

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Monday, March 3, 2003**

**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 first Monday.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

C.E. "Gene" Wilson, **Chairman**  
 David L. Dutton, Jr.  
 Sammie Jacobs  
 Amon E. McKenzie  
 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**

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

Bill Memory, **Vice Chairman**  
 Kipling Godwin

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

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

**BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve the February 17, 2003 Minutes as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. 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**  
**01-14-03**

<b>TOTAL HOUSES</b>				491		
<b>Houses Inspected</b>				491		
Replacement			293			290
Repair			198			201
<b>Repair Work</b>			198			
Work Write-up	0				0	
Bids Complete, Not Awarded	0				0	
Board Awarded, No Construction	33				37	
Title Opinion NOT Requested		0				0
Waiting on Title Opinion		1				3
Waiting on Prom.Note/D.O.T.		14				14
Waiting on Contractor		18				20
Under Construction	22				27	
Complete	143				137	

<b>Replacement Work</b>			293		
Work Write-up	2			2	
Board Awarded, No Construction	54			53	
Title Opinion NOT Requested		6			11
Waiting on Title Opinion		11			16
N.O.E. Not Sent		13			9
Waiting on Client		24			17
Under Construction	70			81	
Complete	167			156	
<b>Not Visited</b>			0	0	
<b>Legal Work</b>					
Total Title NOT Requested	6			11	
Total Titles Requested	485			480	
Titles Requested, Not Complete	11			19	
Preliminary Title Complete	84			73	
Prom.Note/D.O.T. Requested, Not Signed	52			46	
Prom.Note/D.O.T. Recorded	338			339	

Chairman Wilson asked Floyd Adams if they would be finished by the June, 2003 deadline date. Mr. Adams, replied stating that on the repairs, they would meet the June 30, 2003 deadline, but the replacements will only be under contract and require another two to three (2-3) months to finish and I do not know how they will handle this situation on the State level.

**MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL BUSINESS PLAN:**

Stephen Ramey, Area Director of Southeastern Regional Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, made a presentation to the Board of the Local Business Plan, which Southeastern Regional Area Program, as the agent for behavioral health care management, is submitting, to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services on April 1, 2003. The summary of the presentation is as follows:

1. We are required by the State to submit the Local Business Plan by April 1, 2003 that has to have approval by the Board of Commissioners in the four (4) participating counties.
2. I don't know all the details as of yet as to the requirements.
3. On June 30, 2007, we have to begin Local Management Entity.
4. The number of positions will be reduced but will add Case Management positions.
5. Area Programs are being awarded LME status in three (3) phases. Southeastern Regional has elected to be in Phase III, which means that the transition period begins July 2, 2004 and concludes on June 30, 2007.
6. Summary of the Key Features of the Local Business Plan:
  - A Reorganization from a service delivery agency to a management organization;
  - B Services that will be retained (core services):
    1. Screening;
    2. Assessment;
    3. Referral;
    4. Emergency Triage and Services;
    5. Care Coordination;
    6. Service Coordination;
    7. Consultation;
    8. Education; and
    9. Universal Prevention.
7. Certain Services will be divested.
8. Involvement of CFAC and other stakeholder organizations.
9. Establishment of the Qualified Provider Network.

The overall probable impact of this reform will be the behavioral healthcare system, when

fully implemented, will require more financial resources to effectively function. Two hundred thirty-nine (239) positions will be eliminated and these employees will lose their State retirement, although they may be placed in other available positions.

Although the plan is being submitted as a "finished" document, we do not consider it a final document inasmuch as it has been written in advance of critical information that can impact the plan in significant ways and demand major changes.

Commissioner McKenzie asked Mr. Ramey if he anticipated staff morale to fall due to these changes. Mr. Ramey replied stating yes, but we do not have all the information we need and are preparing for future phone calls.

Commissioner Jacobs asked Mr. Ramey if this change was coming about due to Budget cuts. Mr. Ramey replied stating State Reform Bill 381 that was passed outlined these changes.

Chairman Wilson stated this was due to State Legislature in 1999 and State Audit doing a study.

Commissioner Norris made the following motion: I move that we approve the Local Business Plan presented and requested by the Southeastern Regional Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services subject to the reservation of the right to modify or amend the same by this or any subsequent Board of County Commissioners as may be needed in the future. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

#### **WHITEVILLE DEPOT PROJECT (VINELAND STATION, INCORPORATED):**

Les High requested the Board to formally authorize Vineland Station, Incorporated to perform as an agent for Columbus County during the construction phase of this project, and allow Vineland Station, Incorporated to reimburse Columbus County for the property insurance paid on the depot. We have received a Federal Grant in the amount of seven hundred sixty-nine thousand and 00/100 (\$769,000.00) dollars and we have raised five hundred thirty thousand and 00/100 (\$530,000.00) dollars locally and this amount included a State Grant.

Commissioner Dutton asked James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, to advise the Board of the best decision they could make on this matter. James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney advised the Board to proceed forward and the details to be worked out with Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, and further recommended that a representative from the Board of Commissioners serve on the Board for the Depot Project.

Commissioner Wilson stated he was in favor of a representative from the Board of Commissioners to serve on the Board for the Depot Project.

Les High informed the Board they would be advertising in the next few weeks and it would take three hundred (300) days for the construction process.

After discussion was held on this matter, Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to formally authorize Vineland Station, Incorporated to perform as an agent for Columbus County during the construction phase and in addition, allow Vineland Station, Incorporated to reimburse Columbus County for the property insurance that will be paid on the depot, contingent on the recommendations made by James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Norris.

