel. Release the value of a old house, the Hallsboro Fire fee (1.20) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.40). House was torn down several years ago. Amount \$17.20, Value \$2,000.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-28420, Bill # 96148.

Release the Property Value in the name of Baker, Arthur. Release the value of a mobile home and the Cerro Gordo Fire fee. Home is double listed in the same name with a different account number. Amount \$174.42, Value \$8,510.00, Year 1998, Account # 13-00718, Bill # 29624.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nance, Mary Ann. Release the late list fee that was added in error. Amount \$16.05, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-02626, Bill # 83630.

Release the Property Value in the name of Baldwin, Joyce. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home was junked in 1995. Amount \$143.16, Value \$2,230.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-02289, Bill # 80415.

Release the Property Value in the name of Register, Frank M.. Release the value of a mobile home, the Old Dock Fire fee (2.22) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.56). Home double listed in the name of Lois Ann Register. Amount \$201.46, Value \$2,780.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-19040, Bill # 87499.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cox, Joe L.. Release the value of a single wide home that was traded for a double wide and listed. Amount \$196.20, Value \$8,990.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-09249, Bill # 87086.

Release the Property Value in the name of Murphy, Dale. Release the value of a boat, the Acme Delco Fire fee (12.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (2.00). Boat was sold in 2001. Amount \$101.20, Value \$10,000.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-01227, Bill # 83416.

Release the Property Value in the name of Little, Benjamin. Release the value of a mobile home hook up and the mobile home attachments, the Acme Delco Fire fee (5.16) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.86). Property not on this parcel of land. Amount \$39.56, Value \$4,300.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-24025, Bill # 79244.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hamilton, Rebecca. Release the value of a single wide home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home was traded for a double wide and listed. Amount \$236.14, Value \$6,720.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-36222, Bill # 72826.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hamilton, Rebecca. Release the value of a single wide home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home was traded for a double wide and listed. Amount \$227.83, Value \$7,140.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-36222, Bill # 95088.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hamilton, Rebecca. Release the value of a single wide home that was traded for a double wide and listed. Amount \$183.21, Value \$7,350.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-36222, Bill # 94770.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hamilton, Rebecca. Release the value of a single wide home that was traded for a double wide and listed. Amount \$159.40, Value \$7,770.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-36222, Bill # 13709.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hamilton, Rebecca. Release the value of a single wide home that was traded for a double wide and listed. Amount \$161.85, Value \$8,090.00, Year 1998, Account # 01-36222, Bill # 51857.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cox, Joe L.. Release the value of a single wide home and the Columbus rescue fee. Home was traded for a double wide and listed. Amount \$249.16, Value \$8,200.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-09249, Bill # 64840.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cox, Joe L.. Release the value of a single wide home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was traded for a double wide and listed. Amount \$242.00, Value \$8,750.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-09249, Bill # 87266.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cox, Joe. Release the value of a double wide and the Evergreen Fire fee. Home was repossessed in 1998. Amount \$382.15, Value \$37,000.00, Year 1999, Account # 12-05942, Bill # 6134.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cox, Joe. Release the value of a double wide home and the Evergreen Fire fee. Home was repossessed in 1998. Amount \$416.40, Value \$37,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-05942, Bill # 87085.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cox, Joe. Release the value of a double wide home, the Evergreen Fire fee (25.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (7.40). Home repossessed in 1998. Amount \$486.00, Value \$37,000.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-05942, Bill # 87265.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cox, Joe. Release the value of a double wide home, the Evergreen Fire fee (25.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (7.40). Home repossessed in 1998. Amount \$498.00, Value \$37,000.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-05942, Bill # 64839.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gore, W.T.. Release the value of a tractor, the Williams Fire fee (.39) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.13). Tractor sold years ago. Amount \$5.59, Value \$650.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-11940, Bill # 71494.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hamilton, Rebecca. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home traded for a double wide and listed. Amount \$143.81, Value \$8,730.00, Year 1996, Account # 01-36222, Bill # 63264.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hamilton, Rebecca. Release the value of a single wide home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home was traded for a double wide and listed. Amount \$166.70, Value \$8,480.00, Year 1997, Account # 01-36222, Bill # 63265.