Further discussion was held regarding representation for Columbus County on the Board for the Depot Project. Commissioner Jacobs amended his original motion to be, to formally authorize Vineland Station, Incorporated to perform as an agent for Columbus County during the construction phase and in addition, allow Vineland Station, Incorporated to reimburse Columbus County for the property insurance that will be paid on the depot, contingent on the recommendations made by James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney and for Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator to serve on the Board for the Depot Project. Commissioner Norris amended his original motion and seconded the amended motion. The motion so carried.

#### **PROCLAMATION - MARCH as RED CROSS MONTH in COLUMBUS COUNTY:**

JoAn Rhodes, Executive Director of the Columbus County Chapter of the American Red Cross requested Board approval and adoption of the following Proclamation.

**Proclamation of March as  
Red Cross Month in Columbus County**

As one of the nation's oldest, most recognized humanitarian organizations, the American Red Cross is woven tightly into the fabric of Columbus County, providing compassionate care when disasters and other crises threaten to overwhelm and destroy families. We are indeed fortunate in our community to have this organization with committed volunteers and faithful blood donors dedicated to relieving suffering and saving lives.

The American Red Cross was founded in 1881 by a visionary woman named Clara Barton and chartered by Congress in 1905 to act in times of need. Now, each year, the Columbus County Chapter responds to more than 100 disasters in our community alone: high profile natural disasters, single-family fires that rarely even make the news, and other man-made emergencies. At such times, Americans trust and rely upon their local Red Cross chapters to provide services for families robbed of their loved ones, homes, livelihoods or dignity.

Other Red Cross services include recruiting local people to donate blood, ensuring its safety and providing hospitals with half the nation's supply of blood and blood products for lifesaving medical treatments and routine medical procedures.

As our military men and women join the effort to fight terrorism a world away, Red Cross workers in Columbus County are working around the clock to fulfill a historical role: keeping service members and their families in touch and offering other small comforts to ease the strain of being far from home.

Residents of Columbus County get information they need to maintain safe and healthy lives through Red Cross courses in lifesaving skills—first aid, CPR, and much more.

Through its work, the Red Cross, an enduring American institution, restores hope at home and throughout the world every day, and its vital services would not be possible without generous contributions from the American people.

**THEREFORE, I, C.E. WILSON**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as CHAIRMAN of the COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, do hereby proclaim March 2003 as American Red Cross Month. Especially during these trying times for our country, I request that each member of our community support the Columbus County Chapter, American Red Cross, noble humanitarian mission with a gift of time, blood or money. Together, we can save lives and make our world a safer, better place.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, in the year of our lord two thousand three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-seventh.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
/s/ C.E. WILSON, CHAIRMAN

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

**TAX OFFICE - AVAILABILITY ON INTERNET:**

Richard Gore, Tax Administrator, requested Board approval for the Columbus County Tax Records to be available on Internet for accessibility to the public. Commissioner Dutton made a motion to allow Richard Gore, Tax Administrator, to have the Columbus County Tax Records on Internet for accessibility to the public, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.

**LIBRARY - APPROVAL to ACCEPT DONATION:**

Morris Pridgen, Jr., Columbus County Library Director, requested Board approval to accept a donation of thirty-two thousand and 00/100 (\$32,000.00) dollars from Charles Freeman of Loris, South Carolina. This donation is being made solely for the moving of the East Columbus Library in Reigelwood to existing county property.

Chairman Wilson asked Mr. Pridgen when he could get started on this move. Mr. Pridgen replied stated it would be before the end of the fiscal year.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve Morris Pridgen, Jr., Columbus County Library Director, to accept a donation of thirty-two thousand and 00/100 (\$32,000.00) dollars from Charles Freeman for the purpose of moving East Columbus Library, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

**CUSTOM SOFTWARE APPROVAL:**

Darren Currie, Assistant County Administrator, requested Board approval of a Budget Amendment in the amount of fourteen thousand and 00/100 (\$14,000.00) dollars for custom software that will improve efficiency and customer service in the inspections related departments.

Commissioner McKenzie requested an explanation from Mr. Currie due to the large amount of money. Mr. Currie stated this would assist the following departments in providing more accurate records and faster availability of information. The departments that will be involved are Addressing, Environmental Health, Inspection and Fire, if needed for commercial. In addition, this would eliminate the extensive paper trail that is now being utilized.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment in the amount of fourteen thousand and 00/100 (\$14,000.00) dollars for custom software, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

**TABOR FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT - CLARIFICATION:**

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, requested Board approval of the clarification changes to the language in the Tabor Fire Department Contract. The proposed language clarifies that the Tabor City Fire Department is a municipal department and does not have a board of directors, etc. Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the clarification changes to the language in the Tabor City Fire Department Contract as listed below, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS****CONTRACT and AGREEMENT**

***THIS CONTRACT and AGREEMENT***, made and entered into this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2003, by and between ***The County of COLUMBUS***, party of the first part, also referred to as County, and the **Town of TABOR CITY**, a municipal corporation, party of the second part, also referred to as Fire Department;

**WITNESSETH:**

***That WHEREAS***, N. C. G. S. 69-25.5 provided that counties may provide for fire protection in a fire district by contracting with any municipal fire department; and

***WHEREAS***, the new N. C. G. S. 159-13(a)(8), which became effective July 1, 1973, provided that the budget ordinance "may be in any form that the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, deems most efficient in enabling it to make the fiscal policy decisions embodied therein, but it shall be so organized that the accounting system will show appropriations and revenues by line items within at least the following funds: . . . (8) a fund for each special district whose taxes are collected by . . ." the **COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**; and

***WHEREAS***, the party of the second part is a municipal-governmental non-profit corporation in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tabor City Municipal Fire Department serves a special tax district created by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina and called the Yam City Tax District; and

**WHEREAS**, the party of the second part may be desirous to make application to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, hereinafter referred to as the Farmers Home Administration for a loan;

**WHEREAS**, the County of COLUMBUS levies and collects the taxes and is responsible for appropriating said funds for the use and benefit of the citizens in the fire protection district; and

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to grant a long-term contract to enable the party of the second part to make long-range plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to standardize all its arrangements with the various fire departments in the County;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises and the consideration of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars to each other in hand paid, the parties hereto contract and agree as follows:

1. The party of the first part contracts and agrees that it will cause to be assessed or levied a special tax of up to \$0.10 per One Hundred Dollar valuation of all real and personal property or the property as may be designated by the State law, which ever is appropriate in the Yam City Tax District which is served by the municipal Fire Department of the Town of Tabor City otherwise limited by law and/or a vote of the people; and will collect said tax as a part of the ad valorem taxes of the COUNTY OF COLUMBUS; provided however, beginning with the fiscal year 1995/96 the amount levied annually shall be based on the actual and realistic needs projected in the budget estimate submitted on or before April 1 by the Tabor City Fire Department to the County and approved by the County Commissioners or their designate.

2. A special or separate fund shall be maintained by the County for funds collected as a result of said special tax.

3. The current taxes, as they are collected by the County, shall be paid to Town of Tabor City, by the 20th day of each month; that delinquent taxes shall be remitted quarterly.

4. The party of the second part shall provide the necessary equipment and personnel for furnishing adequate fire protection as determined by the North Carolina Department of Insurance, Fire and Rescue Service Division, for all property located within the Yam City Fire District which is serviced by the Tabor City Fire Department, and it will furnish said fire protection free of charge to all persons and individuals located in said District in an efficient and workmanlike manner.

5. All funds paid to the party of the second part by the party of the first part shall be used exclusively to provide fire protection within said Yam City Tax District which is serviced by the Town of Tabor City Fire Department, and to pay legitimate fire protection expenses including principal and interest on the aforementioned loan made by the Farmers Home Administration.

6. It is agreed that the party of the first part may inspect all books and accounts for the party of the second part at any time that it shall desire; it is further agreed that the said department will present to the County Commissioners a copy of an annual audit by a C. P. A. which audit shall be in conformity with existing audit policies of the County prior to receiving funds for the next fiscal year.

7. The party of the second part agrees to comply with County budgeting procedures and other procedures provided for by State Law and agrees to submit budget estimates to the Board of Commissioners on the standard forms used by County departments; the party of the second part also agrees to use standard line items for accounting devised or consented to by the County Accountant from time to time.

8. This contract shall extend for a term of twenty (20) years from the date of the Farmers Home Administration loan closing and may be renewed or extended for such term or terms as may be agreed upon by the parties hereto, and provided the tax service district is in full force and effect as provided by the General Statutes of North Carolina.

9. The party of the second part further agrees to file with the County Auditor a true copy of the Town Charter and any changes made thereto from time to time.

10. The party of the second part recognizes that the citizens of Columbus County, North Carolina have contributed as a whole to the money which helps to support the party of the second

part through tax dollars and if the said party of the second part should either voluntarily or involuntarily disband or cease to exist for whatever reasons, then the said party of the second part acknowledges that the citizens of Columbus County have an interest in the said assets of the corporation and that the said assets shall be disbursed with the written approval of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners and in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code Regulations to a similar type organization or organizations within the boundaries of Columbus County to be selected by the party of the second part.

*IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF*, the party of the first part has caused this instrument to be executed in the County of Columbus name by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, and attested by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, and the party of the second part has caused this instrument to be executed in the Town of Tabor City name by the Mayor of the Town of Tabor City, and attested by the Clerk of the Town Board and the respective county and town seals to be affixed hereto all by orders duly given by the respective Boards.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**  
/s/ C.E. WILSON, Chairman

ATTEST:  
/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

**TOWN OF TABOR CITY**

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nelson Lee, Mayor

**CERTIFICATION**  
**COUNTY ACCOUNTANT**

Provision for the payment of the monies to fall due under this Agreement, has been made by application duly made, or by Bonds or Notes duly authorized as required by the County Fiscal Control Act.

This the 6th day of March, 2003.

/s/ Gayle Godwin  
County Accountant

**CERTIFICATION**  
**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing instrument and approved the same as being legal and in proper form.

This the \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2003.

\_\_\_\_\_  
James E. Hill, jr.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that C. E. "Gene" Wilson, Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Contract on behalf of the County of Columbus.

*WITNESS* my hand and official seal or stamp, this the \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2003.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that Nelson Lee, Mayor of the Town of Tabor City, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Contract along with the Town Clerk on behalf of the Town of Tabor City.

*WITNESS* my hand and official seal or stamp, this the \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2003.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPOINTMENT - LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

Commissioner David L. Dutton, Jr. appointed Pam Stanley to fill the unexpired term of J.D. Gore who has resigned on the Columbus County Library Board of Trustees. This term will expire June 30, 2005.

**APPOINTMENT - SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD of TRUSTEES:**

Commissioner Sammie Jacobs appointed Randy Britt to fill the unexpired term of Samuel Koonce, who is now deceased, to the Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees. This term will expire June 30, 2003.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the following Budget Amendments, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

**Budget Amendments:**

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-540-7400	Capital Outlay	\$15,000
	10-575-3300	Departmental Supplies	(\$1,000)
	10-660-9999	Contingency	(\$14,000)
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-577-0200	Salaries	\$13,000
	10-577-0500	FICA	\$700
	10-577-0600	Insurance	\$1,252
	10-577-0700	Retirement	\$800
	10-577-3200	Office Supplies	\$1,750
	10-577-3300	Departmental Supplies	\$2,000
	10-577-7400	Capital Outlay	\$12,975
<b>Revenue</b>	10-348-0506	Bioterrorism - State	\$32,477
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-582-3200	Office Supplies	\$1,000
	10-482-3300	Departmental Supplies	\$3,000
	10-582-4600	Medical Supplies	\$3,500
<b>Revenue</b>	10-348-1001	Healthy Carolinians	\$7,500
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-700-8000	Rural Center Capacity Building Grant	\$44,000
<b>Revenue</b>	10-336-0300	Wright Corp - Capacity Building Grant	\$4,445