Release the User Fee in the name of Carver, David R.. Trash can picked up at this address. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 16-04706, Bill # 63300.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gaskins, J.C.. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-13520, Bill # 70039.

Release the User Fee in the name of McPherson, Hershel. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-18700, Bill # 81733.

Release the User Fee in the name of McDowell J. Monroe. Release two user fees. Both mobile homes are vacant. Amount \$354.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-17660, Bill # 80993.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lewis, Paul. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-00419, Bill # 79168.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jacobs, Elton. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 04-07983, Bill # 76312.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hayes, Herman. No trash can at this address. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-10721, Bill # 73641.

Release the User Fee in the name of Grainger, Arthur. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$87.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-16022, Bill # 71924.

Release the User Fee in the name of Mitchell, Eddie. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-17540, Bill # 82736.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ezzell, Leona. House vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 10-05050, Bill # 67812.

Release the User Fee in the name of Edmund, Joseph. Old building vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-05709, Bill # 66956.

Release the User Fee in the name of Dorsey, James P.. Release one of two user fees. Only one trash

can here. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-10550, Bill # 66339.

Release the User Fee in the name of Beck, Valerie E.. Old house is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 04-00483, Bill # 58781.

Release the User Fee in the name of Creech, Ben E.. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$147.50, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-02036, Bill # 51923.

Release the User Fee in the name of Moore, Cardie B.. Old house is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 04-11816, Bill # 82977.

Release the User Fee in the name of Brown, Bobby. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-03240, Bill # 60675.

Release the User Fee in the name of Britt, Catherine. House vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-08746, Bill # 60457.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bowen, Tonya. House vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 01-07890, Bill # 37196.

Release the User Fee in the name of Dew, Larry B.. Shop is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-20672, Bill # 66068.

Release the User Fee in the name of Register, Willie. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-19591, Bill # 87583.

Release the User Fee in the name of Yates, Glenn. House is vacant. Amount \$87.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-45920, Bill # 141.

Release the User Fee in the name of Barnhill, L. Wilbur. Release all user fee. All six mobile homes are vacant. Condemned after hurricane Floyd. Amount \$1,062.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 07-00132, Bill # 58259.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wilson, William. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-44003, Bill # 38406.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williams, Curtis. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-29927, Bill # 98489.

Release the User Fee in the name of Watts, Jimpie. No trash can at this address. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-42160, Bill # 97477.

Release the User Fee in the name of Warren, Charles. There is no trash can at this address. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-28240, Bill # 97254.

Release the User Fee in the name of Waddell, Aubrey. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$72.50, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 10-17744, Bill # 95981.

Release the User Fee in the name of Thompson, Cornelius. Release one of two user fees. There is only one trash can here. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-93363, Bill # 94489.

Release the User Fee in the name of Worley, Bardin. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 16-18120, Bill # 99655.

Release the User Fee in the name of Sanchez, Victoria. Customer using a commercial hauler. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-02718, Bill # 88656.

Release the User Fee in the name of Newman, Eugene. House vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-20501, Bill # 83929.

Release the User Fee in the name of Register, Willie. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-19591, Bill # 9562.

Release the User Fee in the name of Register, Willie. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-19591, Bill # 8816.

Release the User Fee in the name of Register, Willie. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 03-19591, Bill # 27290.

Release the User Fee in the name of Prince, Aben K.. Shop is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 16-03651, Bill # 86764.

Release the User Fee in the name of Powell, Donnie R.. No trash can at this address. House is still under construction. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-20900, Bill # 86040.

Release the User Fee in the name of Pearson, Mary. No dwellings on this land. Computer error. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-29339, Bill # 7278.