	10-348-2500	Rural Center - Capacity Building Grant	\$39,555
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-610-6010	LINKS Independent Living	\$18,711
<b>Revenue</b>	10-348-1645	Independent Living	\$18,711
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-610-6065	Carolina Power & Light Project Share	\$23,444
<b>Revenue</b>	10-348-1660	Carolina Power & Light Project Share	\$23,444
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-610-6065	Carolina Power & Light Project Share	\$18,092
<b>Revenue</b>	10-348-1660	Carolina Power & Light Energy	\$18,092
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-610-4500	Energy Administration	\$19,100
<b>Revenue</b>	10-348-1620	Energy Administration	\$19,100
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-610-6070	Crisis Intervention Prevention	\$155,699
<b>Revenue</b>	10-348-1621	Crisis Intervention Prevention	\$155,699
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-611-2000	Adult Care Case Management	\$5,364
<b>Revenue</b>	10-348-1700	Aid to Social Services	\$5,364

#### **Tax Refunds and Releases:**

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion approve and accept the following Tax Refunds and Releases, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

After discussion of these Tax Refunds and Releases, Commissioner McKenzie amended the original motion and made a motion to accept and approve the following Tax Releases and Refunds and to eliminate any and all user fees pending verification by Chuck A. Stanley, Columbus County Solid Waste Officer. Commissioner Norris amended his original second and seconded the amended motion. The motion so carried.

#### **TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to Administration from the Tax Office): February 3, 2003**

**To be placed on hold pending verification by Chuck A. Stanley, Columbus County Solid Waste Officer.**

Request a refund in the name of Duncan, Roger Dale, 624 CM Cartrette Rd., Chadbourn, NC 28431. Refund user fee on vacant mobile home. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-07388, Bill # 66729.

Request a refund in the name of Tyndall, Robert M., 1009 N. Thompson St., Whiteville, NC 28472. Refund a portion of the property value and a portion of the Whiteville Rescue fee. Square footage was incorrectly calculated on new house. Amount \$736.77, Value \$92,100.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-97260, Bill # 95520.

#### **TAX RELEASES (as submitted to Administration from the Tax Office): February 3, 2003**

Release the Property Value in the name of Deep Thrills Charter. Release the value of a boat and the Acme Delco Fee (3.26) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.54). Boat billed with incorrect value. Amount \$50.39, Value \$2,718.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-05721, Bill # 65941.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hester, Luther. Release a the value of a boat and a portion of the Acme Delco fee (29.86) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee (4.98). Boat is double listed in the name of Deep Thrills Charter. Amount \$251.83, Value \$24,885.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-18120, Bill # 74134.

Release the Property Value in the name of Herring, Brandon. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was sold in 2000. Amount \$241.24, Value \$7,300.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-18558, Bill # 74072.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hayes, Jessie W.. Release the personal property value of the town of Cerro Gordo. Property is outside the town limits. Amount \$122.46, Value \$55,664.00, Year 2002, Account # 16-07820, Bill # 4519.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hayes, Dennis E.. Release the value of a boat for the Town of Cerro Gordo. The boat is not inside the town limits. Amount \$8.66, Value \$3,937.00, Year 2002, Account # 16-07640, Bill # 4516.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hathaway, Paul. Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. The boat has been junked. Amount \$9.86, Value \$1,120.00, Year 2002, Account # 07-01229, Bill # 73540.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hathaway, Paul. Release a portion of a boat value that was billed with the incorrect value. Amount \$33.95, Value \$3,957.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-18040, Bill # 73537.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hinson, Harry. Release the value of a boat for the town of Cerro Gordo. Boat is not inside the town limits. Amount \$6.16, Value \$2,800.00, Year 2002, Account # 16-08700, Bill # 4537.

Release the Property Value in the name of Godwin, Alma. Release the value of a mobile home for the town of Cerro Gordo. Mobile home is not inside the town limits. Amount \$40.80, Value \$18,550.00, Year 2002, Account # 16-05646, Bill # 4479.

Release the Property Value in the name of Godwin, Sandra. Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Roseland Fee (12.00) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee (4.00). Customer failed to receive the senior citizens exemption. Amount \$172.00, Value \$20,000.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-04236, Bill # 70561.

Release the Property Value in the name of Buffkin, Leslie. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was sold in 2000. Amount \$199.88, Value \$2,600.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-03266, Bill # 61470.

Release the Property Value in the name of Buffkin, Leslie. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was sold in 2000. Amount \$187.35, Value \$2,540.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-03266, Bill # 83923.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bellamy, Liticha. Release the value of a mobile home, the Roseland Fire fee (6.68) and the Columbus Rescue fee (2.23). Home burned in 1999. Amount \$282.29, Value \$11,130.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-01126, Bill # 58954.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bellamy, Liticha. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home burned in 1999. Amount \$269.72, Value \$11,900.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-01126, Bill # 81457.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bellamy, Liticha. Release the value of a mobile home that burned in 1999. Amount \$222.66, Value \$12,330.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-01126, Bill # 81441.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ward, Jamie. Release the value of a mobile home, the Evergreen Fire fee (25.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.72). Home is double listed in the same name with a different account number. Amount \$277.86, Value \$8,620.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-01652, Bill # 96819.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ballenberger, Sandra. Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. Boat was sold in 2001. Amount \$9.88, Value \$1,235.00, Year 2002, Account # 07-50012, Bill # 57972.

Release the Property Value in the name of Towns Son. Release the value of a mobile home, the

Klondyke Fire fee (5.11) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.46). Home is double listed in the name of Larry James Town. Amount \$246.86, Value \$7,300.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-40321, Bill # 95135.

Release the Property Value in the name of Estrada, Donna. Release a portion of the property value and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee. Property billed with a mobile home that is not location on this parcel of land. Amount \$186.60, Value \$1,200.00, Year 2002, Account # 07-03867, Bill # 67568.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ward, Jamie. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home is double listed in the same name with a different account number. Amount \$238.28, Value \$9,160.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-01652, Bill # 18627.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Cathy. Release the value of a mobile home and the Klondyke fee. Home is double listed in the name of Cathy Shaw. Amount \$232.15, Value \$12,330.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-47711, Bill # 98548.

Release the Property Value in the name of Towns Son. Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke Fire fee (5.43) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.55). Home is double listed in the name of Larry James Town. Amount \$239.26, Value \$7,760.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-40321, Bill # 17001.

Release the Property Value in the name of Towns Son. Release the value of a mobile home and the Klondyke Fire fee. Home is double listed in the name of Larry James Town. Amount \$194.43, Value \$7,990.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-40321, Bill # 16060.

Release the Property Value in the name of Towns Son. Release the value of a mobile home and the Klondyke Fire fee. Home is double listed in the name of Larry James Town. Amount \$171.12, Value \$8,450.00, Year 1999, Account # 13-40321, Bill # 34337.

Release the Property Value in the name of Towns Son. Release the value of a mobile home and the Klondyke Fire fee. Home is double listed in the name of Larry James Town. Amount \$173.96, Value \$8,790.00, Year 1998, Account # 13-40321, Bill # 30008.

Release the Property Value in the name of Thompson, Lawrence. Release the value of a house, and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home is double listed in the same name with a different account number. Amount \$705.80, Value \$66,100.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-94140, Bill # 94629.

Release the Property Value in the name of Thomas, Douglas. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Daisey Mae Thomas. Amount \$222.66, Value \$12,330.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-39591, Bill # 15309.

Release the Property Value in the name of Strickland, Gary. Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke Fire fee (5.28) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.51) Home is listed in the name of Gary Strickland, instead of Gary W. Strickland Jr. Amount \$249.16, Value \$7,540.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-02830, Bill # 93481.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Cathy. Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke fee (7.79) and the Columbus Rescue fee (2.23). Home is double listed in the name of Cathy Shaw. Amount \$283.51, Value \$11,130.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-47711, Bill # 76832.

Release the Property Value in the name of Thomas, Douglas. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue. Home is double listed in the name of Daisey Mae Thomas. Amount \$269.72, Value \$11,900.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-39591, Bill # 16234.

Release the Property Value in the name of Thomas, Douglas. Release the value of a mobile home, the Evergreen Fire fee (25.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (2.23). Home is double listed in the name of Daisey Mae Thomas. Amount \$299.94, Value \$11,130.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-39591, Bill # 94362.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sapp, Doris. Release the the business personal value. Business is no longer in operation. Amount \$177.00, Value \$26,692.00, Year 2002, Account #

01-78789, Bill # 88706.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sappy Golf. Release the equipment value that was sold prior to 2002. Amount \$28.47, Value \$3,235.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-78776, Bill # 88707.

Release the Property Value in the name of Stafford, Daisy (Heirs). Release the value of a mobile home and the North Whiteville Fire fee (25.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.96). Home is double listed in the name of Levern Pone. Amount \$244.23, Value \$4,810.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-88180, Bill # 92454.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Cathy. Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke fee (8.33) and the Columbus Rescue fee (2.38). Home is double listed in the name of Cathy Shaw. Amount \$278.88, Value \$11,900.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-47711, Bill # 98993.

**The following Tax Releases will be place on hold pending verification of Chuck A. Stanley, Columbus County Solid Waste Officer:**

Release the User Fee in the name of Bracey, Armelda. Mobile home junked. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-03616, Bill # 82667.

Release the User Fee in the name of Dickson, J.Q.. House burned prior to 2002. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-12100, Bill # 66165.

Release the User Fee in the name of Chatman, Charles. Mobile home vacant prior to 1999. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 07-01680, Bill # 85883.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cribb, Emma L.. No trash can at this address. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-18240, Bill # 65076.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gerald, Ethel. Release two user fees. Both mobile home's are vacant. Amount \$354.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-13775, Bill # 70339.

Release the User Fee in the name of Coleman, Tim. Release one of two user fees. Only one trash can at this address. Amount \$87.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-05683, Bill # 64179.

Release the User Fee in the name of Caines, Edgar D. Jr.. Customer use's a commercial hauler. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-02134, Bill # 62304.

Release the User Fee in the name of Caines, Edgar D. Jr.. Customer use's commercial hauler. Amount \$354.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-06343, Bill # 62302.

Release the User Fee in the name of Chatman, Charles. Mobile home vacant prior to 1999. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 07-01680, Bill # 63446.

Release the User Fee in the name of Chatman, Charles. Mobile home vacant prior to 1999. Amount , Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-01680, Bill # 85749.

Release the User Fee in the name of Chatman, Charles. Mobile home vacant prior to 1999. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 07-01680, Bill # 4822.

Release the User Fee in the name of Brown, Elijah Heirs. No trash can at this location. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-05060, Bill # 60796.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bracey, Armelda. Mobile home junked. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 11-03616, Bill # 40296.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bracey, Armelda. Mobile home junked. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 11-03616, Bill # 82704.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bracey, Armelda. Mobile home junked. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 11-03616, Bill # 181.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bracey, Armelda. Mobile home junked. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1997, Account # 11-03616, Bill # 36255.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gordon, Earl R.. Old store used for storage. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-15480, Bill # 70848.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bracey, Armelda. Mobile home junked. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-03616, Bill # 60225.