Release the User Fee in the name of Norris, Marty. No trash can at this address. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-23081, Bill # 84453.

Release the User Fee in the name of Norris, Marty. No trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-23081, Bill # 6487.

Release the User Fee in the name of Simmons, Wilbur. 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 # 04-14320, Bill # 90257.

**SALARY BONUS ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Chairman McKenzie stated the employees of Columbus County would be receiving the five hundred and 00/100 (\$500.00) dollars Salary Bonus this year.

**AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK PROCLAMATION:**

Theresa Formyduval, Whiteville NCAE President, and Brenda Goss, Columbus County NCAE President, requested the Board to approve and adopt the following Proclamation.

**AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain our nations's precious values of freedom, civility and equality; **and**

**WHEREAS**, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; **and**

**WHEREAS**, education employees - be they custodians or teachers, bus drivers or librarians - work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; **and**

**WHEREAS**, schools are community linchpins, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders, and elected officials in a common enterprise.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim November 17-23, 2002 as the 81<sup>st</sup> annual observance of American Education Week.

**ADOPTED** this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2002.

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

**ATTESTED BY:**/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

Ms. Teresa Formyduval, Whiteville NCAE President, thanked the Board for their help and support. Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve and adopt the American Education Week Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

**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**  
**11-01-02**

<b>Total Houses</b>				491	
<b>Houses Inspected</b>				491	
Replacement			288		288
Repair			203		203
<b>Repair Work</b>			203		
Work Write-Up	0				0
Bids Complete, Not Awarded	0				0
Board Awarded, No Construction	60				65
Title Opinion NOT Requested		2			
Waiting on Title Opinion		11			
Waiting on Prom. Note/D.O.T.		18			
Waiting on Contractor		29			
Under Construction	32				32
Complete	111				106
<b>Replacement Work</b>			288		
Work Write-up	2				2
Board Awarded, No Construction	91				96
Title Opinion NOT Requested		18			
Waiting on Title Opinion		34			
N.O. E. Not Sent		13			
Waiting on Client		26			
Under Construction	75				70
Complete	120				120
<b>Not Visited</b>				0	0
<b>Legal Work</b>					
Total Titles NOT Requested			20		22
Total Titles Requested			471		469
Titles Requested, Not Complete			45		68
Preliminary Title Complete			74		58
Prom. Note/Deed of Trust Requested, Not Signed			62		61
Prom. Note/Deed of Trust Recorded			290		282

James E. Hill, Jr., Columbus County Attorney, addressed the Board with clarification regarding deeds-of-trust and subordination agreements related to the Columbus County CHAF Program. Attorney Hill stated Columbus County would agree to subordination agreements on the provision no new money was created. He introduced the following motion for consideration.

**MOTION:**

All requests for subordination of a deed-of-trust or mortgage in favor of any other lender by a recipient of the CHAF Program of Columbus County will be denied, **unless** the same is for a refinancing of the prior deed-of-trust or mortgage **at the same amount of the outstanding payoff**



**as existed at the time of the request.** A request for a subordination of deed-of-trust or mortgage for **more favorable interest rates and for no additional money** will be received and acted upon by the then sitting Board of County Commissioners. Any recipient of the CHAF Program, which was or is administrated by Columbus County, may not receive any additional money or money's worth by refinancing of his or her home. No subordination will be granted which will lessen or weaken the legal position of Columbus County in the professional opinion of the County Administrator.

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve and adopt the aforementioned Motion, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS and REAPPOINTMENTS:**

**Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority:**

Member 1: Billy Joe Farmer  
Member 2: Lynwood Norris

Commissioner Dutton made a motion to reappoint these two (2) members for a four (4) year term with terms expiring January 2, 2007, seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried.

**Travel and Tourism Board ( Columbus County):**

Commissioner Randy Britt appointed Stacey King to serve the unexpired term of Jimmie Sue Ward who resigned. This term will expire 12/2002.