Release the User Fee in the name of Pierce, Maggie. House vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-20070, Bill # 85590.

Release the User Fee in the name of Estrada, Donna. Release a portion of the property value and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee. Property billed with a mobile home, that is not on this tract of land. Amount \$174.60, Value \$1,200.00, Year 2001, Account # 07-03867, Bill # 89928.

Release the User Fee in the name of Thompson, Lawrence. User fee double listed in the same name with a different account number. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-94140, Bill # 94631.

Release the User Fee in the name of Alrawajfeh, Karen. House is unlivable. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 08-05534, Bill # 57212.

Release the User Fee in the name of Sullivan, Arter. No trash can at this address. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-03922, Bill # 93891.

Release the User Fee in the name of Sullivan, Arter. No trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-03922, Bill # 15732.

Release the User Fee in the name of Suggs, Ann. No trash can at this address. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-29879, Bill # 93780.

Release the User Fee in the name of Strickland, Rodney. Both mobile homes are vacant. Amount \$354.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 10-16600, Bill # 93662.

Release the User Fee in the name of Sutherland, James. User fee double listed in the same name with a different account number. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 08-18499, Bill # 94009.

Release the User Fee in the name of Porter, L.D.. No trash can at this address. Has applied for one for 2003. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-29384, Bill # 85918.

Release the User Fee in the name of Harley, Johnny. Home is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-17278, Bill # 73240.

Release the User Fee in the name of Norris, Jeffery S.. Home vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-27085, Bill # 84393.

Release the User Fee in the name of Norris, Jeffrey S.. Home vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-27085, Bill # 6425.

Release the User Fee in the name of Mobley, Betty J.. House vacant, trash can picked up. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-17740, Bill # 82856.

Release the User Fee in the name of McPherson, Alvin. No trash can at this address. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-17938, Bill # 81609.

Release the User Fee in the name of McKoy, Deborah C.. House vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-25003, Bill # 81301.

Release the User Fee in the name of McKeithan, Ivan. Customer use's commercial hauler. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-15800, Bill # 81141.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hinson, Brenda S.. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-13901, Bill # 74697.

Release the User Fee in the name of High, Jerry T.. Storage building vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 14-06717, Bill # 74320.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stephens, Leon. Release all user fees. All three of the mobile homes are vacant. Amount \$495.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-29360, Bill # 14768.

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

**February 17, 2003**

**To be placed on hold pending verification by Chuck A. Stanley, Columbus County Solid Waste Officer.**

Request a refund in the name of Campbell, Craig, 6285 Whitehall Rd., Clarkton,, NC 28433. Refund the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home is double listed in the name of Stanley C. Campbell. Amount \$230.34, Value \$6,062.00, Year 2002, Account # 08-02343, Bill # 62419.

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

**February 17, 2003**

Release the Property Value in the name of Haynes, Gary. Release the value of a boat and the Cole Service fee (.58) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.12). Boat sold in 2000. Amount \$5.74, Value \$580.00, Year 2002, Account # 10-01710, Bill # 73764.

Release the Property Value in the name of Chisholm, Terrance. Release the value of a single wide home that was traded for a double wide. Amount \$138.92, Value \$5,090.00, Year 1997, Account # 13-50063, Bill # 61762.

Release the Property Value in the name of Chisholm, Terrance. Release the value of a single wide home that was traded for a double wide. Amount \$138.92, Value \$5,090.00, Year 1998, Account # 13-50063, Bill # 43349.

Release the Property Value in the name of Chisholm, Terrance. Release the value of a single wide home that was traded for a double wide. Amount \$133.10, Value \$4,330.00, Year 1999, Account # 13-50063, Bill # 4941.

Release the Property Value in the name of Chisholm Terrance. Release the value of a single wide home that was traded for a double wide. Amount \$161.95, Value \$4,665.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-50063, Bill # 85868.

Release the Property Value in the name of Chisholm, Terrance. Release the value of a single wide home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was traded for a double wide. Amount \$205.47, Value \$4,599.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-50063, Bill # 86002.

Release the Property Value in the name of Chisholm, Terrance. Release the value of a single wide home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was traded for a double wide. Amount \$215.43, Value \$4,368.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-50063, Bill # 63567.

Release the Property Value in the name of Chisholm, Terrance. Release value of a single wide home that was traded for a double wide. Amount \$109.98, Value \$5,340.00, Year 1996, Account # 13-50063, Bill # 61761.

Release the Property Value in the name of Haynes, Gary. Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee (.12) and the Cole Service fee (.59). Boat was sold in 2000. Amount \$5.80, Value \$585.00, Year 2001, Account # 10-01710, Bill # 96008.

Release the Property Value in the name of Worley, Russell. Release the North Whiteville Fire fee. This property is not in that district. Amount \$50.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 05-07964,

Bill # 99761.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jacobs, Harold. Release a portion of the mobile home value and a portion of the Buckhead fire fee (2.06) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.69). Home billed with incorrect year model. Use fee also billed with two trash cans which is a computer error. There is one house only and one trash can. Amount \$206.57, Value \$3,439.00, Year 2002, Account # 04-08160, Bill # 76327.

Release the Property Value in the name of Norton, Roy. Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke Fire fee (1.54) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.44). Home was sold in 2001 and junked by new owner. Amount \$196.18, Value \$2,205.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-31444, Bill # 84564.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sellers, Douglas. Release the value of a mobile home and the Williams Fire fee (3.00) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (1.00). Home is double listed in the name of Necie Hewett. Amount \$224.36, Value \$5,006.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-80320, Bill # 89202.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sellers, Graham. Release a portion of the property value and a portion of the Williams Fire fee (87.42) and the Columbus Rescue fee (29.14). Land was billed as road frontage instead of wood land. Amount \$1,253.02, Value \$145,700.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-25600, Bill # 89241.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Linwood. Release the value of a single wide that was traded for a double wide. Amount \$253.78, Value \$16,260.00, Year 2000, Account # 08-17017, Bill # 12199.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Linwood. Release the value of a single wide home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was traded for a double wide. Amount \$302.54, Value \$15,630.00, Year 2001, Account # 08-17017, Bill # 13084.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Linwood. Release the value of a single wide home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was traded for a double wide. Amount \$304.78, Value \$14,520.00, Year 2002, Account # 08-17017, Bill # 91156.

Release the Property Value in the name of Garrell, Nellie. Release the value of a mobile home and the Brunswick Fire fee (1.82) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (.52). Home is double listed in the name of Scott Bradley Smith. Amount \$201.88, Value \$2,600.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-30680, Bill # 69979.

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to Administration from the Tax Office):  
March 3, 2003**

**To be placed on hold pending verification by Chuck A. Stanley, Columbus County Solid Waste Officer.**

Request a refund in the name of Davis, Hedy W., Columbus County Tax Admin., Whiteville, NC 28472. Refund value of house that burned in 1997. Total to be refunded is \$669.51 which includes \$77.38 interest. Make check payable to Hedy W. Davis & Harry A. Wilson and Columbus County Tax Admin. Amount \$592.13, Value \$63,500.00, Year 1998, Account # 14-04250, Bill # 45228.

Request a refund in the name of Davis, Hedy W., Columbus County Tax Admin., Whiteville, NC 28472. Refund value of a house that burned in 1997. Total to be refunded is \$612.85 which include's \$20.72 interest. Make check payable to Hedy W. Davis, Harry A. Wilson, and Columbus County Tax Admin. Amount \$592.13, Value \$63,500.00, Year 1999, Account # 14-04250, Bill # 6882.

Request a refund in the name of Pennington, Stephen, 3782 Ervin T. Richardson Rd., Nakina,, NC 28455. Refund the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. Boat double listed in the same name with a different account number. Amount \$39.16, Value \$4,450.00, Year 2002, Account # 07-00045, Bill # 85233.

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Administration Office from the Tax Office):  
March 3, 2003**

Release the Property Value in the name of Davis, Hedy W.. Release the value of a house and the Welches Creek fire fee. Home burned in 1997. Amount \$560.20, Value \$54,400.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-04250, Bill # 87847.

Release the Property Value in the name of Blanks, Brenda Lee. Release the value of a double wide home, the Acme Delco fee (42.84) and the Columbus Rescue fee (7.14). Home is double listed in the name of Nancy M. Blanks. Amount \$524.15, Value \$35,700.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-02500, Bill # 59736.

Release the Property Value in the name of Blanton, Christopher. Release a portion of the mobile home value, a portion of the Acme Delco fee (13.48) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee (2.25). Home billed with incorrect year model. Amount \$95.60, Value \$10,240.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-02831, Bill # 59787.

Release the Property Value in the name of Small, William P.. Release the value of a boat, the Brunswick fire fee (3.12) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.89). Boat was sold in 2001. Amount \$42.59, Value \$4,450.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-04148, Bill # 90599.

Release the Property Value in the name of Davis, Hedy W.. Release the value of a house, the Welches Creek fire fee (43.52) and the Columbus Rescue fee (10.88). Home burned in 1997. Amount \$643.82, Value \$54,400.00, Year 2001, Account # 14-04250, Bill # 88053.

Release the Property Value in the name of Davis, Hedy W.. Release the value of a house, the Welches Creek fire fee (43.52) and the Columbus Rescue fee (10.88). The home burned in 1997. Amount \$655.72, Value \$54,400.00, Year 2002, Account # 14-04250, Bill # 65652.

Release the Property Value in the name of Harper, Foster. Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams fire fee (3.48) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.16) Home is double listed in the same name. Amount \$231.96, Value \$5,805.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-05953, Bill # 73273.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Mary H.. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Sharon Dennis. Amount \$144.05, Value \$2,405.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-47945, Bill # 98666.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Mary H.. Release the value of a mobile home, the North Whiteville fire fee (25.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.52). Home is double listed in the name of Sharon Dennis. Amount \$224.88, Value \$2,600.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-47945, Bill # 76961.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Von. Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Willie & Edward Edwards. Amount \$8.34, Value \$1,200.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-21481, Bill # 17560.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Von. Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Willie & Edward Edwards. Amount \$8.64, Value \$1,200.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-21481, Bill # 98745.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Von. Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Property is double listed in the name of Willie and Edward Edwards. Amount \$9.60, Value \$1,200.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-21481, Bill # 99199.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Von. Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Willie & Edward Edwards. Amount \$9.60, Value \$1,200.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-21481, Bill # 77042.

Release the Property Value in the name of Simmons, Lucy. Release the value of a double wide home, the North Whiteville fire fee (50.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (6.38). Home is double listed in the same name on a different parcel of land Amount \$482.20, Value \$31,900.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-25101, Bill # 90200.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Mary H.. Release the value of a mobile home



and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home is double listed in the name of Sharon Dennis. Amount \$187.35, Value \$2,540.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-47945, Bill # 99120.

Release the Property Value in the name of Blanton, Christopher. Release a portion of the mobile home value, a portion of the Acme Delco fee (13.48) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee (2.25). Home billed with incorrect year model. Amount \$103.40, Value \$11,240.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-02831, Bill # 82276.