Commissioner Wilson informed the Board he had been informed there was no representation for the Motel Association serving on the Travel and Tourism Board and they requested to have representation.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES UPDATE:**

Marian Duncan, Health Department Director, presented an informative departmental update to the Board. A very well prepared packet was distributed. The following topics were discussed:

1. Favorable report from the North Carolina Medical Society Foundation and its Board of Trustees;
2. High speed internet with the State paying the bill in its entirety;
3. Activity within the following sub-departments:
  - a. Home Health;
  - b. Child Health;
  - c. Environmental Health;
  - d. W.I.C.;
  - e. Dental; and
  - f. Bioterrorism; and
4. Invitation to anyone who would like to visit the Health Department and see first hand the activities that occur.

**DECEMBER PAYROLL DISTRIBUTION:**

Chairman McKenzie announced December 20, 2002 as being the tentative date for payroll distribution. He stated this would be confirmed at a later date.

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

At 8:27 P.M., Commissioner Dutton 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 Britt. The motion so carried.

No official action was taken.

**ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:**

At 8:59 P.M., Commissioner Britt made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

No official action was taken.

**PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENT:**

The following amendment to the Columbus County Personnel policy was drafted by James E. Hill, Jr., Columbus County Attorney, with strong recommendation for approval and adoption.

**AMENDMENT III**

**ADOPTED:** November 18, 2002

As is	=	No Change
Additions/revisions	=	<b><u>Bold and Double Underline</u></b>

**ARTICLE I, SECTION 2, SUBSECTION (b)**

**Article I, Section 2, subsection (b)** of the Columbus County Personnel Administration Policy is amended to add the following language:

(b) The following officials and employees are exempt:

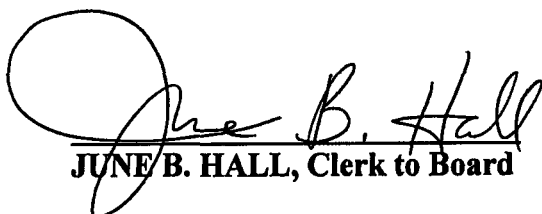
- (1) Elected officials;
- (2) Employees of the Soil and Water Conservation District whose salaries are not paid entirely from County funds;
- (3) County Attorney;
- (4) Sheriff and Register of Deeds;
- (5) **County Administrator;**
- (6) **All Department Heads which are the following positions:**

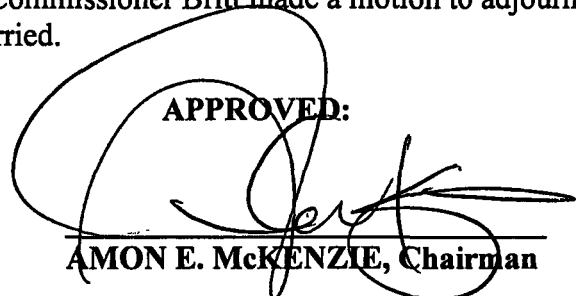
<b><u>Aging</u></b>	<b><u>Building Inspections</u></b>
<b><u>Animal Control</u></b>	<b><u>Library</u></b>
<b><u>Cooperative Extension</u></b>	<b><u>Litter Patrol/Solid Waste</u></b>
<b><u>Economic Development</u></b>	<b><u>Maintenance</u></b>
<b><u>Elections</u></b>	<b><u>Personnel</u></b>
<b><u>Emergency Management</u></b>	<b><u>Recreation</u></b>
<b><u>Families First</u></b>	<b><u>Social Services</u></b>
<b><u>Finance</u></b>	<b><u>Tax</u></b>
<b><u>Fire Marshall</u></b>	<b><u>Travel and Tourism</u></b>
<b><u>Health</u></b>	<b><u>Veterans</u></b>
<b><u>H.U.D.</u></b>	

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:01 P.M., there being no further business, Commissioner Britt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

  
JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:  
  
AMON E. MCKENZIE, Chairman