**The following User Fees will be place on hold pending verification by Chuck A. Stanley, Columbus County Solid Waste Officer:**

Release the User Fee in the name of Singleton, Issac. Customer use's commercial hauler. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-03536, Bill # 90452.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bartley, James Hubert. Store use's commercial hauler. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-00960, Bill # 58379.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bartley, James Hubert. Store use's commercial hauler. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-00960, Bill # 58382.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cross, Tiffany. User fee double listed in the same name with a different account number. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 19-01048, Bill # 57732.

Release the User Fee in the name of Fowler, Edward J.. User fee double listed in the name of Edward J. & Betty Fowler. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-10978, Bill # 69050.

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 # 13-14861, Bill # 70080.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gordon, Dalton M.. Release a portion of the user fee. House is located inside the town limits of Chadbourn, Amount \$90.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-05036, Bill # 70846.

Release the User Fee in the name of Norris, Jettie P.. Trash can was picked up in 2000. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-27860, Bill # 84397.

Release the User Fee in the name of Singleton, Issac. Customer use's commercial hauler. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-03536, Bill # 12403.

Release the User Fee in the name of Alford, Kelly. This is storage building. Computer error. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-00200, Bill # 57098.

Release the User Fee in the name of Sellers, Graham. Release user fee. Amount shown is computer error. Amount \$17,700.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-25602, Bill # 89230.

**COMMENTS:**

Chairman Wilson asked if anyone had anything they wanted to discuss or bring before the Board. The followings topics of discussion were held.

**WATER DISTRICT V:**

Angie Metland, Division Manager of the Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates' Myrtle Beach Office, presented the following update on Columbus County Water and Sewer District V.

1. I have been able to obtain all the information that was needed for the well sites in this district.
2. The information has been submitted to the Local Government Commission.
3. The Local Government Commission has informed me they will place this matter on their

- docket for April 1, 2003.
4. The bonds cannot be sold until approval has been received by USDA.
  5. We still have the private easements especially along River Road to complete. Commissioner Norris has agreed to help distribute the necessary paperwork to the citizens.
  6. I have talked to the Department of Transportation and we should have the necessary encroachments by the end of the week.
  7. I have talked to the low bidder on the water lines and they have agreed to sit tight on the bid price they submitted.

Commissioner Norris expressed great appreciation to Angie Metland for all the work she had done to get this project to this level.

**RESOLUTION - ADDITION to HEALTH CARE PLAN:**

Commissioner Norris informed the Board he had been contacted by the Columbus County Board of Education members and they would like, along with their attorney, to be on the Columbus County Health Insurance Care Plan and agreed to pay all costs involved. Commissioner Norris presented the following Resolution.

**ADDITION to HEALTH CARE PLAN**  
**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that some members of the Columbus County Board of Education and its Attorney are interested in being made eligible to participate in the Health Care Plan offered to the employees of Columbus County for themselves and their families at no cost to the County and at the sole expense of each participant who elects to participate in the Health Care Plan; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Columbus County Board of Education and its attorney render valuable assistance to the County in their service in such positions in the education of the children of the County and the maintenance and employment of the Columbus County Schools; **and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners does, in consideration of the above recitals, authorize and approve the addition of the Columbus County Board of Education members and its Attorney to the County's Health Care Plan and their submission to the Columbus County's Health Care Provider of applications by the members of the Columbus County Board of Education and its attorney for coverage at the sole expense of the applicants to said Health Care Plan.

**ADOPTED** this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2003

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**/s/ C.E. WILSON, Chairman**

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

After discussion was held, Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Columbus County Board of Education members and their attorney to be eligible to be a part of the Columbus County Health Care Insurance Plan, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

**WATER DISTRICTS' COMPLAINTS:**

Commissioner McKenzie informed the Board he had been receiving many complaints regarding vacant houses being tapped onto the County water system. In some instances, these houses have been vacated by elderly people who are now residing in rest homes and will not return. Commissioner McKenzie requested that these people not be required to pay the minimum monthly bill of twenty and 00/100 (\$20.00) dollars.

Commissioner Dutton stated that he did not know what the answer was but he did not want his district to have to pay for the other districts. He stated that each district should be self supportive. Commissioner Dutton suggested that an immediate workshop be set to discuss this problem.

Chairman Wilson stated a workshop would be held in the next seven to ten (7-10) days.

**BEAVERS - CONTROL:**

Chairman Wilson asked Milton McLean to address the problem Columbus County was having with beavers.

Milton McLean informed the Board that Columbus County has had this problem for the past fifteen (15) years. The Board has approved a small contract in the amount of nine hundred sixty-one and 00/100 (\$961.00) dollars for beaver eradication but at this time, I am working in Columbus County and Bladen County, thus not allowing enough time to contribute to the serious problem Columbus County is experiencing with beavers. I trapped one hundred eighty-one (181) beavers last month.

Commissioner Dutton made a motion for Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, to look into getting our own person to trap beavers in Columbus County, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Donna Register, Columbus County Soil and Water Conservation Director, informed the Board it would be helpful to submit a letter to the State asking for additional help with this matter. She thanked Milton McLean for all his help in the past and I recommend you to stress in your letter to keep Milton McLean as full-time in Columbus County to help with beaver eradication.

Chairman Wilson asked Donna Register what the chances were of Columbus County getting two (2) people for beaver eradication. Donna replied stating all we could do was ask.

**CITIZEN CONCERN:**

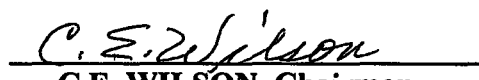
Mason Malpass, private citizen, stated he had read about the Watershed Amendments and wanted to know what they were. Darren Currie, Assistant County Administrator, responded stating there were verbal changes that are state recommended in order for Columbus County to stay in compliance with State requirements.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:49 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

**APPROVED:**

  
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 JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

  
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 C.E. WILSON, Chairman